



Knighly News

The Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America
4094 Majestic Lane PMB234, Fairfax Virginia, USA 22033-2104

Fall 2011
Volume 15 Number 2

Headlines

- Annual Meeting at Hyatt-Alexandria—February 10, 2012
- Make your Hotel and Meal Reservations NOW!
- Knight Masonry Growing Across the Country
- Grand Superintendents Big Success
- Great Chief Honored in New Jersey
- Revised Ritual
- New PEC Lapel Pin
- New Award to be Presented—Knight Commander of Zerubbabel



MESK Kevin B. Sample
Great Chief

Grand Officers—2011-2012

Kevin B. Sample.	Great Chief
C. Michael Watson	Deputy Great Chief
Kenneth B. Fischer	Grand Sr. Knight
David L. Hargett, Jr.	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.
Matthew D. Dupee	Grand Sr. Warden
Andre E. Lovas	Grand Jr. Warden
D. Allen Surratt	Grand Dir of C.
William R. Miller	Grand Priest
Joseph S. Crociata	Grand Steward
Robert B. Maynard	Grand Sentinel
Chris M. Jessen	Grand Musician
Sidney J. Leluan	Excellent Chief
Lewis C. Odneal	Asst. Grand Priest
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Asst. Grand Priest
Robert H. Bray	Asst. Grand Sentinel and Personal Aide
Stanton T. Brown	Asst. Grand Sentinel
Richard Van Tassell	Asst. Grand Sentinel

From the Great Chief

Sir Knights:

Although summer is winding down, and winter starts working its way across this beautiful country, Knight Masonry is alive, growing, and warming the hearts of all the Cousins I have come into contact with. It is absolutely wonderful to see the enthusiasm everywhere I go.

We have had a most successful year so far. This year your Grand Council has instituted the following new U.D. Councils: Highland Council No. 104—West Liberty, KY; Erie Council No. 105—Wellsboro, PA; Killian Council No. 106—Waverly, OH; Jersey Shore Council No. 107—New Egg Harbor, NJ; and Jewel P. Lightfoot Council No. 109—Austin, TX. (Thank you to RESK's Watson, Fischer, and VESK Dupee for taking the reigns on some of these.) In addition to these, on December 10, I will be instituting two new Councils: Drexel P. Caldwell Council No. 108—Pensacola, FL, and Florida Caverns Council No. 110—Marianna, FL. Both of these will be instituted at one meeting in Pensacola on 12/10, please contact SK Jack Maulden at 850.944.4892 for lodging and meal reservations if you can be in attendance and help out with the degree work.

As if that was not enough, there are plans in the works for additional new Councils to be instituted in Phoenix, North Carolina, and Cambridge, MA, and we are very excited to see Knight Masonry continue to grow.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and my opportunity to serve the Grand Council. I have not accomplished everything I had planned and I have not traveled as much as I wanted to, but in addition to instituting Councils in KY and NJ, I have made official visits to all 5 Councils in Missouri; Shamrock No. 43 in Belleville, IL; Joseph S. Lewis No. 66 in Guthrie, OK; Tralee Council No. 41 in Millington, TN; Arkansas Council No. 80 in Jonesboro, AR; and Northern New Jersey Council No. 10 in Scotch Plains, NJ. I have tried to make every Council who has extended an invitation, but was not able to make all due to other Masonic

travel and/or work conflicts. Hopefully we can get a few more under our belt before the end of my term.

My biggest regret this year will be my inability to travel to Ireland to represent our Grand Council—maybe next year.

So much to talk about and so little space, just when I think I have nothing to say (*and Doug says "keep it short"*). Your Grand Scribe and I finished the new Ritual revision—no changes to the ritual itself, just some cleanup of misspelled words, layout, and font/spacing consistency. These are available now from the Grand Scribe's office.

Additionally, we have a new Past Excellent Chief lapel pin. It too is available from the Grand Scribe's office at \$10.00 each. We had several competing designs, but this is the one the Grand Council chose. (Thanks Aaron and John).



The Grand Council also has new ties which can be purchased from the Grand Scribe at \$25.00 each—there will be a supply of these at the Grand Session. (Thanks Jack).

