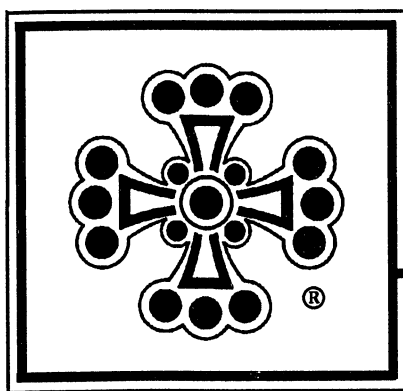




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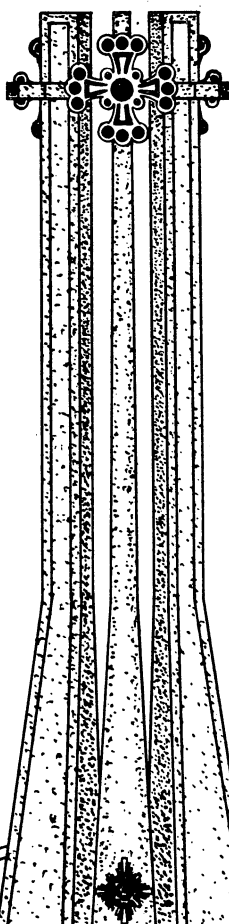
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CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES AT SANCTUARY *Ground Broken for Cathedral Church of the Americas; Large Communion Table to Accomodate 24 Ministers*

The most massive construction project undertaken by Churchmen on Sanctuary grounds was initiated this summer. At the end of July, ground was broken for The Cathedral Church of the Americas. Located on the site of the old Basilica Church on the east slope of Cathedral Hill in the Sanctuary of Prophecy, the new open-air Church will command a view of the greater part of the Sanctuary's east valley. The Church is only the first phase of the much larger Monument to Human Spiritual Rights which will one day include walkways, an amphitheatre, gardens, fountains and pools, and will house memorials dedicated to great spiritual leaders of our time, the first of whom was announced at this year's Human Spiritual Rights Banquet held on October 12th (see accompanying article this issue).

The plan to construct the Church and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights was first announced at the Human Spiritual Rights Banquet on October 12, 1989. On this same date, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy proclaimed the inauguration of the Human Spiritual Rights Movement which is dedicated to the preservation of God-granted rights and freedoms. The Second Advent Church will build this Monument as an act of charity, a gift to the world, in hopes that those of other revealed religions will join The Church in fellowship through this symbol.

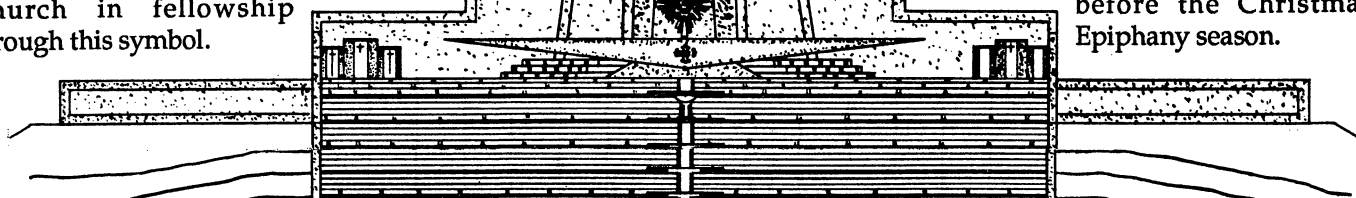


When completed, the Cathedral Church's massive cross towers will set on a trefoil base at the center of the Church, lofting ninety feet over the century-old junipers of the Sanctuary grounds. Each tower rising out of the Chancel floor will weigh 100,000 pounds. The foundation base of concrete and steel will weigh 400,000 pounds.

Emerging from the cross bars of each tower at a height of eighty feet will be a Second Advent Cross, ten feet in diameter and six inches thick, constructed of steel, with a bronze-coated surface that will sparkle gold in the sun's first rays from the east.

A communion table of polished white granite will be set at the base of the triune cross tower. Forty-four feet long and four feet wide, the table will accommodate 24 concelebrants during High Services held at the Cathedral on Holy Days during the year and will weigh approximately 48,000 pounds. The cross towers directly behind the communion table will house three tabernacles and the Chrisofont with ark for Holy Oils. An Eternal Flame will eventually be lit on the Chancel area.

The project is an important point of activity within The Church, and the Dep't. of Ecclesiology is hopeful that it will be completed before the Christmas-Epiphany season. ♦



The rendering (above) of the Cathedral Church of the Americas by The Right Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, head of The Church's Department of Ecclesiology, gives an eye-level view of how the triune cross tower and communion table will look upon completion.

Mt. Zion Plan Incorporated in Cathedral Church Design

Massive Triune Cross Tower Based on Polish Monument

The cross towers of the Cathedral Church of the Americas are the same structures designed years ago for construction on New Mt. Zion in southwest Reno. Because Washoe County refused The Church permission to construct an outdoor cathedral and shrine on that prominent site in 1984, The Church withheld use of the design until the summer of 1990, when it undertook construction of the Cathedral Church of the Americas at the Sanctuary of Prophecy.

The Rt. Rev. Nelson Duchesneau, head of The Church's Department of Ecclesiology, said that the design was inspired by the triune cross that the Solidarity Union had raised in a

shipyard of Gdansk, Poland. The building of that structure initiated a spectacular movement for freedom that has changed the face of Eastern Europe. "That is where the basic idea came from — freedom and freedom of human spiritual rights. I have a photograph of the structure in my office. It took them something like forty or forty-five days to build it. The Polish workers used anchors on theirs. Of course, they were in a shipyard, and it was easy. But the anchor is also a Christian symbol of hope and steadfastness."

The Gdansk towers were made of steel. Originally Rev. Duchesneau considered making the Church towers entirely of steel. His design was based around steel work, but cost was prohibitive. "If we would have had somebody else build them out of steel, like the ones at Gdansk," he said, "the projected cost would have been twice as much: \$160,000. But the contractor would have pre-fabricated them and brought them out. We could have just raised them with a

crane, as we will, on the last day, raise the ones we build ourselves."

Because the prospect of fabricating a steel structure or shipping a pre-fabricated steel structure to the job site appeared too expensive, Rev. Duchesneau then considered the use of reinforced concrete. He found that this material could be used to build a structure for about half the cost of steel and was something the builders of The Church could handle themselves, providing they were able to do the steel reinforcing.

