Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival

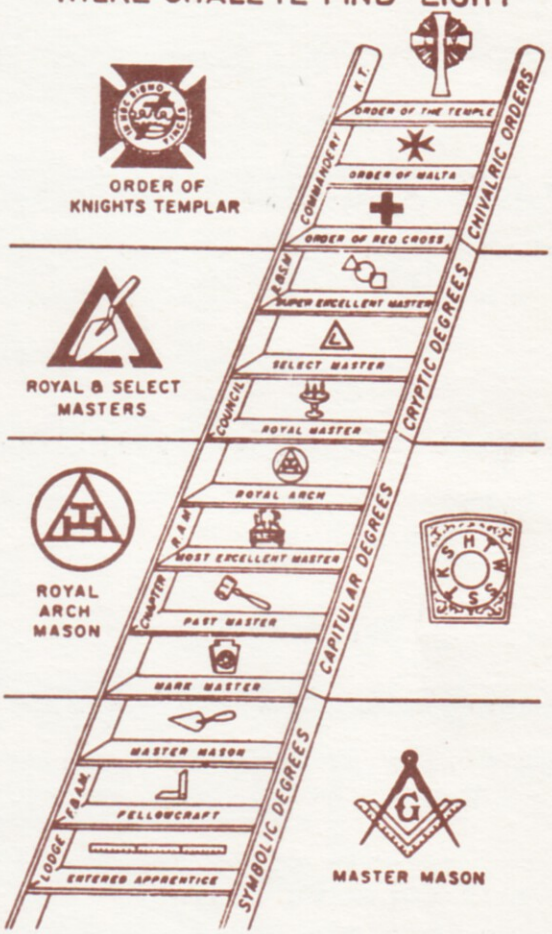
ATLANTA MASONIC TEMPLE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 31ST/NOVEMBER 1ST 1986

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THE GENERAL GRAND OFFICER/GRAND ENCAMPMENT CLASS

"THERE SHALL YE FIND LIGHT"



Comp. Steven V.Carter, M.Ex. Grand High Priest

Comp. J. Willard Register, M.Ill. Grand Master

Sir Kt. Joseph. P. Suttles, Rt. Em. Grand Commander

HOSTS

MT. ZION CHAPTER NO.16 R.A.M. (Chartered May 3rd 1847)

JASON BURR COUNCIL NO.13 R.& S.M. (Chartered April 25th 1855)

ATLANTA COMMANDERY NO.9 K.T. (Chartered May 11th 1893)

WHY THIS CLASS?

Never before in the history of American York Rite Freemasonry has it been possible to honour the Presiding Officers of all three National/International Bodies at one time.

These three Officers, serving 3-year terms, each travel separately over 100,000 miles during their time in office, frequently crossing paths but never in a position all to be in one major city for several days together.

This Class is named in their honour; the Honorees are:-

Companion

WALTER H. WINCHESTER

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International

Companion

BERNARD F. MANDLEBAUM

Most Puissant General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International

Sir Knight

DONALD H. SMITH

Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of The United States of America

Initial planning for this Class commenced over two years ago. Not only is this occasion unique, but owing to the problems of logistics, travel, administration, ritual, etc., it is unlikely that it will be repeated in your, your son's, or your grandson's lifetimes.

All who attend honour not only these outstandingly dedicated Freemasons, but also their predecessors and successors, whoever they may be. We, in turn, are equally honoured by them taking out the necessary time from their labours, to visit with us on this auspicious occasion.

Additionally, Georgia in general and Atlanta in particular are cognisant of the distinction granted to them to be the venue of this Class.

GENERAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH — Arrivals at Ramada Inn Central.

3.00 to 6.00 p.m. — Registration packages available at Hotel.

