

# Evergreen State Priory No. 41



## Knights of the York Cross of Honour

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- ❖ The Annual Conclave of the Knights of York Cross of Honour was opened in due form at 1:00 PM by Eminent Prior, William H. Scott on April 25, 2009 at the Vancouver Masonic Center in Vancouver, WA. The meeting was held after a nice lunch arranged by our Eminent Prior and prepared by the members of the Daughter of the Nile, Shalom Club. There were fourteen members in attendance which included the following officers, and four candidates:

Eminent Prior:	William Scott	Prelate:	James T. Stephens
Dep. Prior:	Bryan Bechler	Orator:	Donald J. Beck
Warder:	Harry R. Houston	Herald:	Anthony C. Schwab
Registrar:	R. Dale Fluaitt	Sentinel:	Pro-Temp.

An opening prayer was recited and the Pledge to the Flag was accomplished.  
The minutes of the November 02, 2008 meeting were read, discussed and approved.

Labor was suspended to perform the initiation of Louis E. Bartrand, T.H. "Dick" Dickason, Donald Eddy and Theodore Shanks. The initiation team consisted of the Elected Officers and the following members gave the special lectures: Knights Harry Houston, Blue Lodge; James Stephens, Chapter; Bryan Bechler, Council, Donald J. Beck, Commandery; Jewel, Crown by Bryan Bechler and Knighting by Eminent Prior William Scott. When the initiation was completed the Eminent Prior opened the floor for all Members to congratulate our newest KYCH Members.

After the initiation was completed, the following business was conducted:

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Financial report: The Registrar gave the status and balances of our checking, savings, and Certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts. At this time a bill of \$300.00 was presented to pay for the luncheon provided by the Shalom Club. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bill. The motion was passed and the bill was paid.
2. Dues: At the last meeting the Registrar stated there were several members out of the 30 members who were delinquent in their dues who did not respond to any correspondence. These members were sent notification letters stating they were several years in the rears; however, after a couple of months, they had not paid their dues or returned an answer. It was moved and voted on to count them as NPD and drop them from the rolls. The Registrar sent them another letter informing them that they are dropped and presented the names at meeting. As no answers were received, the following members are now dropped from the rolls of Evergreen State Priory #41: Hartley G. Clark, Roger W. Cooper, Thomas W. Seymour and Manuel J. Zazueta.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Registrar read four proposals for membership. These proposals were voted on successfully and the following York Rite Masons were elected to be invited to become members of this Priory: Karl Michael Forch, Steven Louis Kazda, Robert Love Luttrell, and George Wesley Kuhr. The Registrar will send out Acceptance of Invitations letters to become members.

Elections: It was moved and seconded that all present officers be moved up one spot in line to serve in the 2009 -2010 officer cadre of Evergreen State Priory #41. The motion was passed unanimously. There was an opening for the Herald and Sentinels' office and two Knights had filed as per our Bylaws. Knight Roberts had filed for Herald and Knight Chapman had filed for any opening so Knight Roberts was elected Herald and Knight Chapman elected Sentinel. If you aspire to leadership in this Priory, you must file a Statement of Availability with the Registrar prior to January 2010.

After the installation the gavel was turned over to our new Eminent Prior Bryan Bechler. The new Eminent Prior presented a Past Prior Jewel to our Junior Past Prior William Scott and thanked him for his service to this Priory.

Officers for 2009 – 2010 are as follows:

Eminent Prior:	Bryan D. Bechler	Prelate:	Donald J. Beck
Dep. Prior:	Harry R. Houston	Orator:	Anthony C. Schwab
Warder:	James T. Stephens	Herald:	Wayne Roberts
Registrar:	R. Dale Fluaitt	Sentinel:	Charley L. Chapman

2. The Registrar, R. Dale Fluaitt stated this Priory traditionally donated \$500.00 to Knight Jim Stephens to assist him in the production of the annual York Rite Calendar. The Registrar also stated that this donation was overlooked at the 2008 Annual Conclave because of the newness of the Registrar's duties and all other reports that are required. Dale made a motion asking that last year's donation and this year's donation be lumped together and donated to Knight Jim Stephens. The motion was seconded and passed to donate \$1000.00 to Knight Jim Stephens for the production of the York Rite 2009 – 2010 calendar.
3. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send our annual donation of \$500.00 to the KYCH Medical Research Foundation.
4. Memorials: A memorial was lead by Knight James O. Wood for three of our departed Knights: Knight John Clifford Beck, Knight Varden Fenimore (Bud) Boergadine and Knight Charles William (Bill) Elkins. These Knights will be sorely missed.
5. A motion was made and seconded to bestow on Knight Paul Merigi an Honorary Life Membership. The motion passed unanimously. Knight Paul Merigi is now a Life Member of Evergreen State Priory #41.
6. Two KYGCH certificates were present. One to Eminent Prior Bryan Bechler and one to Knight Jim Stephens. There are other KYGCH certificates to be presented when those recipients next attend a conclave.

Regular business was concluded and the Priory was closed in due form at 3:26 PM

**The next Conclave will be announced at a later date.**

Submitted

Approved

R. Dale Fluaitt, Registrar

Bryan D. Bechler, Eminent Prior