Based on those preliminary studies of cost, The Church hired Structures Unlimited to do preliminary structural engineering work and develop an estimated cost based on the materials that would have to go into it to meet the necessary criteria. The completed structure had to withstand a 140 mile an hour wind factor and gusts up to 200 miles an hour. And it had to be designed for Seismic Zone 4, the rating in Reno for earthquakes.

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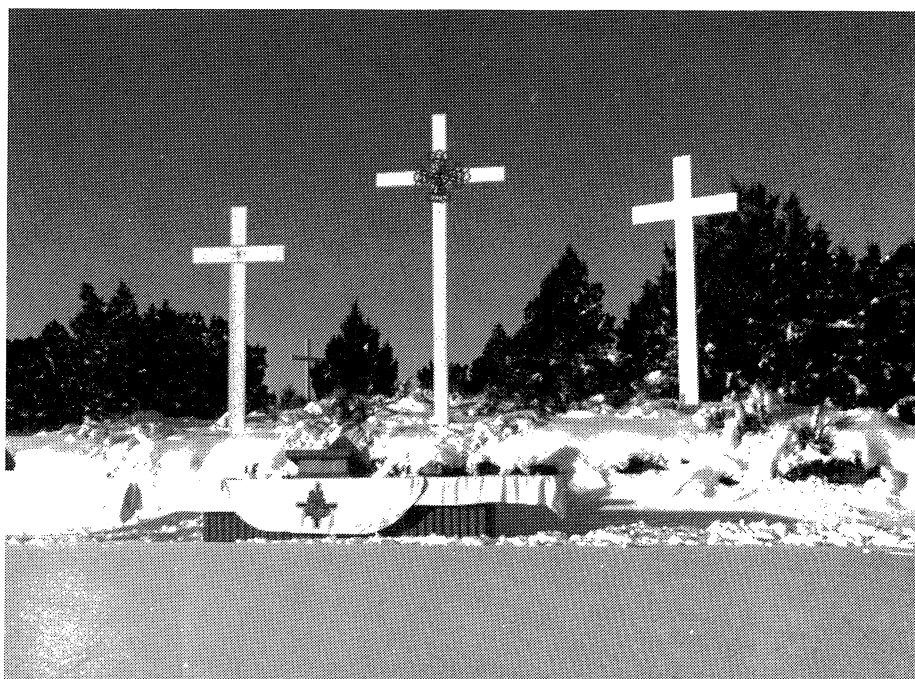


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The old Basilica Church will be the site of the open-air Cathedral Church of the Americas. Shown here covered with snow, the Basilica Church has now been cleared and excavated.

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The design which Rev. Duchesneau chose was much stronger than it needed to be. The 4-inch thick concrete wall on the upper segments of the tower stems and the 6-inch wall on the lower segments far exceeded established criteria, but a thinner wall would not have allowed workmen enough space to place reinforcing steel in the concrete. In a shop, such a structure could be formed more precisely, but he knew the entire construction would take place out of doors in winter.

Some areas of the structure were designed for strength of different kinds. At the ends of each tower stem would be bulkheads of steel and concrete walls two or three feet thick to accommodate lifting inserts. Rev. Duchesneau explained: "Because we will have to lift the crosses up from a horizontal to a vertical position, we have to place more steel in the bottom surfaces to allow for the pick-up, so the stem will not break when we pick the cross segment up. That is also why there is more steel on the bottom than there is on the top."

But the shell of the reinforced concrete stem had to be designed to take other strains. Steel used to reinforce concrete has its strength under tension; concrete has its strength under compression. A single square inch of the concrete to be used had the compressive strength to withstand a pressure of 7000 pounds without being crushed. Although the design did not call for such strength, Rev. Duchesneau said that he did not want to take any chances. He knew that pouring concrete in the cold could affect its strength and that the crew would be fighting a number of other problems at the same time.

"Imagine the crosses as they stand vertically," he said. "If the wind blows north to south, then the north side of

the cross is under tension and the south side is under compression. The steel is there to hold that tension. That is all it is there for. Now, if the wind reverses, the pressures reverse; the opposite side is under tension... An earthquake produces the same effect, a continually alternating compres-

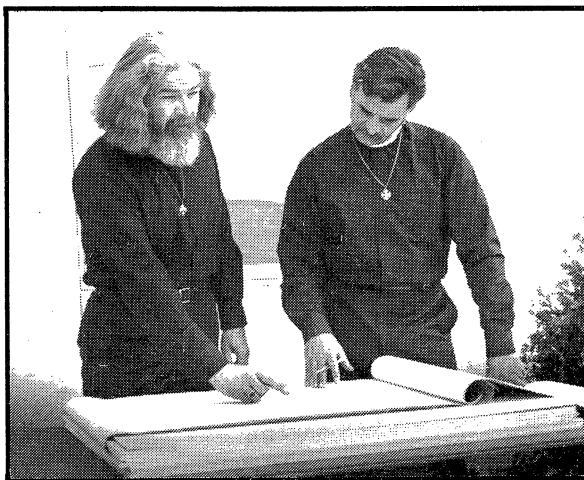


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The Revs. Duchesneau and Castell review building plans.

sion and tension. That is what steel reinforcing means in concrete."

"Every one of the steel rebars we put into the structure will take 60,000 pounds of pull before it pulls apart. If you have ten, you have 600,000 pounds of strength. We will have twenty-some-odd on a side. If you add that up, you will see we are talking about millions of pounds of tensile strength.

"Of course, there is a lot of tension that could develop. Each cross stem has fifty feet of leverage. There are some pretty good forces that can build up in there, but the structural design already has enough inherent strength to withstand them. You would actually be able to lay those crosses down to form a bridge. They are formed in the same way as the beams used in bridges."

The design of the towers was set, but the shape and proportions of the Church that would surround them went through numerous minor changes and drafts as the architect and his advisors imagined it more fully. As the moment of actual construction

approached, time and money dictated much of what this first stage of construction would be. Particulars of the Cathedral's liturgical use came into clearer view, and the understanding of what was feasible to attempt in the time allotted grew more thorough. The constantly shifting details of design required redrafting of plans many times before the final set of blueprints was completed. ♦

The Craftsmen

Only a handful of the resident Churchmen who have undertaken the massive construction project at the Red Rock Sanctuary are skilled craftsmen or tradesmen. These men are all members of The Church's Department of Ecclesiology.

