



Knightly News

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Headlines

- Great Chief visits Ireland
- Dennis Cook appointed Deputy Grand Scribe
- St Bridget's 23 celebrates 30 years
- GHP of Oregon Joins Clontarf Council 69

Sir Knights and Cousins:

I hope that all of the Sir Knights and Cousins enjoyed a pleasurable and rewarding summer season.

Since my last message to you, I am pleased to report that the Grand Scribe and I traveled to Ballymoney, County Antrim, Dublin in Ireland, as well as London, England representing our Grand Council. The legendary Irish hospitality was very much in evidence. It was an informative, instructive and a never to be forgotten voyage.

The work performed by their Grand Council in several meetings displayed outstanding work; flawless in execution and impressive in every way. It is a pleasure to inform you that at one of these sessions, our Grand Scribe, M.E. Douglas Jordan was created a Grand Knight of their Grand Council, an honor well deserved for his many contributions to Knight Masonry for nearly a decade and a half.

I sincerely wish to thank MESK Bernard V.A. Woods, Most Excellent Great Chief, and the Irish Companions for their

heartwarming hospitality and friendship. The Companions further honored me by creating



me a Past Grand Senior Knight of their Grand Council, for which I am truly grateful.

Following our visit in Ireland, we journeyed to London where we observed the Grand Council Constitution of St. James Council 100 and Grafton Council 101. Between the two meetings we were treated to a most delightful dinner and had the opportunity to meet many new friends.

I have received invitations from some of our Councils to visit and have enjoyed each one, and will try to clear my schedule for any further invitations.

Congratulations are due to all Councils on their attention to the



ME Edward P. Fagan, Jr.
Great Chief

Grand Officers-2010

Edward P. Fagan, Jr.	Great Chief
Kevin B. Sample	Deputy Great Chief
C. Michael Watson	Grand Sr. Knight
Kenneth B. Fischer	Grand Jr. Knight
Douglas L. Jordan	Grand Scribe
Dennis A. Cook.....	Deputy Grand Scribe
Malcolm R. Holley Jr.....	Grand Treasurer
Edwin R. Carpenter	Grand Trs. Em.
Charles W. Wagner.....	Grand Trs. Em.
David L. Hargett, Jr.	Grand Sr. Warden
Matthew D. Dupee	Grand Jr. Warden
Andre E. Lovas	Grand Dir of C.
D. Allen Surratt.....	Grand Priest
William R. Miller.....	Grand Steward
Joseph S. Crociata.....	Grand Sentinel
Chris M. Jessen	Grand Musician
Bryce B. Hildreth	Excellent Chief

Work. The travels of Zerubbab from his native land to recover that which was rightfully his, and his return with them is reminiscent of the voyage of all mankind to recover that which was lost by our first parents and

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our return to, "That, spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

I would especially like to bring to your attention the dedicated efforts made by our Grand Scribe on our behalf; supporting not only each successive Great Chief since his election to that Office, but the work he has done for each Council and each member. He will be leaving the office he has held for years at the end of this term, and will now go on to accept further challenges in the Craft. The heartfelt thanks and prayers go with him as he continues taking round after round of the ladder which leads to further fame in our Fraternity. To assist in the transition, I have appointed ESK Dennis L. Cook, a Past Grand Commander of North Carolina, as Deputy Grand Scribe.

THE TRIP TO IRELAND

By Douglas L. Jordan

The Grand Councils were saddened by the passing of RE Sir Knight William Orr who had served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council in the USA near the Grand Council for over 15 years. However, this sad event led to a most pleasant one. At the Grand Council of Knight Masons in Ballymoney ME Great Chief Edward Patrick Fagan, Jr. commissioned ME Sir Knight Bernard V A Woods as our Grand Representative. MESK Woods thanked MESK Fagan and expressed his pleasure at being honored by the appointment.

