



Knighly News

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Headlines

- New Grand Council officers are installed
- Great Chief outlines his objectives
- Grand Superintendents are appointed

From the Great Chief

Sir Knights and Cousins,

Thank you! Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve the Grand Council of Knight Masons. We had a most enjoyable AMD Week and Grand Council session in Alexandria in February. I send out a special thanks to Paul Newhall and his crew for helping keep all of us in order.

There are not enough words to express my appreciation for our Past Most Excellent Chief Ed Fagan for his leadership this past year. He has been an inspiration to me and I think to all of our Grand Officers. He is a good man and casts a big shadow; I hope I can continue to follow in his steps, as well as those of our predecessors. When I look upon Ed and all of our predecessors, one begins to wonder how I arrived here and if I will be able to do the job justice. I wonder if Most Excellent Van Evans knew what he was doing when he selected me all those years ago. I think that many of us who arrive in a position of leadership wonder the same thing. But, we cannot know everything, so we surround ourselves with other great leaders, and your Grand Council officers are such leaders – with the officers we have, we can do nothing but succeed and move the Grand Council and Knight Masonry forward.

Speaking of officers, it is with great appreciation that we welcome Sir Knight Robert B. Maynard, (New Jersey

Council No. 10), Grand Sentinel, to the advancing Grand Council line of officers. Those up there in the northeast are already aware of all the good works he has done, and it was not hard for all of us to recognize his “passion” for Knight Masonry. It is also with great pleasure that we welcome Sir Knight Sid Leluan, III of Tucson, AZ as Excellent Chief of Great Chief’s Council No. 0. Both of these Sir Knights are an asset to the craft and are well deserving.

Sir Knights, this year I will be following the lead of Most Excellent Sir Knight Fowler in that I will be reinstating the Grand Superintendents. Although this was tried in the past and retired, the Grand Council has grown much in the past 20 years and I feel we now need to take a closer look at the health and activities of our councils to see where we can assist them with ritual, increase activities and membership, and even to help spread Knight Masonry to other areas. Additionally, I feel the Grand Council needs more direct feedback so we may plan accordingly and be a bit more proactive. Over the next few months I will work with the Grand Officers, Past Great Chiefs, the Grand Scribe and others in making Grand Superintendent appointments to states with three or more councils in them, some states having more than

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**MESK Kevin B. Sample
Great Chief**

Grand Officers-2011

- 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. CarpenterGrand Trs. Em.
- Charles W. WagnerGrand Trs. Em.
- Matthew D. Dupee ...Grand Sr. Warden
- Andre E. Lovas Grand Jr. Warden
- D. Allen Surratt Grand Dir of C.
- William R. MillerGrand Priest
- Joseph S. Crociata Grand Steward
- Robert B. Maynard..... Grand Sentinel
- Chris M. Jessen.....Grand Musician
- Sidney J. Leluan.....Excellent Chief

Highland Council No 104UD Constituted



On March 26th ME Great Chief Kevin Sample and Kevin Weaver, Grand Superintendent of Missouri, traveled to West Liberty, Kentucky where they Instituted and Constituted Highland Council No. 104 U.D. This is the Second Council of Knight Masons in Kentucky. Pictured are the Instituting Team along with Excellent Chief Leslie Smith and the Officers of the new council.

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one. Therefore, in keeping with the original intent, I am initiating the following action:

“A representative is to be appointed in each state where three (3) or more councils are constituted or are under dispensation. His responsibility shall be to inspect the administrative and ritualistic affairs of the council and annually report to the Grand Council. Said representative shall be titled “Grand Superintendent” and shall receive the honorary title of “Very Excellent”. This action shall expire at the completion of my term of office.”

I would like to clarify that although we appreciate and (I feel) need the assistance of the Grand Superintendents, they will have no authority, seniority, rank, or any perceived “position” over any Council or Knight Mason – they will serve in the capacity of Aide to the Grand Council and the Great Chief. Due to budgetary constraints, there will be no expectation of fee or reward on

the part of the Grand Superintendents. Sir Knights, although greatly deserved, we simply don’t have the money for regalia or to reimburse mileage or expenses. It would be appreciated if when making official visits, Councils would extend appreciation to these Sir Knights by at least offering to feed them and put them up for a night if you can afford it. Hopefully, if this proves successful and is continued in the future, we might be able to afford some regalia and possibly some form of recognition for these hard working Sir Knights.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and anticipation that I have already appointed the following Grand Superintendents:

Missouri – (62,76,79,82,88)
Kevin E. Weaver
New York – (4,14,25,72,77)
Geoffrey T. Hoderath
Ohio – (67, 75, 94)
Martin Trent
Pennsylvania – (5,6,13,74)
George R. Haynes

Tennessee (East) (60,73,96)
Royce Peterson
Tennessee (West) – (41, 89)
Richard E. VanTassell

In addition, I am seeking recommendations from the remaining jurisdictions, some of which will require multiple appointments due to the distance requirements, lets not forget how special Texas is with their 15 Councils – someone(s) has done an outstanding job spreading Knight Masonry in Texas. Recommendations from Past Great Chiefs and Grand Council officers will be preferred, however Councils wishing to make recommendations may do so, but with some stipulations. If a Council wishes to have someone considered to serve as Grand Superintendent for their jurisdiction, said nomination shall be presented to the Council in writing, approved by the membership present, and forwarded to the Grand Scribe with a copy to each Council in said jurisdiction. I feel this should help jurisdictions be more proactive