The Rt. Rev. Nelson Duchesneau is the master builder, but he also serves many functional roles in the construction. Out of necessity to The Church, under the restraints of a modest budget and a relatively unskilled crew of volunteers, he functions on the construction site under the old Master Builder concept. Like the architects of old Rome and the Middle Ages, he takes full responsibility not only for design but for all the engineering and construction. And he completes his tasks just as an architect one thousand years ago might have — lending a hand in the stone or timber work that went into a great cathedral. Selecting materials, superintending the job, assigning tasks, filling in as laborer in positions necessitating technical knowledge, and acting as foreman of all steel work, he combines a variety of disciplines into a single position. Under normal business arrangements, the architect, the engineer, the project manager, the project superintendent, foremen, and craftsmen would each function separately on a project of such magnitude. But because The Church does its own design work, it is necessary that one knowledgeable individual fill the function of Master Builder.

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3 Months of Preparatory Construction on Cathedral

July 29th - August 10th

The project started out on schedule. Builders broke ground on July 29th. During the next few days, they did their site layout and preliminary excavating to set the grades and excavate two test pits for geotechnical soils. At that stage, the work came to a halt while the master builder assembled structural engineering drawings and calculations for the work permit. Drawings for the three ten-foot-diameter Second Advent crosses were made during this period. The steel was cut, so their fabrication could remain on schedule.

Shortly after the research group, headed by Bishop Savoy, left for Perú on August 1st, the builders carved out the "bowl" for the cross footings and then dug down three feet for the footings. During the same period, several men and nearly all the women



Photo: Clare Mead

Grading and excavations at the Cathedral Church site were completed by mid-August.

and older girls of The Church worked through the weekend mornings to landscape the area immediately surrounding the Cathedral site. For fifty yards around, the crew pruned trees

and trimmed and cleared sagebrush to build a firebreak and to beautify the area.

The excavations were completed August 6 - 10, nearly on schedule. Initially, the builders guessed at the depth before calling the engineers, believing it was necessary to go down to solid granite. The construction of the communion table, however, planned for the beginning of the construction process, was postponed.

In the interim, SCA, a civil engineering company, conducted geotechnical tests to assure that the soil would be able to carry the weight of the projected structure. The company sampled the soil for compaction and found it more than suitable. The whole area is a form of decomposed granite. The sandy soil near the surface is actually decomposed granite. Below the surface layer is a harder granite that can still be moved by hand with a digging bar. Still further down is fractured granite that can be machined. But 40-50 feet below the surface is solid stone.

August 31st - Sept. 25th

The carpentry crew began initial production of plywood forms for the footings and crosses from mid-July through to the end of September, still waiting for final approval of the

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The Rt. Rev. Reano Castell is the foreman of all the carpentry work on the project, primarily form work. As superintendent of the carpentry crew, he needed to start his crew on their task much earlier than the other crews. Once the design was established, he began to lay out the panels for the huge cross forms. He must mark and match openings along the ninety-foot length of the cross stems accurately, within an eighth of an inch. A great deal of his time will go into calculation: first, making sure that the formsheeting will fit the design in steel; later, making sure that his bracing design will withstand the considerable pressures built up when concrete is poured. (Pouring into a form that is 8 feet tall and 6 inches thick builds up tons of pressure against the wood.)

In charge of heavy equipment is The Rev. David Arden who does all the excavation and grading. He does all the lifting on the job, all the hoisting of completed steel work from the

work site to the construction site, except for the final crane work that will lift the finished pieces into place. Also a good welder, he works the remainder of his time in steel.

The Rev. Kjell Sveen is the best-qualified welder on the job. Because the inspection of welds had been part of his occupation at one time, he knows steel. Rev. Sveen, originally from Norway, is familiar with the behavior of steel within certain heat ranges. For that reason, all the critical welds and all the fabricating is assigned to him.

Also working on the job is the Rev. Tom Rees who works with the craftsmen on a daily basis, primarily as a carpentry helper. Having been a full time participant on the construction crew, he assists with many tasks that require some experience.

The Rev. Lawson Van Buren Crabb negotiates the majority of off-site provisions daily, including transportation of materials and rental equipment. ♦

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design. Rev. Duchesneau, as project designer, assembled the architectural drawings during the same period of time. A great deal of preparatory work could be completed during this period because, at this time, receipt of the building permit was merely a formality. The project was already locked into the design, and all the work undertaken was done after consultation with the structural engineer of Structures Unlimited, Monty Gordon, to make certain the crew did not go beyond its bounds before the drawings were formally approved.

Completion of the structural drawings had become a problem. The architect had originally planned for their completion by August 13th, but the drawings were not ready until late September. Bishop Savoy and the expedition crew had already returned from Perú, and the builders still did not have the building permit. The working schedule moved down six weeks.

In spite of setbacks, the whole crew of The Church's Department of Ecclesiology began actual on-site preparations during the first days of September. Carpenters constructed the twelve-sided polygon that was the footing form for the triune cross

structure, and set it in place on the Cathedral site. On the hill above, builders prepared a provisional work place for steel fabrication, constructing a small canvas-covered work shelter and welding together a fabricating table large enough to bear the weight of the forty- to fifty-foot steel frames the steel crew would soon be constructing. At that table over the next two weeks, steel workers fabricated forms for the trefoil steps that would lead up to the bases of the crosses once they were set in place.

Sept. 25th - Oct. 9th

Rev. Kjell Sveen fabricated the three ten-foot diameter Second Advent crosses out of pre-cut steel. Reno Salvage cut both the front and back faces of the crosses out of one-quarter inch steel with their laser plasma cutter and pre-bent all the cylinders and the outside perimeter out of one-eighth inch plate. Because Rev. Sveen had made accurate drawings, the company was able to precut all the steel for him and save a great deal of time. Of course, it cost quite a bit, but it saved the crew precious time, which Rev. Sveen needed to put the huge steel plates into place and weld

them together. The application of the bronze coating had to be done within a certain time period while the weather was still warm.

Rev. Rees, Rev. Crabb, and other workers aided in the finishing stages, sandblasting and painting. Rev. Sveen went on to other steel fabrication work: base plates, foundation plates. Every task had to be done by a certain time in preparation for the following stages.

October 9th

Structural engineering calculations and drawings for the Cathedral were completed October 4th. On October 9th, The Church received its building permit from Washoe County.

During the rest of the month, a small carpentry crew constructed the inner forms that would be needed for placement in the steel cages as soon as they were completed. At the same time, another small crew graded and compacted the area that would be used a few months in the future as the casting bed on which the crosses would be poured in concrete. That area will later be known as the Cathedral chancel.

October 21st

On Sunday, October 21st, following Divine Service, Bishop Savoy gathered the men at the Church of New Epiphany to seek volunteers for the work on the Cathedral Church and encourage their commitment.

