

A Mystical Experience



December 6th, 2024

It was a quiet Friday evening, and I was reading, sitting on my bed. The hour was close to 8:45pm, when I saw a movement to the right of my vision. I turned and saw a brilliant sun entity coming through my window on the northeast side of our parsonage. It

was about ten inches across and a brilliant turquoise in color. It seemed to be aware of me as it moved about the room.

The entity was bright and clear, and did not fade as my eyes followed its movements. This movement continued for approximately 60 seconds. The emotion in my body changed quickly to extreme happiness. Then, during this beautiful moment, the sun symbol changed into the most perfect, clear solar cross while still a brilliant turquoise in color. Then after fifteen seconds in this new form, it slowly departed my room through the wall.

Another part of this wonderful experience happened as I fell asleep that evening. I felt a very strong tapping on my right shoulder, so strong was this touch that I sat up and looked around expecting to see someone near me. It was as if I was being reminded that my experience was very real.

The following evening, the entity returned at approximately the same time, in the form of our solar cross and placed itself over a photo of Bishop Gene Savoy Sr and slowly faded over a period of 10 seconds. The emotion of happiness was again very strong.

The three signs that I perceived were a sun, our solar cross, and the color turquoise.

From our Community book on dreams and visions, a sun in a dream or vision is a very significant sign presaging some kind of Spiritual revelation, in which the individual can expect profound changes for a new life.

Then we have a cross: "to see, a good omen implying holiness." And finally, the color turquoise, a sign

of physical well-being and strength. It is also a symbol of regeneration.

Rev. Robert Roy

Written by Rev. Robert Roy. Illustrating photo by Stephan Fuelling.

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Nominate Steamboat Hot Springs and Spa

On behalf of Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. and the management of Steamboat Hot Springs, we are asking for your vote.

Please go to the general category BEAUTY AND HEALTH. The subcategories are Massage Therapy and Spa. You will have to write in the vote for Steamboat Hot Springs in both categories. Voting ends 11/30/24, so time is of the essence. You can vote daily until voting ends. Thank you!

[Click here to vote](#)

ORDINATIONS: Ordination of Paige Hubbard

On September 22, 2024 (the first day of Autumn), Paige Hubbard was ordained a deacon in the Second Advent Church following the Sunrise Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas.

Paige has been a student of Cosolargy since August 3, 2021. She is a long-time Reno resident and local business owner. As a Deacon in residence, she will be one of the Ministers who perform Chapel and Sanctuary services and functions, in rotation with the other resident Ministers.

Below are photos of the event.



Bishop Savoy anointing Paige Hubbard



Bishop Savoy anointing Paige



Bishop Savoy ordaining Paige Hubbard



The ordination ceremony completed, Paige is a new Deacon in the Second Advent Church.



Paige with the entire group of ministers that conducted the ordination ceremony

“Explorer Eugene Savoy, known as ‘Indiana Jones’, discovered more than 40 lost cities in Peru”



By Rafael Montoro Sep 10, 2024, 08:24 pm PST

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[In the vast lands of Peru, a man whose figure evoked that of ancient heroes,](#) launched himself into adventure with immeasurable determination. His name remained in the shadows for a time, but his exploits expanded with the strength of someone who challenges the unexplored. From 1957 to 1984, this explorer crossed mountains, jungles and rivers with an almost supernatural energy, as if nature itself had chosen him to reveal its best kept secrets.

With his imposing appearance and a fame that extended beyond the borders, this adventurer could well have been the

personification of 'Indiana Jones', the iconic character of Hollywood cinematography. Like the famous archaeologist, he combined an insatiable curiosity with indescribable courage, facing the dangers of Peru with audacity. His figure rose like a fictional hero made real.

Douglas Eugene Savoy (1927-2007) is the name of the explorer described in the previous paragraphs. The man who first saw the light in Bellingham, Washington, was never destined for an ordinary existence. From the vastness of the north, something greater than himself led him to distant lands, where adventure awaited him with open arms, as if his essence was predestined to conquer the unknown.

His restless spirit led him to transcend the borders of his native country, becoming an explorer of legendary proportions, a man who, far from being contained by the known world, set out to discover the hidden mysteries in the vast lands of Peru and beyond.

Eugene Savoy began his academic training at the Jesuit University of Portland, initially attracted by a religious vocation. However, his passion for ancient cultures and indigenous peoples soon led him to abandon these studies to devote himself to folklore, archaeology, mythology, religion and the ethnography of American civilizations.