ME Sir Knight Bernard V.A. Woods is well known by our Grand Council. He was made an honorary member of Virginia Council No. 12 during a visit to the Council on March 17, 1998 while he was Grand Scribe. MESK Thurman C. Pace, Jr. during his visit to Ireland,

created ME Woods a PGSK, and, in 2008, MESK G. Kent Elkins presented the Grand Star of a Past Great Chief. During the Quarterly Meeting, Great Chief Edward Patrick Fagan, Jr. was surprised to be escorted before Great Chief Bernard VA Woods. MESK Woods then read a citation appointing MESK Fagan a Past Grand Senior Knight. The Grand Senior Knight is the highest progressive office in the Grand Council and appointment as PGSK is a high honor. It was noted that MESK Woods



had to stretch to place the cordon about MESK Fagan's neck, but as can be seen, the investiture was accomplished without any problems.

Recently the Grand Council has created an additional award - the Grand Knight Mason. This award is limited to two presentations per year, however, MESK Woods added one additional one for this year in creating MESK Douglas L. Jordan a Grand Knight Mason, *Honoris*



Causa. MESK Jordan has served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council near the USA since 2003 and has visited the Grand Council meetings on several occasions.

Following the meeting in Ballymoney, the Great Chief and Grand Scribe traveled to London to witness the institution of two councils of Knight Masons in Mark Mason's Hall. The opportunity was taken to get a picture of the travelers along with MESK Woods and Deputy Great Chief RESK Timothy J. Coulter. In the picture MESK Jordan is wearing the jewel of a Grand Knight Mason.

A gallery of pictures taken during the trip will be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/GrandScribeUSA?feat=email>

FROM THE GRAND SCRIBE

By now all Scribes should have received the necessary information for filing the Annual Reports—in fact four Scribes have already made their submission. I encourage all Scribes to make their filing immediately after the Annual Meeting since at that point there are no actions that can affect the fees due to Grand Council. If any Sir Knights later cease to be members this should be reported on an Interim Report, and I will make the necessary corrections to the counts.

On page 4 you will find the schedule for Masonic Week. This is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Hospitality Rooms, sponsored by the groups meeting during the event, enable the attendees to do just that - Make New Friends! Visit www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek to see all the details of the meetings including the Knight Masons Luncheon with M.E. Ted Harrison as the speaker.

I assumed the office of Grand Scribe with 24 hours warning on February 24, 1995 following the October death of C. Ray Scarborough and the February resignation of Norman Williams. Because Ray Scarborough was very organized, the transaction was not as complex as might be expected. Nonetheless, I do not wish my successor to be placed in a similar

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ST. BRIDGET COUNCIL NO. 23 CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

By Paul Scheeler

The first council of Knight Masons in Illinois, St. Bridget No. 23, celebrated their 30th anniversary with a “tri-decennial donnybrook” for 50 cousins and their ladies at Chicago’s Irish American Heritage Center on March 19, 2010. The event included a tour of the center’s art gallery, library, theatre and museum which features a magnificent collection of Irish artifacts.

Excellent Chief Daryl W. Selock presented the center’s executive director, Tim McDonnell, with a certificate of appreciation, while Past Great Chief Terry W. McCammon had the honor of welcoming new cousin Kyle E. Bieneman. Chartered February 16, 1980, St. Bridget is among the country’s five largest councils and is home to V.E. Grand Sentinel Joseph S. Crociata.



The council’s namesake is also known as Brigid of Kildare and, together with St. Patrick, is one of the two Patron Saints of Ireland. Earlier, in honor of her Feast Day on February

1st, sets of 27 Masonic “toast cards” with custom emblems were also presented to each of Illinois’ five councils, in the spirit of generosity as one of the attributes for which St. Bridget was known.

The year-long 30th year observance includes a backyard barbecue on July 9th at the home of Past Excellent Chief Gerald D. Carlton, featuring bottles of St. Bridget Robust Porter, in keeping with the legend that she performed a miracle by turning bathwater into beer. The October 15th and December 12th donnybrooks also feature special themed gifts for members.

Above: St. Bridget Council No. 23 Excellent Chief Daryl W. Selock presents a certificate of appreciation to Tim McDonnell, executive director of the Irish American Heritage Center.

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position, hence I have for some years planned to retire at the 2011 Annual Meeting—a fact I have made known to the Grand Officers for several years. The Past 15 years have been a most interesting and rewarding experience. The opportunity to meet and work with outstanding Masonic leaders throughout the country and abroad has been a special pleasure – even when I had to raise issues of late or missing reports! I have been most impressed by the number of Past and current Grand Officers who serve as Scribe of their council of Knight Masons. It demonstrates the dedication of our leaders.