Nearly all the men of the Church pledged themselves to work at least one or two full days a week and weekends: the Bishop's two sons, Gene Savoy Jr. and Sean Savoy; the Church Musical Director and composer, Rev. Gary Buchanan; Rt. Rev. Roger Weld, head of production and advertising; Rt. Rev. Robert Petrovich, the Administrator of the Parochial School; Bradley Buchanan, a young seminarian; Albert Edgecomb, a retired gentleman of The Church; Donald Crook, Michael McIntyre, and Larry Coesens, family

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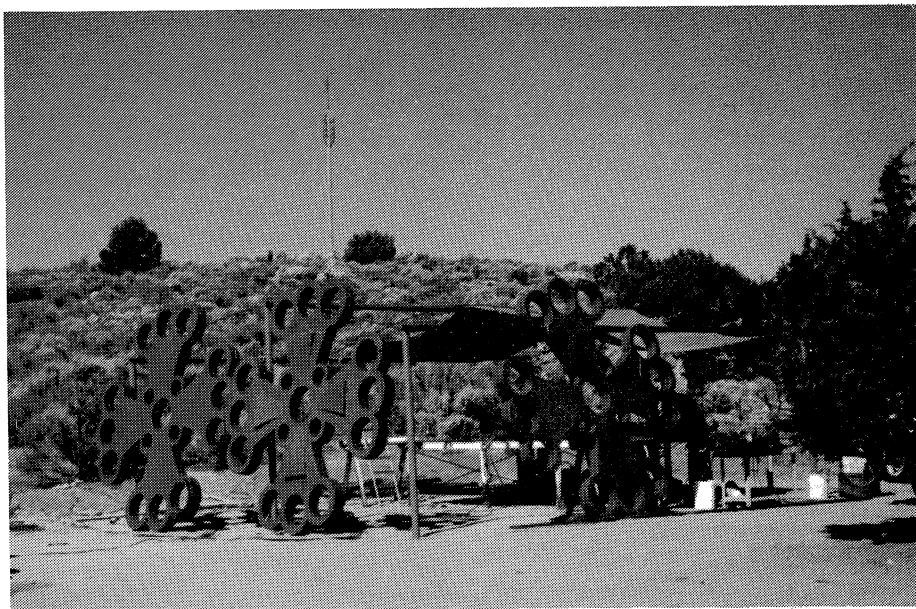


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3 ten-foot diameter Second Advent crosses will be placed at the cross beams of the triune Cathedral tower, 80 ft. from the ground. Rev. Sveen fabricated them out of pre-cut steel.

Clergy and Students Gather in Reno for Convocation

Nearly sixty non-resident Project X students and Clergy from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom attended this year's Convocation, which began on Sunday afternoon, October 7th.

During the first three days of the Convocation, students attended various classes to receive instruction at their respective levels.

First-year Project X students attended a series of lectures delivered personally by Bishop Savoy at the University Building to initiate their in-residence training, while second-year Project X students received tutorial training, monitored by cleric tutors in full-day sessions at the University Chapel. Non-resident Clergy attending the annual gathering participated each afternoon with resident Clergy in the 10th annual Counsel gatherings.

On Thursday morning, Clergy and clergy students were joined by Project X students for a Convocation lecture delivered by Bishop Savoy in the University Building.

The last days of the Convocation were filled with a variety of Community events and less study. Three buses of non-resident students and Clergy visited the Steamboat Priory Mission on Friday morning to tour the newly reconstructed site, including the Chapel of the Rose Cross and the Chancery building, which houses The Church's video/sound studio. The group also viewed outdoor landscaping improvements, completed earlier in the year at the spa building, and the recently constructed 40-foot cross and fountain.

On Friday evening, October 12th, the full gathering of Church members was joined by Reno guests for the Annual Human Spiritual Rights Banquet held at the Airport Plaza Hotel (see accompanying article this issue).

The Saturday morning Communion Service at the University Chapel and Rabban Prayer for Peace on Saturday morning were followed by first-degree ordinations for

several students (see accompanying article this issue). That afternoon Convocation guests were invited to attend the Service of Lamentation and Prayer on New Mount Zion, after which officers of the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club and special guests gathered for the traditional Mariners' Luncheon.

Early Sunday morning, the Ordained, including newly ordained students, were vested to attend sunrise Divine Service and Communion at the Church of New Epiphany at the

Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. Following the services, non-resident Church members unfamiliar with the Sanctuary grounds toured the Sanctuaries of Prophecy and Revelation by bus to see the developments there. Of special interest to all was the preliminary construction of the Cathedral Church of the Americas at the South Sanctuary (see accompanying articles this issue).

The Annual Awards Dinner of the Andean Explorers Foundation and
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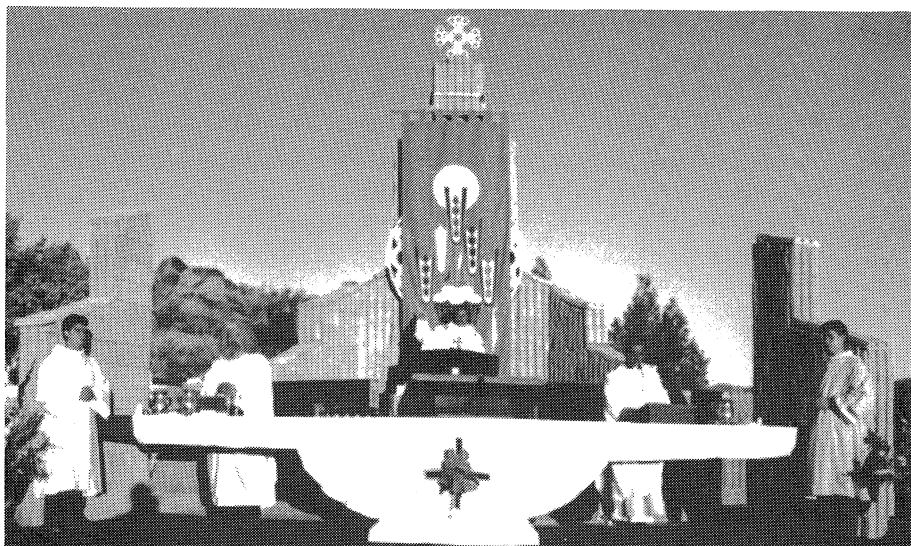


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Sunrise Divine Service and Communion held at New Epiphany during the Convocation.