In 1957, the American received an invitation to join an [archaeological dig in Peru](#) , but the project did not materialize. Despite this, his visit to the Andean country became a turning point. He decided to settle in Peru and embark on an exploration mission that would last until 1984. During this extensive period, he discovered more than 40 lost cities of various pre-Columbian cultures . His work offered Peruvians a new understanding of their historical heritage.

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(El País)

Eugene Savoy, the explorer who discovered more than 40 lost cities in Peru

In the 1960s, Douglas Eugene Savoy carried out several expeditions in the Peruvian jungle, the Andes and the Amazon, obtaining good results. Among his most notable discoveries were Vilcabamba , the last Inca refuge from the Spanish invasion, and Gran Pajatén . For the explorer, these sites were tangible proof of his theory on the origin of Andean cultures.

In his view, the roots of these civilizations were not in the Andean valleys, but in the jungle regions. With these discoveries, he challenged traditional conceptions about the origin of Andean cultures

The adventurer shared his experiences about the places he explored in a conversation with *Discovery Networks* , whose channel broadcast his statements through a documentary. “I explored all of Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, (as well as) all the tributaries of the Amazon (...) I found nothing. Honestly, if there were ruins there, I would have found them. They are not there, they are in Peru ,” he said.

For decades, Savoy devoted himself to exploring the most remote regions of Peru. His search for pre-Columbian ruins took him through the vast Peruvian jungle and valleys, discovering ancient cities and villages that had remained hidden. His tireless and meticulous work allowed him to document more than 40 collections of ruins, which are located throughout the country.

Regarding his findings, the explorer said the following: “We found about 40 sites located in 40 different places. (They

were) linked by stone paths and each one included between 400 and 500 buildings,” he said in the documentary by the international media.

In 1965, upon arriving at Gran Pajatén, Savoy discovered sculptures depicting condors and figures adorned with halos. Throughout his life full of adventures and explorations, he followed his dreams with determination and managed to obtain these remarkable discoveries.

Historian Santiago Túcunan Bonifacio, in his article “An explorer passionate about Peru,” pointed out the other places that the American discovered. “His history is little known among Peruvians, despite being the discoverer of important archaeological remains such as Vilcabamba (the last refuge of the Incas, in Cusco), the Gran Pajatén (an ancient pre-Incan stone city in the San Martín region), the Gran Vilaya (an intricate stone structure that covers more than 250 square kilometers of dense jungle, in Chachapoyas), among other architectural evidence located in eastern Peru,” he said.

Ultimately, [the explorer was not only dedicated to adventure](#) , but also to an intense work of dissemination. Over the years, he produced a wide range of books, articles and essays that shared his discoveries and knowledge with the world. In addition, he contributed to television documentaries that brought his findings and his passion for ancient cultures to a global audience.

2024 June Convocation



COSOLARGY INTERNATIONAL
THE SACRED TEACHINGS OF LIGHT

The 2024 Community Convocation and Cosolargy Seminar was held in Reno from June 4th through June 9th. Tuesday through Friday was devoted primarily to lectures on “The Oral Gospel as a Life System.” Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. presented the lectures interspersed with audio by the late Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Sr., as well as about 200 slides. Nine highly specific imaging and breathing techniques were taught and practiced during this time.

A Pentecost Eve banquet was held on the evening of June 5th at the Rectory-Abbey. Consociates, Ministers, and the children of The Community gathered at 6 PM. At around 6:30, Bishop Savoy welcomed everyone and commented on the meaning and importance of Second Advent Pentecost. Then, the Reverend Bruce Kanzelmeyer and Bishop Savoy explained the AOUMENMNs used for Divine Service. Rev. Bruce commented on the tones, and Bishop Savoy commented on the hand gestures. The assembly then sang “Grant Life Unto Me” and was invited to the communal meal. The event was a seated buffet-style dinner. At sunset, which was at about 8:15, everyone went onto the main balcony of the Rectory and took in the sun. Following sunset, Reverend Canon Amanda Buchanan read from the *Prophecy of the New Covenant*. Coffee and dessert were then served. The next morning, June 6th – Second Advent Pentecost – a Sunrise Divine Service was held at the Church of New Pentecost at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.



Banquet



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The traditional Saturday morning Communion of Fellowship Service was held in the Chapel of the Holy Child, which also included ordinations to the first level (Initiate) for Jeffrey Burgess, Csilla Hollo, David Mitchell, Nicolett Montanez, Herschell Soumahoro, and Collin Wizgen. Following Communion, a Memorial Service was held for the late Reverend Kosu Kawahara which is covered in detail in a separate article. Saturday's afternoon agenda featured three speakers. Reverend Amanda did a presentation on the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent, Bishop Shawn Smith presented a talk on the Solar Cultures of Africa, and Bishop Yukinori Matsushita presented one on the Solar Cultures of Japan.