I want to say a special "Thank You" to our new Grand Superintendents, they have been a huge success this year, visiting the Councils in their area and helping to facilitate growth and communication and putting a face on the Grand Council. They have provided great feedback from their areas.

On another note, I have created a new award and jewel called the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel.

This neck jewel will be given by the Great Chief to Knight Masons annually in each jurisdiction who have exhibited the precepts of Knight Masonry above and beyond the call of duty. The Great Chief, Deputy Great Chief, and Grand Senior Knight will make annual selections based on the following criteria:

- ◇ A nomination shall come from a committee of all Past Excellent Chiefs of a Knight Mason Council, the senior

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

- Past Excellent Chief in attendance to chair, all present shall sign the nomination next to their printed names
- ◇ Nominations shall be submitted in writing along with the nomination fee (*made out to the Grand Council of Knight Masons*) to the Great Chief before 15 January of each year
 - ◇ The fee for the award will be \$50 (fifty), no nomination may be received without the appropriate fee, the fee may be paid by the council, the nominee, or any sponsor
 - ◇ The award will be limited to one Sir Knight in good standing per year per jurisdiction, however, the Great Chief may award more than one per jurisdiction at his discretion, as long as the issuance of the award does not conflict with the 5% rule below
 - ◇ No more than 5% of any Council or jurisdiction's total current membership (as determined by the Grand Scribe) may be entitled to receive this award
 - ◇ The award may not be given to any past or present elected official of the Grand Council
 - ◇ Councils in jurisdictions with Grand Superintendents will forward their nomination through the Grand Superintendent for concurrence, those without Grand Superintendents will forward their nomination directly to the Great Chief



- ◇ Grand Superintendents may make one nomination at large from the jurisdiction they represent, in addition to the nominations from the Councils in their jurisdiction, however they must abide by the 5% rule, and if approved, the owning Council, nominee, or sponsor must cover the nomination fee
- ◇ Any nomination not accepted for any reason will be returned along with the nomination fee, and may be resubmitted the following year following all processes outlined

Please get your nominations in as soon as possible. ***This year, I will accept***

nominations up through February 1.

Finally, in closing, I want to extend an invitation to all Sir Knights to attend this year's annual meeting in Alexandria. We have modified the schedule a bit to allow time for the conferral of one of the degrees in full form, as well as streamlining our business meeting a bit, and having our Grand Luncheon/Banquet Friday at noon, with a very special guest speaker that you will not want to miss, along with entertainment for everyone to enjoy, see the tentative schedule on page 4.

Please remember to visit us on Facebook (and give us a "Like") and on the Grand Council's web site to keep up with everything going on.

This has been a wonderful experience and I'm looking forward to visiting with everyone in Alexandria, so get your reservations in now!

Be safe, travel safe, and I wish for you and yours a blessed holiday season and a wonderful new year.

Remember my motto this year, as it applies to each of us in our own way: ***"Forgive First, then Live, Laugh, and Love, Life is Short"***.

Kevin B. Sample
Great Chief, 2011-2012

Please note my Address Change:
4611 S. Eastland Center Dr., Apt. 617
Independence, MO 64055
kevin.sample@moyorkrite.org
573.819.3392



In Memoriam

Sir Knights, words cannot express the sadness in our hearts as we mourn the loss of two great leaders in Knight Masonry.

MESK Edward R. Saunders, Jr. (*left*), Great Chief of Knight Masons in 1997, departed this world on May 1, 2011.

MESK John Harris Watts (*right*), who served as Great Chief of Knight Masons in 1994, passed to his immortal home on November 11, 2011.

Both of these men were leaders in many Masonic organizations, but more importantly, they were our friends, the Companions of our choosing, and they will be missed. Our prayers go out to their families. Go in peace dear friends.





Above: Official Visit to Tipperary Council No. 62, Fayette, MO, 3/19/11

Below: Official Visit to Shamrock Council No. 43, Belleville, IL, 3/20/11



Above: Official Visit to Gates of Derry Council No. 82, Rolla, MO, 4/23/11

Below: Official Visit to Cell Arne Council No. 76, Springfield, MO, 4/30/11



Above: Official Visit to Charlemagne Council No. 79, Buckner, MO, 10/29/11

New Grand Superintendent Appointments:

It is my pleasure to appoint VESK Richard A. Hammill as Grand Superintendent for New Jersey, and VESK Joseph W. MacIntyre as Grand Superintendent for the Northwest Territory (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming), two very outstanding men and Masons!