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men, professionals, or workmen who put aside time from their jobs to join the Cathedral work crew; Robert Roy and Michael Spohn, who started out working part-time like the others but will work full-time until the project is completed; Ted Staver, who works weekends because his business requires his presence during the week. Other members of the Community have also worked, including out-of-town Consociates. Some have come to work in steel, others in wood. Nearly all were unskilled at the beginning of the project. Most have never worked in these materials even as a hobby.

The new crew took on its first project during the last week of October, installing an intricate network of rebar inside the form for the triune cross footings. Beginning this same week, the Communion Services usually held indoors at the University Chapel were transferred to the Sanctuary at the open-air Church of New Epiphany in order to accommodate the men's work schedule. Services were held at the Sanctuary, not far from the work site, where most of the churchmen gathered into a work crew early each Saturday morning to work on the Cathedral Church. ♦

Second Annual Human Spiritual Rights Banquet Held

Gandhi Honored as First to be Enshrined at Sanctuary Monument

The Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms sponsored their second annual Human Spiritual Rights Banquet at the Airport Plaza Hotel in Reno on Friday, October 12, 1990. The annual event, held on the Day of the Races of Man, celebrates mankind's spiritual rights.

The main event of the evening was a special Enshrinement Ceremony, during which the Advocates memorialized one of the great spiritual leaders of our time. Mohandas K. Gandhi was honored for his accomplishments in a commemorative speech delivered by The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, founder and president of the Advocates and Chairman of the World Council for Human Spiritual Rights and Freedoms. The Bishop's own mentor, Father John B. DeLaunay, a Jesuit priest, was able to relate to him knowledge gained as a result of an unexpected meeting with Gandhi. The Bishop recounted Father DeLaunay's experiences with Gandhi to depict him as a symbol of peace to the world. As the Bishop read Gandhi's words, members of the gathering viewed a short video of the Indian teacher's famous march to the sea. Later, a large portrait of Gandhi was unveiled as the Bishop continued the dedication.

Topical speakers of the evening were Gene Savoy Jr., member of the Speakers Bureau, and Rev. Rebecca E. Willis, Co-chairman of the National League of Concerned Clergywomen. Gene Jr., who is a graduate of the

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Ocean Sailing Club ended the week's Convocation. Sunday evening, all members of the gathering joined again at the Airport Plaza Hotel. Several members of the civic community and Reno officials, including the Mayor, joined Club members and Convocation guests for this last scheduled event (see accompanying article this issue). ♦



Photo: Roger Weld

Bishop Savoy commemorates Gandhi during his speech at this year's banquet.

Jamilian Parochial School and presently in his second year of seminary studies, delivered a short lecture, "The Historical Perspective Behind the Separation of Church and State." He has been assigned to The Church's Department of Canon Law and has done extensive work on The Church's tax case against Washoe County (see accompanying article this issue). Rev. Rebecca Willis, Church Canon Lawyer, delivered a speech entitled "Constitutional Religious Freedom Issues" which related the history of The Church's tax case to issues raised by framers of the U. S. Constitution and principles from Supreme Court cases. It also gave a technical background of the intricacies involved with protecting religious freedom.

Christopher Sean Savoy, member of the Speakers Bureau, and seminary student at the Jamilian University of the Ordained, delivered the In-

vocation. This "Invitation to Grace after Meals" was a prelude to a choral performance of *Plea for Grace; Bless Ye, Bless Ye the Lord*, an "Essaei Hymn" presented by the Jamilian Handbell Choir and chorus. The melody was recently transcribed by Rev. Gary Buchanan, Church Music Director, after an old Essene hymn. Lyrics are by Bishop Savoy.

The evening's music also included a special rendition of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, arranged by Reverend Buchanan, who is also Chairman of the American Association of Concerned Clergymen. The arrangement, based on Mahalia Jackson's famous gospel performance, was performed for the AEF & OSC by soprano Rhonda Haney-Clark. A final musical selection, "The Community Anthem," closed the program.

This year's Enshrinement Ceremony is the first of twelve. The Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms intend to enshrine the Mahatma Gandhi and other spiritual leaders at the Monument to Human Spiritual Rights to be built at the Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy. ♦

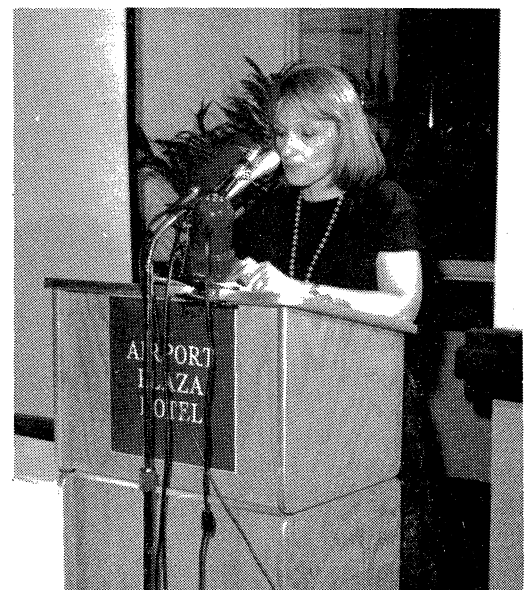


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Rev. Rebecca E. Willis delivers her speech entitled "Constitutional Religious Freedom Issues."

Nevada Supreme Court Reverses Schouweiler Decision

Justices Mandate Sanctuary Taxation

On August 1, 1990, the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada filed its opinion on the tax exempt status of the Church's Consecrated Sanctuaries at Red Rock. The Court decided in favor of Washoe County, reversing full exemption, granted by County District Judge Robert Schouweiler.

The opinion was the outcome of the November 1989 hearing called in response to the appeal filed by the County. The County Treasurer and the County Tax Assessor, through the District Attorney's Office, filed the appeal in December 1989 against Judge Schouweiler's June 1988 decision that entitled The Church to full property tax exemption on its Red Rock Sanctuaries. All five Supreme Court Justices concurred.

In the introduction to the opinion, Justice Rose wrote, "We conclude that the record does not support granting a greater tax exemption than that determined by the Washoe County Assessor and reverse the district court's judgement that granted the entire two miles of real property exempt from the real property taxation."

The Supreme Court opinion did acknowledge that the entire property was "used for nothing other than

religious purposes." However, Justices favored the strict guideline approach to determining exemption, developed by Chief Deputy District Attorney Riley, over the uncomplicated view of District Court Judge Robert Schouweiler that the full Sanctuary was exempt because The Church is a religious organization that actually uses its property exclusively for religious purposes.

"...determinations concerning the extent of land exempt from taxation... are now left to human judgements..."