EVENING — Hospitality Suite open in The Brookwood Room (rooms 824/826) at Hotel.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

7.30 a.m. — Registration at Atlanta Masonic Temple, 1690 Peachtree Street N.W. (turn left leaving Hotel; walk 100 yards)

9.00 a.m. — Welcome in Auditorium by Comp. and Sir Kt. Joe Frank Harris, H.E. The Governor of Georgia. Presented by Comp. and Sir Kt. Tommy T. Irvin, 3rd Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Commissioner of Agriculture

9.30 a.m. — Mark Master Degree

10.40 a.m. — Past Master Degree

11.00 a.m. — B R E A K

11.15 a.m. — Most Excellent Master Degree

12.00 noon — L U N C H (at Temple)

1.00 p.m. — Royal Arch Degree

2.30 p.m. — B R E A K

2.45 p.m. — Royal Master Degree

3.30 p.m. — Select Master Degree

4.15 p.m. — B R E A K

4.30 p.m. — Super Excellent Master

6.00 p.m. — A D J O U R N T O 9.00 A.M. S A T U R D A Y

7.30 p.m. — B A N Q U E T (at Hotel)

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OUR LADIES

We express our sincere thanks to the Ladies Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Sherri Keith, ably assisted by the wives of our Committee members and numerous volunteers, for their long hours and generous work in attending the Hospitality Suite and other facilities.

GENERAL PROGRAM (CONT)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

9.00 a.m.	Illustrious Order of Red Cross
10.10 a.m.	B R E A K
10.30 a.m.	The Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta
11.30 a.m.	PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
12.15 p.m.	L U N C H (Candidates will take precedence)
1.00 p.m.	Chamber of Reflection
1.45 p.m.	Order of The Temple
3.30 p.m.	C L O S E O F W O R K
5.00 p.m.	Corner Stone Laying and Reception (see below)

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At 5.00 p.m. a Cornerstone will be laid at Mountain Park Lodge No. 729 F.& A.M., 1254 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, by the M. Wor. Grand Master and his Officers.

Immediately afterwards there will be a Reception for the newly installed M. Wor. Grand Master, to be accompanied by visiting York Rite, Scottish Rite, and other Dignitaries.

Bro. Dannie L. Reed, at time of printing this programme Rt. Wor. Dty. Grand Master, will in normal circumstances be installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia on Wednesday, October 30th 1986. He will be participating in the ritualistic work at the Class, representing his first public appearances as M. Wor. Grand Master.

To reach the Lodge, take Stone Mountain Freeway to end of divided highway, past Stone Mountain Park. At traffic light, turn left; take first road on left (Rockbridge Rd.); the Lodge will be about one mile, on right.

The Reception will be at Mountain Park First Baptist Church, immediately across from the Lodge.

The incoming M. Wor. Grand Master and the Lodge have courteously arranged for multi-seat vans to be assigned to our visitors, to leave the Hotel as close as possible to 4.00 p.m. They will return their passengers to the Hotel or direct to the airport if preferred.

Please be sure to attend and start the year of office of our youngest ever Grand Master in fine fashion.

THE CAPITULAR DEGREES

MARK MASTER

H. Grady Keith	Right Wor. Master
Luther G. Palmer	Senior Warden
J. Benny Allen	Junior Warden
William M. Hutcheson	Senior Deacon
James E. Moseley	Marshal
Joseph P. Suttles	Master Overseer
T. Ronald Lowry	Senior Overseer
Ruben Martinez	Junior Overseer

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PAST MASTER

Joseph P. Suttles	Right Wor. Master
Luther G. Palmer	Senior Warden
William M. Hutcheson	Senior Deacon

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MOST EXCELLENT MASTER

William M. Hutcheson	Right Wor. Master
Luther G. Palmer	Senior Warden
Joseph P. Suttles	Senior Deacon
James E. Underwood	Marshal

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ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

C. Danny Wofford	Jeshua, The High Priest
Donald H. Smith (1)	Zerubbabel, The King
Thomas L. Reese	Haggai, The Scribe
H. Grady Keith	Captain of Host
Lee D. Holcomb	Principal Sojourner
Luther G. Palmer	Royal Arch Captain
James E. Miller	Master of Third Veil
John S. Perry	Master of Second Veil
James E. Moseley	Master of First Veil

(1)Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of The United States of America.

