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A word from the Venerable Master



Dear brethren,

Happy summer!

While our Craft is in darkness in June and July, the Fall Conferral and reunion is fast approaching! **It will be held on Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 September, 2014 in Taipei.** In order to achieve an equally successful event as the Spring Conferral and Reunion, we need as many helping hands as possible, and the preparation has to start before the summer ends.

I sincerely thank the support of brethren for making our previous events successful. Now we shall team up again to bring about another great event. Please look around brethren in your blue lodge and help to recruit candidates. The ritual teams need your participation, too. Please contact Brother Secretary Sir Knight Claude if you can help. Our Craft can only be advanced through the joint effort of all.

Looking forward to greeting many of you again in Taipei!

Fraternally yours,
Dennis Liao, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

The twenty first degree, Noachite, or Prussian Knight

The dramatic ritual, a favorite in Bangkok, illustrates very well the motto of the degree *"A free and independent Judiciary is indispensable to Human Progress"*.

However, how can we find in the same degree reference to Noah and Prussia, which differs widely in terms of period and geography?



Anderson in his Constitution mentions clearly Noah and his descent, the Noachides, as the First Freemasons. And as Humans and Masons, we also belong to this family.

It is clearly explained in our rituals that if such reference existed in the old days of the Rite, Albert Pike considered that Noah has nothing to do with chivalric degrees, and replaced him by the story of a Teutonic judicial institution. Nevertheless, we can find the direct connection with Prussian Knight in the last of the Seven Laws that Noah edicted to rule the whole mankind: prohibition of idolatry, prohibition of murder, prohibition of theft, prohibition of sexual

immorality, prohibition of blasphemy, prohibition of eating flesh taken from an animal while it is still alive and, final, **the requirement of maintaining courts to provide legal recourse.**

In addition, there are some indirect references to the Noachides in the degree: the password Phaleg, the architect of the Babel Tower, the silver full moon which reigned at the creation of Babylon by Nimrod (grand-son of Noah) and which presides at the meeting of the frank judges, the downward-pointing arrow as a symbol of the destruction of the tower of Babel.

At last, even without any connection with the drama, the first and mainly second¹ pledge of the degree bring us back to Noah and his descent and, as a consequence, to the first sentence of Albert Pike for this *degree* "*You are especially charged in this Degree to be modest and humble, and not vain-glorious nor filled with self-conceit*".

With or without direct reference to him, Noah remains an important figure of our tradition, as the origin through his sons of all civilizations.

Fall Conferral

The Fall Conferral is taking place on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 of September at the China Masonic Temple in Taipei according to the tentative following program:

¹ "*Do you promise that you will be humble and contrite before the Deity; and ever bear in mind the fate of Phaleg and his followers, who endeavored to build a tower whereby they might climb beyond the reach of another Deluge, and defy the omnipotence of GOD?*"

Friday 26th

The registration of the Candidates will start at 14:00 h, and the ceremonies will start at 15:30 h:

Lodge of Perfection

- Degree 4 in long form
- Degrees 5 to 13 in short form
- Degree 14 in long form

Chapter Rose Croix

- Degrees 15 to 17 in short form
- Degree 18 in long form

Council of Kadosh

- Degrees 19 to 29 in short form

A KCCH investiture ceremony with Members only will also be held at 14:00 h.

Saturday 28th

Starting at 08:30 h:

Council of Kadosh

- Degree 30 in long form.

Consistory

- Degree 31 in short form.
- Degree 32 in long form.

13:00 h: Closing of the Consistory

19:30 h Banquet at Sunworld Dynasty Hotel

If you wish to introduce new candidates, please ask us Application form. The initiation fee is 12,000 NT\$ or 400 US\$, including Registration fee at the Conferral.

More detailed information on the program will be sent shortly.

Dues 2015

The 2015 Dues Stickers for your plastic Dues Card are now available, and you will receive soon the Dues Notice for 2015, and as the case may be for earlier year(s). According to the Supreme Council rules, these Dues should have been paid before December 31st, 2015.

Payment can be made

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- online in US\$ on <http://scottishrite.org/> (the best way),

- by check in US\$ worded to Taipei Bodies A&ASRSJ,
- by TT in convertible currency to the Secretary account (the most expensive for every party):

Mega International Commercial Bank
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Account number: 021-10-42184-9
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