[Click here to view the short version of the schedule.](#)

On Sunday, Sunrise Divine Service was held at the Cathedral Church of the Americas and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights with a special litany for the Japanese Community lead by Bishop Yukinori Matsushita. Following the service, second level (Deacon) and third level (Presbyter) were held. Csilla Hollo, Olimpia Huss, Demetrice Jackson, and Collin Wizgen were ordained Deacons, and Deacons Stephan Fuelling, Shane Grady, Yukako Kawai, Radheka Patel Savoy, and Shawn Smith were ordained Presbyters. It was a first that two people received back-to-back ordinations. Csilla Hollo and Collin Wizgen received first level ordination the day before on Saturday and second degree ordination on Sunday.

Here is a selection of photos from the event



Reverend Francine Petrovich welcomes the assembly.



Sonya Savoy giving a presentation on Steamboat



Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. giving a presentation



Bishop Savoy lectures at the Monastery Gardens



Rev. Rob Roy conducting Communion Service at Red Rock Sanctuary



Bishop Savoy performing First Level Ordinations



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Reverend Amanda Buchanan lecturing on the Sacred Calendar



Bishop Shawn Smith talking on the Solar Cultures of Africa



Bishop Yukinori Matsushita talking on Solar Cultures of Japan



Bishop Shawn Smith presenting The Community with a Shield

Photos of Second and Third-Level Ordinations



Geologists from University of Nevada Reno and Nevada Bureau of Mines visit Steamboat Hot Springs



On March 27th, 2024, a team of geologists from the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) and the Nevada Bureau of Mines visited Steamboat Hot Springs. They also looked at surrounding fissures nearby. The UNR team was accompanied by a crew from KTVN Channel 2 News. Their clips aired during the daily news shows at 4:30, 5, and 11 PM. Here are some photos of the event taken by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr.





Here are links to the videos that were shown on TV.

[Geothermal Activity in South Reno](#)

[Geysers in South Reno](#)

And here are links to three short videos by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr.

<u>Video-1</u>	<u>Video-2</u>	<u>Video-3</u>
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CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE AMERICAS UNDERGOES THIRD

ROUND OF RENOVATIONS



The third phase of a massive renovation of the Cathedral Church of the Americas and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights was completed late last year. The first phase was started and completed in 2019, and the second phase began and finished in 2021.

The Cathedral Church and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights [was constructed by dedicated members of The Community during the Winter of 1990/1991 .](#)

However, after 30 years, the concrete began to deteriorate substantially. A major renovation and rehabilitation of the structure was needed to ensure its viability into the future.

There were three major maintenance issues at the Cathedral that needed to be addressed. The first was the deterioration of the base of the triune crosses – the steps. The second was the deterioration of the church walls. And the third was preventing the deterioration of the concrete floor of the entire structure.

The cost of the first phase, which was the repair of the concrete steps at the base of the crosses and the repair of cracks in the concrete floor, was \$30,000. This cost was raised entirely by members of The Community, and this phase of the project was completed in 2019.

Step Repairs



The second phase was the restoration of the tops of the walls that enclose the entire perimeter of the church – a length of 220 feet. That phase was completed in 2021 at the cost of an additional \$30,000. The danger of not completing phase two was that the walls were continuing to decay. In 2021, only the

tops of the walls were deteriorating. But, over time, the entire wall structure would have been affected.

Wall Repairs



<Crumbling
Lower Wall
After repair>



<Crumbling
upper wall
After repair >



<Another
section of
Crumbling wall
top
After repair>





<Cathedral walls in various stages of repair>



Steps and Walls of the Bell Choir



<Crumbling steps and wall After complete repair (phase 3)>



<Crumbling steps at the Bell Choir After complete repair>



The rehabilitation of all the concrete work was done by Surface Systems, Inc. of Reno, Nevada, which specializes in concrete repair and restoration using fiber-reinforced

polymers.

The third phase of the project, which was completed in late 2023, was to repair dozens of cracks in the walls themselves and to extend the fiber-reinforced polymer along the entire interior surface of the perimeter walls. This phase of the project cost \$20,000.

Damaged Walls



New Walls after Repair





[Click here to see more photos and videos.](#)

The Community has not yet recouped the expense for this phase of the project.

Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. had this to say in regards to completing the third phase:

“Once again, I am asking everyone in The Community to make a pledge and a contribution towards this most important part of our Sanctuary. The restoration over the past five years was urgent and guarantees that future Cosolargists will be able to treasure and cherish the Cathedral and Monument, which is only the beginning of a much grander vision for the shrine honoring the human Spirit.