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SPECIAL NOTE With only a few exceptions, all taking part in the Ritualistic work are Present or Past Grand Officers. Because many of the cast hold multiple titles, such as Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander, etc., it would be confusing to Candidates to show all these titles. In a few special cases, such as our Class Honorees, etc., these titles will be given, as in (1) above.

THE CRYPTIC DEGREES

ROYAL MASTER

Luther G. Palmer	Illustrious King Solomon
J. Willard Register	Hiram, King of Tyre
C. Danny Wofford	Hiram Abiv
James E. Underwood	Captain of Guard
Lee D. Holcomb	Conductor of Council

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SELECT MASTER

Joseph P.Suttles	Illustrious King Solomon
Walter H. Winchester (2)	Hiram, King of Tyre
C. Danny Wofford	Hiram Abiv
Luther G. Palmer	Captain of Guard
Lee D.Holcomb	Conductor of Council
Rufus R. White	Ahishar
Gary D. Lemons	Guard
Thomas R. Gaines	Guard
Supervisors, Workmen and Masons on the Temple	As Required

(2) Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International.

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THANKS

This undertaking involved the cooperation of very many people. The Committee expresses on behalf of all, their sincere thanks to the following.

The Atlanta Masonic Temple Company, for the use of the Temple, parking lots, and general facilities.

The Valley of Atlanta, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for allowing us to use their valuable scenery, lighting, sound effects and costumes.

The Scottish Rite Guard, for help with parking, internal traffic control, and general assistance.

The Hospitallers, for their help in serving the lunches and cleaning up afterwards.

The stage crew for the heavy work and meticulous attention to the necessary scenery and properties, and the correct placing of them as needed

The Wardrobe Masters for readying and replacing the many robes.

The Host Bodies for allowing us to utilize their Charters, and providing all the necessary equipment.

THE CRYPTIC DEGREES (CONT)

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER

OPENING AND CLOSING COUNCIL

Lee D.Holcomb	Illustrious Master
Rufus R. White	Captain of Guard
Ted H. Hendon	Conductor of Council
Wilford H. Hall	Steward
Lee D. Holcomb	Prologues

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BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

James E. Underwood	Ezekiel
Luther G. Palmer	Courier

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THE COURT OF KING ZEDEKIAH

Bobbie L. Byrd	Zedekiah, King of Judah
H. Grady Keith	Zaphaniah, a Councilor
William M. Hutcheson	Pashur, a Councilor
Melvin D. Brown	Prince Gedeliah
Richard S. Sagar	The Prophet Jeremiah
Ted H. Hendon	Seraiah, a High Priest
Luther G. Palmer	Herald
Keepers and Guards	As Required

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THE TENTS OF KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Joseph P. Suttles	Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon
Carl F. Lester, Jr.	Sissinna, Capt. of Guard
J. Benny Allen	Artaban, Lieut. of Guard
Wilford H. Hall	Nebuzaradan, a General
Sentry, Soldiers, Satraps	As Required

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Special Note This Degree was conferred solely by members of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of The York Cross of Honour (K.Y.C.H.)---the acme of York Rite Freemasonry. To be eligible, it is necessary to be a Past Master of a Lodge; Past High Priest of a Chapter; Past Illustrious Master of a Council; and Past Commander of a Commandery. Membership is by invitation only.

Filling every chair in each Body and not holding more than one Office at a time, it takes 30 years to qualify for membership.

This Priory has become famous for its portrayals and has performed in several States as well as all over Georgia. They are always ready to consider invitations to travel anywhere and promote "TOTAL FREEMASONRY".