Justice Steffen

The Supreme Court opinion states, "Requiring that some improvement must be made on the land claimed to be exempt because of religious use seems reasonable to us and in conformity with" the Nevada statutes.

The Court appreciated the Assessor's position that the structural improvement need not be a traditional church. Such an interpretation gave the Assessor some flexibility in granting a religious tax exemption to real property, they said.

The Supreme Court opinion was emphatic that a tax exemption should be governed by a "strict interpretation" of the tax exemption statute. "A tax exemption should not expand or contract depending on the liturgy or methodology of a religious organization," the opinion said. "Rather, it should be governed by a strict interpretation of the tax exemption statute....The Washoe County Assessor had been reasonable with its grant of exemptions totalling more than ten percent of the two square miles of

land....Spiritual or constructive use should not be considered actual use."

The Justices ended their opinion by stating, "There is insufficient evidence to support the district court's decision" that The Church "actually used more of the church tracts than the Washoe County Assessor determined was used and thus exempt from taxation." The Supreme Court explained the legal point on which they pivoted to reverse Judge Schouweiler's earlier decision: "When the evidence in a record supports only a portion of the judgement entered, that judgement must be reversed to the extent that it is unsupported."

The Supreme Court's opinion mandated that the Tax Assessor re-determine what Church land is exempt from taxation. The guidelines set forth included the consideration of "all improvements and improved land actually used for religious purposes, parking and roads of ingress and egress, landscaping, additional land necessary to separate the religious improvements from other property so as to allow peaceful worship, and the land needed for future expansion." The opinion further mandated that the Assessor conduct annual inspections to add all improvements to land already exempt.

All five Supreme Court Justices concurred in the Court opinion, written by Justice J. Rose, and two Justices wrote concurring opinions. One, Justice Steffen, concurred with "a degree of apprehension," and the other, Justice Mowbray, wholeheartedly supported the County Assessor's position.

In his opinion, Justice Steffen stated: "My somewhat less than enthusiastic concurrence with today's ruling stems from the fact that determinations concerning the extent of land exempt from taxation under NRS 361.125 are now left to human judgements and predilections rather than the law. Although those judgements and predilections are subject to

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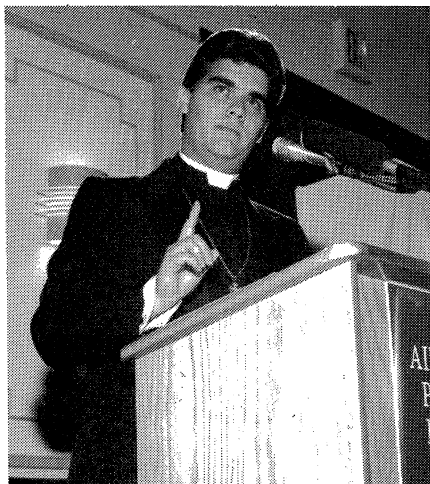


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Gene Savoy Jr. discusses tax issues at this year's Human Spiritual Rights Banquet.

Explorers Foundation Conducts Gran Vilaya V Expedition Team Revisits Site of Inscribed Tablets

A fifth expedition to the Department of Amazonas, Perú, was conducted from early August through mid-September. The Gran Vilaya-El Dorado V Expedition team consisted of fourteen members of the Andean Explorers Foundation, along with seven Japanese students from Waseda University in Tokyo, and a score of native Peruvians.

The six weeks of research in the Gran Vilaya Area helped to finalize five years of study of the ancient Chachapoyas civilization indigenous prior to Inca conquest. According to eminent Peruvian archaeologists who now recognize the discoveries and contributions of our Foundation, it is a culture dating back before the modern era.

This year, the AEF & OSC was able to accomplish a great deal in terms of dating, cartography, epigraphy, history, and preservation of artifacts, in addition to obtaining several hours of new film and video footage for the Foundation's upcoming documentaries.

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court review, they are nonetheless unfettered by clear statutory mandate. I would prefer to have the legislative branch of government, after full debate and consideration of alternatives and consequences, resolve the types of issues presented by this appeal in the form of more comprehensive legislation.

"As presently constituted, NRS 361.125 (1) provides an exemption from tax for church improvements (primarily buildings) together with their furniture and equipment, and the 'lots of ground on which they stand, used therewith and necessary thereto.' The real problem with the statute, as graphically demonstrated by this appeal, is that a determination of the meaning of the all-important term 'necessary' is left to individuals within the Department of Taxation and outside the affected organization."

The three boulders, or "tablets," discovered in Gran Vilaya last year were revisited and photographed. Apparently Egypto-Semitic, perhaps Phoenician, script is inscribed on their surfaces. Latex molds were made which, upon return to the United States, were used to construct exact plaster cast replicas of the

Equipped with the glyph reproductions, maps, photographs, and video-film footage, the Foundation is now prepared to document its finds in an upcoming book on Gran Vilaya to be authored by Bishop Gene Savoy and in documentary films and videos soon to be completed and released.

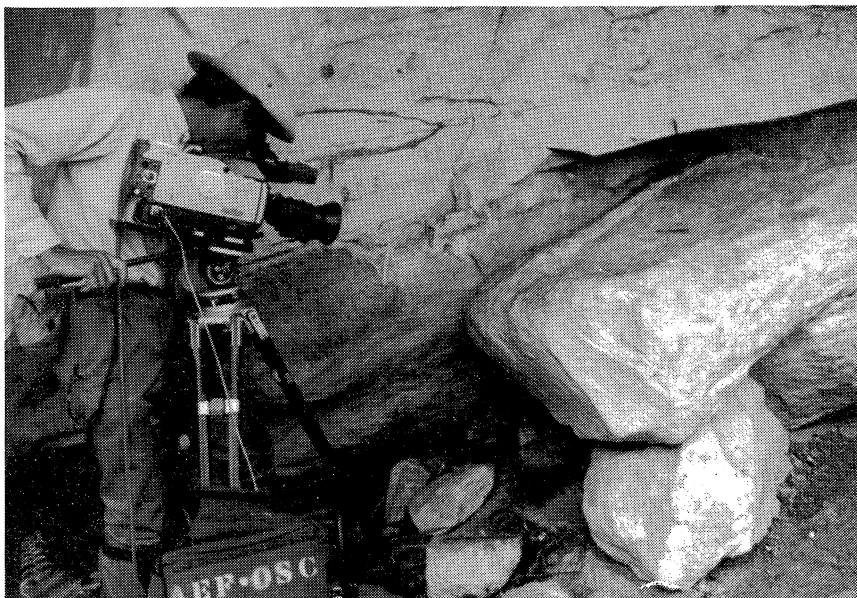


Photo: Gene Savoy Jr.