“The preamble of our Proclamation to Human Spiritual Rights states that ‘All members of the human family have been endowed with the qualities of God, having been generated originally in the form of Righteous Beings of Light, spiritual, divine and immortal and abiding in Worlds of Light.’ And that is what our beloved Cathedral Church of the Americas symbolizes to all who visit it. I encourage all members of The Community to keep in mind the importance of this sacred open-air worship space and its significance as a symbol for human spiritual rights for all people everywhere.”

[Click here to read the proclamation.](#)

The Bishop went on to say, “This is an endeavor very dear to

my heart. I am happy to answer any questions people have and to explain the vision for the future. But I am asking for the financial support and commitment of all of our members at this time.”

The pledge form is [[HERE](#)], and there are several ways to make a contribution, including spreading it out over time.

Steamboat Hot Springs is Mentioned in an Article in the Tahoe Newsletter



The Lake Tahoe This Week Newsletter has a Valentine's Day report on romantic places to go to for Valentine's Day. They mentioned our Steamboat Spa as a place to "indulge in tranquility". ([Click here to read the article](#)).

Steamboat does have a Valentine's Special this month. Here is what it says.

Indulge in the enchanting embrace of our Love in Bloom special, a curated experience designed to elevate your senses and rejuvenate your connection.

Enjoy a day of self-love or enjoy as a pair.

This special includes:

- *90-minute Signature Massage with an Argan Oil Scalp Massage, Hot Towels, and a Soothing Foot Massage*
- *60-minute Private Mineral Bath with our Elixir of Love Aromatherapy Blend*

(Grapefruit, Bergamot, & Roman Chamomile)

- *Free gift of R&R Retreat Grapefruit & Bergamot Bath & Body Products*
- *Take home a sweet non-alcoholic Blush beverage & Ghirardelli Milk Chocolate Hearts*

A package valued at \$230, for only \$195 a person!

Available now through February 29th, 2024.

Contact the front desk at (775)853-6600 to reserve your spot today!

Wishing you a month filled with love, relaxation, and cherished moments.

We can't wait to welcome you at Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa!

The International Community of Christ inherited Steamboat Hot Springs in 1986 by gift deed and has been operating it ever since as a health and wellness center. The history of Steamboat Springs, Nevada is told in the book ***A Steamboat in the Desert***, written and compiled by Church member Reverend Roger Bowen Weld in 1998.

[You can read or download the book in PDF format here.](#)

2024 Epiphany Eve Celebrated



On the evening of January 5th, Epiphany Eve in the Second Advent Calendar and the Twelfth Day of Christmas, resident members of The Community, their families, and guests were invited to the Rectory-Abbey by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. to celebrate the holiday with dinner and a visit from Santa Claus. The event was well attended by members of The Community and guests. Some of the action was captured in photos by attendees, and the Communique staff put together a gallery of these photos for your enjoyment. To welcome guests to the Rectory, Bishop Gene briefly addressed the company. (Please see his remarks below.)



Everything is set for the start of the banquet.



The banquet is underway.



Helena Savoy dressed for Epiphany Eve.



Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. addresses the attendees.

[Click here to read the Address.](#)




The children's table



Douglas Savoy III



The Candles of Remembrance have been lit.



Epiphany Eve Banquet
Forty Second Annual Celebration
January 5, 2024
Program of Events

6:30 - Welcome 6:35 - Candle Lighting and Remembrance
6:55 - Grace Before Meals: *"Grant Life Unto Me"*
7:00 - Dinner
8:30 - A Visit from Santa Claus 9:00 - Exchange of Gifts

Menu

Bread & Salads

Mediterranean Olive Bread
Mixed Greens, Cherry Tomatoes and Red Onion
with a Sicilian Lemon White Balsamic Vinaigrette
Beets with Goat Cheese & Pistachios

Main Dishes & Sides

Amanda's Chicken Cacciatore
Plant-based "Meatballs" (for vegetarians only, please)
Long & Whole Grain Wild Rice
Green Beans & Shitake Mushrooms

An Assortment of Desserts

Beverages

White & Red Wine
Coffee & Tea

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The big wreath over the fireplace with gifts around it.

2024 Epiphany Pannuches Meal Rite Observed

The 158th Pannuches Meal Rite was held at the Rectory-Abbey on January 6, 2024 (Epiphany Day) at 3 PM. The service was officiated by the Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr. and the Reverend Mother Elizabeth Reece. Several members of the Reno congregation attended, including the entire Rectory-Abbey household. Here are some photos from that event.







Photos by Radheka Patel Savoy