THE COMMANDERY ORDERS

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF RED CROSS

William M. Hutcheson	Sovereign Master
Robert M. Donnelly	Prince Chancellor
James E. Underwood	Prince Master of The Palace
Harold F. Ratterree	Master of Cavalry
Joseph P. Suttles	Master of Infantry
James F. Wildes	Excellent High Priest
Stephen R. Williams	Master of Finance
C.E. Horne	Master of Dispatches
Earnest W. Barron	Standard Bearer
F. Lawson Bell	Sword Bearer
E.E. McGriff	Warder
James Hobgood	Sentinel
T. Ronald Lowry	Jewish Guard
Al Hendershot	Jewish Guard
John S. Perry	Persian Guard
Jewish and Persian Councils	As Required

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SPECIAL NOTE The above cast are all members of Coeur de Lion Commandery No.4 K.T., College Park; chartered September 17th 1859.

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THE MEDITERRANEAN PASS AND ORDER OF MALTA

John A. Morse	Prior
R. Lowman Oglesby	Marshal
Edward S. Nix	Captain of Outposts
LeRoy C. Obert	Chaplain
Harry M. Wilmer	Lecture in West
Lewis H. Keith	Birth Banner
William D. Miles	Life Banner
Donald R. McKinney	Death Banner
Joseph E. Lowry	Resurrection Banner
C. Erby Dodson	Ascension Banner
Ted H. Hendon	St. John Banner
Walter C. Blackmon	Malta Banner

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SPECIAL NOTE The above cast conferring this Order are all members of Atlanta Commandery No.9 K.T., one of our Hosts.

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Special expressions of thanks go at this time to Comp. and Sir. Kt. Joel L. Carman Jr., who has sat for so many long hours providing us with the organ music that has added so much to the ritualistic work.

Also to Comp. and Sir Kt. J. Eugene Lowry who supervised the physical movement of over half a ton of special equipment, up to this floor.

THE COMMANDERY ORDERS (CONT)

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Lee D. Holcomb	Commander
Bernard F. Mandlebaum (3)	Generalissimo
Edward Helton	Captain General
James E. Underwood	Senior Warden
Joseph P. Suttles	Junior Warden
C. Danny Wofford	Prelate
William M. Roach	Standard Bearer
Charles L. Taylor Jr.	Sword Bearer
Ted H. Hendon	Warder
Dannie L. Reed (4)	1st Hermit
John A. Morse	2nd Hermit
James E. Moseley	3rd Hermit
Wilford H. Hall	1st Guard
Horace L. Whitlock	2nd Guard
Willie P. Hammond	3rd Guard
Past Grand Commanders	Arch of Steel

(3)Most Puissant General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International.

(4)Most Worshipful Grand Master of All Masons in Georgia (anticipated).

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THE MASONIC CALENDAR

Craft Masons Date from Creation of the world, calling this "Anno Lucis" (A.L.), "In the year of Light". Add 4000 to the current era; present year is A.L. 5986.

Royal Arch Masons Date from commencement of second temple by Zerubabbel, caling this "Anno Inventionis" (A.Inv.), "In the year of the Discovery". Add 530 to the current era; present year is A.Inv. 2516.

Cryptic Masons Date from completion of King Solomon's Temple, calling this "Anno Depositionis" (A.Dep.), "In the year of Deposit". Add 1000 to current era; present year is A.Dep. 2986.

Knights Templar Date from the founding of the Order in A.D. 1118, calling this "Anno Ordinis" (A.O.), "In the year of the Order". Subtract 1118 from the current era; present year is A.O. 868.

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All candidates attention is drawn to the literature in their packets regarding the York Rite Charities.

It is estimated that the Freemasons of the U.S.A. spend more than two million dollars A DAY on charity. When the time comes, will you do your share, no matter how humble?

WALTER HENRY WINCHESTER

PERSONAL — Born in Bismarck, North Dakota. in December, 1919, and moved to Dunedin, Florida with his parents in 1924, where he has resided ever since.

Comp. Winchester is a physician, specializing in family medicine, but with particular interest in the problems of Aging and Organized Medicine. He has served on many committees and boards, both local and national, and in an advisory capacity to major medical care corporations, specialist hospitals, etc.

At various times he has served in the medical facilities of the U.S.Navy, and is still on active reserve with the Marine Corps.