Most Excellent Great Chief Honored in New Jersey

Another epoch in the history of Knight Masonry was written on October 20, 2011, when Northern New Jersey Council No. 10 hosted M.E. Kevin B. Sample, Great Chief, at Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains, N.J.

An overflow crowd of Ladies and Sir Knights included: M.E. Douglas L. Jordan, Grand Scribe, M.E. Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Great Chief, V.E. Matthew D. Dupee, Grand Senior Warden, V.E. Robert B. Maynard, Grand Sentinel and the Grand Superintendents of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kentucky/West Virginia. S.K. David H. Lindez, Excellent Chief, presided over the gala event.

Following the banquet, the Knights retired to private quarters where Great Chief Sample initiated twelve new members into the Council. At the close of business, he excused all but the Past Excellent Chiefs in order to confer the degree of Past Excellent Chief on S.K.

John D. Barnes, the charter Excellent Chief of Jersey Shore Council No. 107, U.D.

Upon returning to the banquet hall, the Great Chief instituted Jersey Shore Council No. 107 with an impressive ceremony, and then installed the officers of the new Council with V.E. Maynard serving as the Installing Grand Marshal.

The entertainment for the evening included a reading of Irish poetry regarding Celtic traditions, presented by Excellent Chief Lindez, and, a concert presented by the Rampant Lion Pipe Band, led by Sir David Palladino, Pipe Major and member of Council No. 10, who was accompanied by four outstanding young Celtic dancers.

The historic gala event culminated with remarks by M.E. Kevin B. Sample, Great Chief, and concluded with a standing ovation from the Ladies and Sir Knights attending.

-Submitted by
S.K. Robert B. Maynard,
V.E. Grand Sentinel



Above: Official Visit to Tralee Council No. 41, Millington, TN, 8/20/11



Knightly News

First Class Mail

The Grand Council of Knight Masons in the USA
Douglas L. Jordan, Grand Scribe
4094 Majestic Lane PMB 234
Fairfax, VA 22033-2104
United States of America

Knightly News
Page 4

Volume 15 Number 2

Masonic Week February 8-12, 2012

Hilton, Alexandria, Mark Center
5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311
Res: 800-HILTONS or 703-845-1010

Group Name: AMD Masonic Week 2012 ~ Group Code: AMD
The special room rate will be available until January 26th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Don't forget to make your meal reservations as soon as the schedule is finalized. Go to <http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html> to keep with the latest news.

ATTENTION: KNIGHT MASONS MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, Feb 10, 2012

- 7:00 a.m. Knight Mason Grand Officer Breakfast/Business Meeting—open to elected/appointed grand council officers and committee members
- 8:30 a.m. Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA, and Great Chief's Council "0", Opening/Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. Knight of the Sword Degree
- 9:45 a.m. Business Meeting/Committee Reports/Allocution
- 10:15 a.m. Installation of Officers
- 10:45 a.m. Closing Ceremonies
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Council of Knight Masons Luncheon, Live Celtic Music, and Very Special Guest Speaker—Trevor Stewart, PhD, Past Prestonian Lecturer, UGLE—open to all



Above: Official Visit to Arkansas Council No. 80, Jonesboro, AR, 9/10/11

Below: Official Visit to Joseph S. Lewis Council No. 66, Guthrie, OK, 5/7/11



Knight of the Sword Degree Conferral

The Grand Council Program Committee will be in charge of the Knight of the Sword Degree Conferral at the Alexandria Grand Session on February 10, 2012. Any Sir Knight (primary cast members and backup) interested in taking a part in this degree conferral should contact Aaron M. Shoemaker at aaron.shoemaker@yahoo.com, or call 816.566.5406.

Any Council (other than Great Chief's Council) wanting to bring candidates to the conferral should contact the Grand Scribe in advance of the meetings so proper documents may be prepared.