Rev. Roger Weld takes video footage of glyphs on one of the tablets discovered in Peru.

tablets. They were later displayed at the annual Explorers Awards Banquet held in October in Reno. The expedition clearly established that the Chachapoyas did indeed have a system of writing, as verified by no less than three other on-site confirmations made in 1990 of inscribed glyphs in Gran Vilaya. In addition, other confirmations were established based upon pottery designs studied at the Chachapoyas Institute of Culture.

The expedition team also documented and filmed what constitutes the entire perimeter of the metropolis proper and the capital area. New ruins and roads were also discovered. An accurate map of the entire area, the only such exact survey ever accomplished, was drawn.

Part of this exposé will be the possible relationship of so-called "Old World" contacts with the Americas, specifically those of Israel and Egypt. The possibility of contacts was made clear by the numerous glyphs found in Gran Vilaya related to the "Nepher" symbol discussed in previous correspondence and press conferences. The re-occurring symbols found in Gran Vilaya are remarkably similar to writing found on a pottery shard at Tel Qasil, Israel.

The Foundation is carefully preparing its findings for presentation to authorities for translation and study and wishes to avoid sensational publicity in this regard. All evidence will be collected to appear in forthcoming texts and film documentaries.

Explorers Decorated at AEF & OSC's Annual Dinner

The Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club held its thirty-third annual Awards Dinner at the Airport Plaza Hotel in Reno on Sunday, October 14th.

To open the program, Rev. Roger Bowen Weld, Secretary of the AEF & OSC, welcomed those in attendance, promising a night of fellowship and entertainment.

Gerald Warne, a Canadian member of the Foundation, carried the awards program with his introduction of Foundation award recipients and the presentation of awards. Eleven members of the 1989 and 1990 expedition teams to Perú received the Explorer's Medal: Gary R. Buchanan, Belinda N. Chauvin, Donald Crook, LaCynda Gibson, Dr. Steve Larson, Patrick Newman, Thomas Rees, Ronald Theriault, and Roger Weld. The Participant's Silver Medallion was awarded to Susan Shugart for her participation in the 1990 Gran Vilaya V Expedition.

Eleven others, including the seven students of Tokyo's Waseda University who accompanied the expedition into the jungle highlands of Amazonas, Peru, received the Participant's Scroll.

Following the awards program, guest speaker Dr. Ray Matheny presented his lecture and slide presentation entitled "The Surprising Pre-Columbian Civilizations." Dr. Matheny, Professor of Anthropology at Brigham Young University, is a world authority on Mayan culture. He has been co-director of Project El Mirador from 1979-1982 and director since 1983. His background includes fieldwork in Central and south America. He has been teaching anthropology and archaeology since 1959. He is the author of over forty scientific publications and is a fellow of the Explorers Club.

Although time did not allow the Foundation President, Bishop Savoy, to deliver his presentation on new discoveries in Perú, Rev. Gary Buchanan, member of the Foundation's Epigraphic Committee,

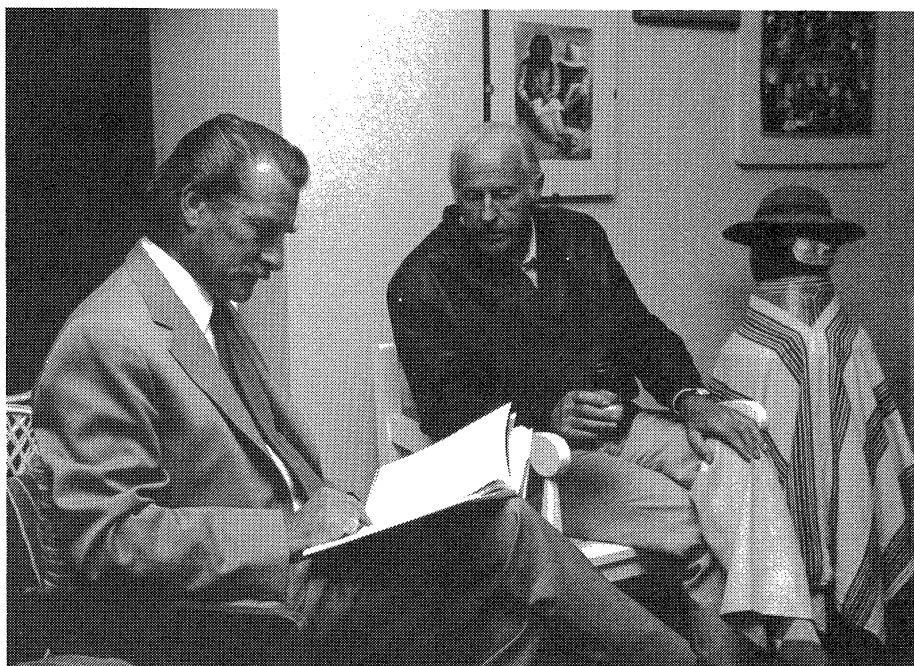


Photo: Roger Weld

Explorers and authors Gene Savoy and Thor Heyerdahl review a book at a gathering in Chiclayo, Peru. Heyerdahl was awarded the Citation of Merit by the AEF & OSC in 1989.

presented a brief discussion on the Gran Vilaya tablets. Rev. Buchanan has done much comparative research on ancient scripts towards identifying inscriptions found during the most recent expeditions. Replicas of three stone tablets, on which inscriptions were found were created using latex rubber molds. They were unveiled at the end of the program. The actual size displays were constructed earlier this year (see accompanying article this issue).

The traditional Candle-lighting Service, a ceremonial salute to the Foundation's explorers, those living and those who have passed on, followed dinner. Special tribute was paid to two friends of the Foundation: Henry Evans, editor of *The Explorers Journal* and publisher of *The Scarsdale Story*, who passed on earlier this year; and Harry DeSilva, a long-time friend of the Foundation, who passed away this September at the age of 92. Executive Officer of the Ocean Sailing Club, Rev. Lawson Crabb, lit the Candle of Remembrance for them and for other members and friends of the Foundation who have passed on. The ship's

bell was struck thirteen times in their memory.

The ceremony was accompanied by the Foundation's Orchestra, playing the anthem, "The Spirit of Exploration," a triumphal march composed by Rev. Buchanan and dedicated to all those who have participated in flagged and numbered expeditions of the AEF & OSC. A slide show of explorers in the field and at sea highlighted the musical piece.

