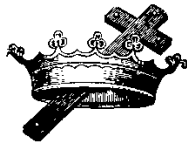


ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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MONTE SANO YORK RITE COLLEGE HOLDS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Annual Meeting of Monte Sano York Rite College No. 64 was held on Saturday, May 16th, at Solar Lodge No. 914 in Huntsville. Eminent Deputy Governor William Burfitt opened the meeting at the appointed time of 1:00 PM. Two visitors were present: Grand Governor Lee Campbell of Ashmole College and Past Governor James Bell of Arkansas College. Distinguished Brother James Bell and Right Eminently Distinguished Brother Thomas Craig, Past Grand Governor of Alabama were formally introduced to the College. Following their introduction, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother Lee Campbell was introduced. Following introductions, Sir Knight William (Tim) Wright of Huntsville Commandery No. 7 was received into the Order of Knight of York. Routine business was then conducted. Two Sir Knights were proposed to receive invitations to the College and both were elected to do so. A motion was made and approved that the College donate \$100 to the Royal Arch Research Assistance.

The elections were then held, and Companion Knight William (Jerry) Burfitt of Huntsville Commandery No. 7 was elected to serve as Pre-Eminent Governor for 2009-2010. Other officers elected and appointed were: Ned Cox of Florence Commandery No. 39, Eminent Deputy Governor; Lawrence E. Gilliss of Huntsville Commandery, Eminent Chancellor; Robert F. Elkin of Huntsville Commandery, OPC, PG, Eminent Treasurer; Bobby C. Park of DeMolay Commandery No 14, OPC, PG, Eminent Secretary; John H. Hicks Sr. of Florence Commandery, Noble Primate; William Langlois of Huntsville Commandery, Noble Preceptor; Beaumont Shelton of Florence Commandery, Noble Seneschal; Roger (Kim) Harrison of Huntsville Commandery, Noble Marshal; Thomas L. McCrickard of Huntsville Commandery, Noble Sentinel; and Phillip J. Sherman of DeMolay Commandery, PG, OPC, and Ray C. Dunn of Huntsville Commandery, PG, OPC, Noble Heralds. The officers present were then installed by Grand Governor Lee Campbell as General Grand Governor.

TEN SEPHIROTH COUNCIL SPRING MEETING

Ten Sephiroth Council No. 255, Allied Masonic Degrees, held its spring meeting on Friday, May 8, at the hall of Solar Lodge No. 914 in Huntsville. Sovereign Master Eddie Brown Eddie Brown opened the Council at 7:00 PM. Work was then carried out, with Brother Brown obligating the candidate, Most Worshipful Brother Teddy R. Grogan, Grand Master of Masons. Following the obligation, two of the degrees worked by this council were conferred in full form: Knight of Constantinople and Grand Tilers of Solomon. After the degree work, the regular business of the Council was conducted. A set of amendments to the by-laws relating to meeting dates, dues and fees which had been adopted to lay over was approved and is now subject to the final approval of the Grand Council. Another set of changes related to honors was adopted to lay over. Interestingly enough for our fellow Sir Knights, five of the members present at this meeting were Past Grand Commanders, including the candidate himself: Sir Knights George Marshall, Wayne Jordan, Phillip Sherman, Tom Craig and Teddy Grogan.

WHY?

On the street I saw a small girl cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God: "Why did you permit this? Why don't you do something about it?" For a while God said nothing. That night He replied, quite suddenly: "I certainly did something about it. I made you."

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ALABAMA COLLEGE, SRICF, ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, May 23rd, Alabama College, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, held its annual meeting at the hall of Solar Lodge No. 914 in Huntsville. The meeting was opened by Right Worthy Chief Adept George Marshall, IX°. No candidates were present for induction. Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Emory J. (Smokey) Ferguson, VIII°, was formally introduced. Next, Right Worthy Junior Grand Warden and Most Excellent Grand High Priest C. Sterling Hughes, IV°, was introduced. Two papers were presented by Fratres: Frater William J. (Dub) Burfitt Jr., IV°, presented a paper "How our Brothers helped to Shape the United States" on the lives of four Brothers from the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries; Brother Ron Thomas, IV°, presented a paper "To Arms To Arms – Alabama's Response to the US-Mexican War" discussing aspects of that war and the first Military Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Alabama. The College then turned to routine business. After all business was concluded, elections were held. Frater Ralph Franklin, VII°, was elected to preside as Celebrant for the ensuing year. Other officers elected and appointed were: Roger (Kim) Harrison, VII°, Suffragen; Thomas F. Craig, VIII°, Treasurer; Michael E. Addams, VIII°, Recorder; William J. (Jerry) Burfitt Sr., VII°, Fourth Ancient; Arthur Lee Campbell III, VII°, Third Ancient; Mark Waldron, VII°, Second Ancient; Lawrence Gilliss, VII°, First Ancient; Bran Skipper, VII°, Torch Bearer; Thomas McCrickard, VII°, Conductor of Novices; Mike Feld, VII°, First Herald, David Whitaker, IV°, Second Herald; Ron Thomas, VIII°, Guardian of the Caverns; and William J. (Dub) Burfitt Jr., IV°, Acolyte. The officers were then installed by the Chief Adept, George Marshall, IX°, assisted by Emory J. Ferguson, VIII°, as Installing Marshal and Thomas F. Craig, VIII°, as Installing Chaplain. After the installation, the College was opened in the Second Order, the two papers presented were accepted, and the Second Order was conferred upon Fratres Thomas and Burfitt. The V°, Adeptus Minor, was conferred in full form and the next two Grades, VI°, Adeptus Major, and VII°, Adeptus Exemptus, were communicated.

WHAT IS SO PRECIOUS AS SIGHT?

Have you ever been in a room, or basement, or cave, in which there is absolutely no light? Unless you have had an experience like that, it is impossible to imagine what it is like to be totally blind. A regular night is never completely dark. There is always a little light from the moon, stars, or eve distant city lighting. Some small amount of illumination is always present. That is the principle of the modern "night vision" goggles. Those goggles capture the little bit of light available and magnify it by a significant factor. If there were no light present, night goggles would not work.

Why are we concerned about the concept of no light? It is simply because that is the experience of a person who is blind. Knights Templar can help many people avoid that debilitating experience. The Knight Templar Eye Foundation provides the treatment necessary to save the sight of many who would otherwise end up in complete darkness.

Do your part! As a Knight Templar, it is your obligation and privilege to make your annual contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Be generous, and be prompt. Send your check right away, and be sure to note your Commandery name and number so it will get proper credit. You'll be glad you did.

FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is a great university, where men come together on the common ground of mutual esteem, respect, and fraternity. There the minor differences of creed and opinion are forgotten; hand clasps hand, eye greets eye, and hearts thrill and throb in unison. All recognize and acknowledge the inherent right of each member to his own individual belief, so long as that belief is founded on the great tenets we seek to inculcate — Faith, Hope, Charity, and Toleration; such charity and toleration as will impel us, before passing judgment upon another's acts, to endeavor to learn and understand the motive, for only as we understand correctly the environment and motives of another can we rightly determine whether his act, be it good or ill, is one upon which we can honestly and impartially pass judgment.

Dudley Wright