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Ex. Sidney J. Leluan III Excellent Chief, Great Chief's Council No 0

During the Annual Meeting. Ex. Sidney J. LeLuan, III of Tucson Arizona was appointed as Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council No. 0. He and his wife Debbie and three sons live in Tucson Arizona where he is the owner of *Lapel Pins & More* a supplier of lapel pins and regalia to Masonic and other organizations. His motto is "Service is the rent we pay for our time on earth! Is YOUR rent paid? "

He holds the Knight of York Grand Cross of Honour having served a presiding officer of the York Rite Bodies of Tucson Arizona and as Grand High Priest. He was recently advanced to the office of 1st Vice President of High Twelve International. He also serves on the



Royal Arch Advancement committee of the General Grand Chapter. And as a Trustee for the Arizona Rainbow Foundation.

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in working together to support their recommendations.

My additional goals this year are not easy, but not uncommon. We are already working hard in planning for AMD Week 2012. I have established a Planning Committee, chaired by Aaron Shoemaker of Missouri, to help step up Knight Masonry activities not only for AMD Week, but throughout the year. My primary goals are (1) scheduling permitting, to confer all three Knight Mason Degrees in full form at AMD Week in 2012. I have asked Missouri Sir Knights to host the Knight of the East and West Degree, and am looking for other jurisdictions to volunteer to host the first two degrees, (2) to step up charity fund raising so we can help offset that Grand Council general fund budget item, raise additional monies for our existing primary charity, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, as well as your Great Chief's personal charities this year, Boys Town and Girls Town. We are actively reviewing fund-raising possibilities and

shall be rolling this out very soon, and (3) to help spread Knight Masonry. There are many deserving Royal Arch Masons who have not been asked to join Knight Masons - Councils next to jurisdictions without Knight Mason Councils are encouraged to work with the Companions in those adjoining jurisdictions (and even in your own jurisdiction) and get the word out, get nominations, make new members, and eventually help us start new Councils.

I would ask all to recognize and thank Sir Knight Dan Pushee for his work in bringing Freemasonry to the web, but particularly for his work for the Grand Council. I authorized Dan to deploy a new web site which we will be continually updating, that new site is www.knight-masons.org. I also authorized Sir Knight Aaron Shoemaker to take us viral on *facebook*, give us a Like and keep up with all the activities and post your special Knight Mason events for all to see. Thank you both for all your hard work.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my appreciation to the Sir Knights from

Missouri and Tralee Council No. 43 in Tennessee. Thank you Tralee Council, my home council, for receiving me into Knight Masonry some 18 years ago. We in Missouri hope you are proud of your children as they continue to grow and stand out in Missouri Freemasonry. To my Missouri cousins, and especially Tipperary Council No. 62, thank you seems so modest an expression of appreciation, but from my heart, Thank You for everything you have done and continue to do for me. I hope some day to earn the respect and honors you have given me all these years.

Sir Knights, I'm not offering excuses, but the last two years have been a personal struggle. I am now a single parent and have my two teenage children living with me, so life is a little stressed, yet a joy and extremely rewarding. Additionally, I recently accepted a promotion with the Veterans Administration and will be moving to Kansas City within the next several months, and this new job will require a lot of travel. I regret that I

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will not be able to make every special Knight Mason event, but I will try to make as many as I can. I will rely heavily on the Grand Officers, Past Great Chiefs, and now the Grand Superintendents to provide representation for the Grand Council this next year and I thank you in advance for your assistance.

To all of the Cousins wheresoever disbursed, thank you for representing Knight Masonry and all that you do for this Grand Council. My greatest treasure is simply knowing that this magnificent organization of ours will continue to grow and mature with you at the wheel. Sir Knights, thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve.

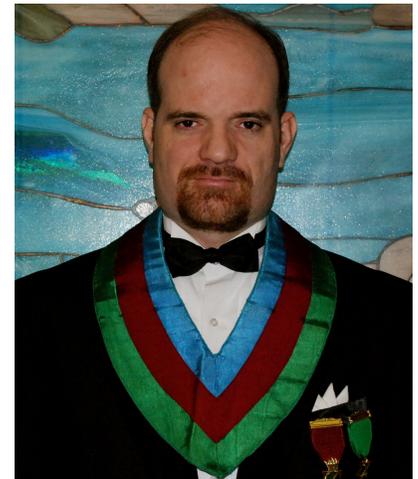
Kevin B. Sample

Great Chief, 2011-2012

V.E. Robert Bruce Maynard Grand Sentinel - 2011

V.E. Robert B. Maynard, who was elected Grand Sentinel during the Annual Meeting, was raised in Atlas-Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 of Westfield, N.J. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, a past presiding officer of numerous York Rite and appendant bodies, and is active in the Commandery and Rosicrucians at local and Grand levels. His Masonic Honors include: Knight Commander of the Temple, Knight Templar Cross of Honour and the Rosicrucian Knight Grand Cross.

Sir Knight Maynard is a Past Excellent Chief of Northern New Jersey Council No. 10, Knight Masons, the Prefect of St. Joseph's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and is The Chairman of the New Jersey Screening and Selection Committee for The Royal Order of Scotland.



V.E. Maynard is a graduate of Gettysburg College, a member of the American Legion, an Eagle Scout and a member of the Presbyterian Church.