MASONIC — Raised in Dunedin Lodge No. 192 in 1947; served as Wor. Master in 1957. Exalted in Clearwater Chapter No. 45 in 1949; served as High Priest in 1959; and as Grand High Priest of Florida in 1971.

Greeted in the Council in 1950; served as Illustrious Master of Clearwater Council No. 34 in 1976. Knighted in 1950, he is this year serving as Commander of Springtime Commandery No. 40. He is also a member and/or officer of many other Masonic Bodies.

Comp. Winchester was elected and installed as Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International in New Orleans in 1984, and will complete his term of office in Orlando in September 1987.

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BERNARD FRANK MANDLEBAUM

PERSONAL — Born in Humboldt, Arizona in January 1918. "Ben" Mandlebaum attended public schools in Louisiana, and then the University of Mississippi. With a degree in Chemical Engineering,and two years of graduate study, he worked for five years for the Mississippi Geological Survey, as a teacher and doing graduate studies. He eventually joined Phillips Petroleum Co. as an anylist in 1945. He retired from them, as a senior lubrication and chemical processing engineer, in 1980, after 35 years service

MASONIC — Raised in T.S.Gothright Lodge No. 33 in Oxford, Miss. in 1944, he affiliated with Bartlesville Lodge No. 284 in Bartlesville, OK in 1945; served as Wor. Master in 1967. Affiliated with Bartlesville Chapter No. 55 at same time; served as High Priest in 1954; and Grand High Priest of Oklahoma in 1971.

Affiliated with Bartlesville Council No. 41 in 1946; served as Illustrious Master in 1953. Elected Illustrious Grand Master in 1962; installed as Most Puissant General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International in New Orleans in September 1984. Will serve as such until September 1987

Knighted in Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, in 1953; served as Commander in 1961. Like the other two Honorees, is also a member and/or officer in many other Masonic Bodies.

DONALD HINSLEA SMITH

PERSONAL

Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1923 and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. Joining the Armed Forces in 1943, Sir Kt. Smith served with distinction in Europe and Korea, retiring in 1964 with the rank of Lt. Colonel. During his military service, he became interested in police procedures and criminal law.

Upon military retirement, he entered Eastern Kentucky University, graduating with Honors in History. Pursuing his interest in law enforcement, he went on to earn a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, and became an Assistant Professor of Police Administration. Before his retirement in 1985, he had been Registrar of his University for several years.

MASONIC

Of particular interest to Georgia is that Sir Kt. Smith was originally Initiated and Raised in Atlanta Lodge No.59 in 1955, but transferred his membership to Richmond Lodge No. 25, Richmond, Kentucky in 1962. He became Wor. Master in 1977.

He is a Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and Past Commander of the York Rite Bodies in the Richmond area, as well as a Past Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kentucky.

In 1974, Sir Kt. Donald Smith was elected Grand Commander of Kentucky, and in August 1985 was installed as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. This position he will fill until the Grand Encampment meets again in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1988.

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The following are the personal representatives of our three Honorees, in the South East U.S.A.:-

ROYAL ARCH Companion J. Benny Allen, Past M. Ex. Grand High Priest of Georgia, and "General Grand Royal Arch Captain."

COUNCIL Companion Hayden M. Carmichael, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of Georgia and "Regional Deputy General Grand Master."

COMMANDERY Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders Jr., Past Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Virginia, and "South East Department Commander".

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YOUR COMMITTEE

We close this program with the names of the 1986 Committee of The Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival. They are:-

PRESIDENT H. Grady Keith, Past Grand High Priest.
VICE-PRES. James E. Underwood, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
SECRETARY Andre E. Lovas, Executive Officer in Georgia for The I.S.C., Order of DeMolay.
DIR. OF WORK William M. Hutcheson, Past Grand High Priest.
CHAPLAIN Rev. Leroy C. Obert, Past Grand King.
GENERAL CHAIRMAN Richard S. Sagar, Past Grand High Priest.