I do not plan to disappear, just to step back and let the next generation have their chance while I enjoy the “Perks of a Past!”

D.L. Jordan
Grand Scribe

DISTINGUISHED MASONS WELCOME NEW MEMBER

By Joe MacIntyre



A distinguished cast was present when MEC Paul A. Gehrman, Grand High Priest of Oregon, was inducted into Knight Masonry. Pictured above is MEC Gehrman flanked by MEC Anthony C. Schwab, Grand High Priest of Washington, and MEC Michael R. Pursey, Grand High Priest of Alaska.

The work was conferred on 9 October 2010 at the Sequim Masonic Center, Sequim, WA by Clontarf Council No 69. At present there are no Knight Masons Councils in Oregon or Alaska.

Masonic Week — February 09–12 2011

Hotel Reservations
Hilton, Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22311
1-800-HILTONS

Make meal reservations on line at :

www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek

**All Meals MUST be Reserved by February 1
Tickets WILL NOT be Available at the hotel**

Special rate until January 26

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9, 2011

8:00 AM - Masonic Order of Athelstan in
England, Wales and its Provinces Over-
seas
12:30 PM Lunch Sponsored by Masonic
Order of Athelstan & Scarlet Cord
2:00 PM Order of the Scarlet Cord
6:00 PM - KYCH Dinner
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!

THURSDAY, Feb. 10, 2011

8:00 AM - Trinity Chapel No. 12, St. Thomas
of Acon
10:00 AM - Grand Preceptors Council - St.
Thomas of Acon
12:30 PM - Festive Board - Trinity Chapel
2:00 PM - The High Council, SRICF
6:00 PM - The Annual Banquet of the High
Council SRICF
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!
9:00 PM - Masonic Order of the Bath

FRIDAY, February 11, 2011

7:00 AM - The Philalethes Society Breakfast
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome
**8:30 AM - Grand Council Knight Masons,
USA and Great Chiefs Council "O"**
9:00 AM—Ladies' Coffee
11:00 AM - Society of Blue Friars,
All Masons Welcome

11:00 AM—Knights Preceptor. Business
Meeting

12:00 Noon - Knight Masons Lunch
Speaker: M.E. Edmund D. Harrison
General Grand King
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!

1:30 PM - Grand College of America HRAKTP
Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle "A"
3:30 PM—The Philalethes Society
3:30 PM - Conferral of Ceremonies of Instal-
lation — ISM, ISR, ICN
6:00 PM - Royal Society of Knights Occiden-
tal
All Masons are Welcome!
6:00 PM - The Masonic Society Dinner
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!
9:00 PM - Ye Antiente Order of Corks

SATURDAY, February 12, 2011

7:00 AM - AMD Breakfast
All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!
8:30 AM - Grand College of Rites of the USA
10:00 AM - Nine Muses Council No. 13
All Masons Welcome
11:00 AM - Grand Master's Council AMD
12:00 Noon - Scottish Rite Research Society
Luncheon (All Masons Welcome)
2:00 PM - Grand Council of AMD and the
Grand Conclave of the OSM

6:00 PM - Grand Council AMD Annual Ban-
quet
(All Masons and Ladies are Welcome!)
About 8:00 PM - Sovereign Order of Knights
Preceptor conferral

SUNDAY, Feb. 13, 2011

Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough
Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaister-
ers and Bricklayers (Operatives)
8:30 AM Bryn Athyn Quarry Assemblage,
Conferral of I° and II°
10:30 AM—Brunch
11:30—Confer III°
1:00 PM—Lodge of Harodim VI°,
Install Regional Officers
1:30 PM—Lodge of Menatzchim Confer V°

Note: FRIDAY LADIES' COFFEE

At 9:00 AM on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, the
Ladies are invited to meet for Coffee in the
Capitol View overlooking Washington D.C.
This is an excellent opportunity to meet
new friends in a relaxing and friendly at-
mosphere. Ladies who are interested in
attending Friday Nights Entertainment
Gathering are to contact Brenda Watson
at: ohioeomom@aol.com

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