Throughout the evening, music was provided by the Foundation Orchestra. Selections included Peruvian folk songs and native dances. A premiere performance of "My Dear Chabuca," with lyrics by President Gene Savoy and music by Musical Director Rev. Gary Buchanan, was performed by guest soprano Rhonda Haney-Clark. The song pays tribute to the late Peruvian composer, Chabuca Granda, a close associate of the Explorers Foundation. A recording of the late composer singing her famous song of Lima, "La Flor de la Canela," ended the evening's festivities. ♦

Projects Undertaken by Andean Explorers Foundation *Research Continues on Tablet Script*

The Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club have been able to collect photographs, artifacts, and reproductions of ancient designs from a variety of cultural regions this past season during a number of projects.

In July, Foundation members and members of the Young Explorers Club teamed up for a short trip to the region of southern Nevada called the Valley of Fire to obtain rubbings and latex molds of petroglyphs remaining from the ancient Anasazi culture. This short excursion to the desert near Lake Mead provided Foundation members with experience in latex casting that would later prove useful in recovering the inscriptions written in the stone tablets discovered in Perú.

The Gran Vilaya-El Dorado V Expedition, undertaken during August and September of this year, continued research begun the previous year on the writing found on the flat surface of three stone boulders in a niche on a mountain side near the Gran Vilaya River. The inscriptions, apparently of Egypto-Semitic origin, were first discovered in 1989 by the

Gran Vilaya-El Dorado IV Expedition. Members of the research team obtained complete photos, rubbings, and latex molds of the tablet glyphs.

Further investigations during the Gran Vilaya V Expedition led to the discovery of another site of ancient inscriptions at a location several miles south of the area where the tablets were discovered. Team member Rev. Gary Buchanan said that this later discovery "yielded secondary proof of writing among the Chachapoyas." Photos and latex molds were obtained of these findings as well.

The team revisited Pueblo de los Muertos, the Chachapoyan "City of the Dead," and once again photographed and made rubbings of the incised glyphs there on the adobe walls. Rev. Buchanan reported that all three sites contained similar figures and stylistic approaches in execution of script.

The expedition to southern Nevada conducted earlier in the year to recover petroglyphs of the ancient native Anasazi culture served as a prelude and experimental period for Foundation members who would be responsible for bringing back artifacts and casts of the Peruvian

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Steamboat Granted Full Tax Exemption

An inspection of the facilities at the Steamboat Priory Mission was carried out by the Washoe County Tax Assessor's Office. As a result of the inspection, full exemption has been granted to the 3.82 acre property south of Reno.

The Church applied for exemption when the property was acquired in 1986. At the same time The Church acquired a building permit for the remodeling of the facility. Only a par-

tial exemption was granted at that time by the Assessor's Office.

The tax law in Nevada provides that buildings and lands must be occupied and used for religious purposes before an exemption can be granted. The position of the County is that, during a period of construction, buildings are not fully "used" for exempt purposes; therefore, partial tax had been assessed on the Steamboat property during the period of remodeling.

As a result of the Assessor's inspection this fall, it was determined that all of the construction has been completed and that the facility is now completely used for exempt purposes.

Since The Church has been involved for many years in tax issues concerning its land, it is particularly sensitive to the issues raised by the Steamboat situation. It would seem to be an encroachment of government into religious affairs for churches to be taxed during construction. The Church has done some research, checking the tax rolls and the taxes assessed to various churches during periods when they held building permits. This surface investigation indicated that some churches were charged tax while others were not. ♦



Photo: Roger Weld

The Church's Steamboat Priory Mission, located south of Reno, is now fully tax exempt.

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glyphs during this year's Perú Expedition.

A few weeks after the Expedition's return to the United States, a crew of local Foundation members labored to replicate the tablets and glyphs in full-sized plaster casts under Rev. Buchanan's direction. The casts were created to be displayed at the AEF & OSC's Annual Awards Dinner this October along with rubbings, photos, and maps of the expedition matted and framed by Rev. Elizabeth Reece.

Reproductions from the molds made in Perú were created by Rev. Buchanan and Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan, using plaster and stone casting methods. As a ceramic engineer and art instructor, Rev. Isfan's experience in mold making and casting was quite useful for the project.

The Rt. Rev. Reano Castell constructed structural forms for the reproduction of the large boulders or bases of the tablets from measurements and photographs. The bases

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Photo: Roger Weld

One of the three tablets discovered near Gran Vilaya is shown here coated with rubber latex. Once the rubber mold hardens, it is used to create plaster casts of the tablet glyphs.

RABBAN SERVICE CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Officiating Minister

**The Most Right Reverend
Gene Savoy**

1990	Time
Aug. 4	(NSS)
11	(NSS)
18	(NSS)
25	(NSS)
Sept. 1	(NSS)
8	(NSS)
15	11:00 A.M.
22	(NSS)
29	11:00 A.M.
Oct. 6	11:00 A.M.
13	10:45 A.M.
20	12:15 P.M.+
27	10:45 A.M.

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

+ Service held at the Church of New Epiphany.

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1990	Assisting Ministers	1990	Assisting Ministers
Aug. 4*	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Gail Fosbury (C) Barbara Snyder (R)	Oct. 6	Roger Weld (L) Clare Mead (C) LaCynda Gibson (R)
11*	Reano Castell (L) Albert Edgecomb (C) Edith Forgy (R)	13	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Mark Lord (C) Edith Forgy (R)
18*	David Arden (L) LaCynda Gibson (C) Amanda Buchanan (R)	20*+	Reano Castell (L) Tom Rees (C) Amanda Buchanan (R)
25*	Robert Petrovich (L) Elizabeth Reece (C) Elizabeth Crook (R)	27	Roger Weld (L) Lawson Crabb (C) Barbara Snyder (R)
Sept. 1*	Carol Salverson (L) Mark Lord (C) Rebecca Willis (R)		
8*	Ileana Isfan (L) Kjell Sveen (C) Victoria Skinner (R)		
15	Roger Weld (L) Vickie Hewlett (C) Michael McIntyre (R)		
22*	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Larry Coesens (C) Ted Staver (R)		
29	Reano Castell (L) Belinda Chauvin (C) Jo Ann Hainline (R)		

(L) = Lector
(C) = Cantor
(R) = Reader

* Low Service during Bishop's absence.

+ Service held at the Church of New Epiphany at 11:00 A.M.

INVOCATIONS AND INTERCESSIONS

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

August		September	
Wed. 8	Saba Qaisieh	Sat. 15	Stephen Sharp
Sat. 11	Ralph Clinton Hewlett †		Paula Valverde
	Edna Myers Kreiger †		Alice Francis Myers Hewlett †
	Trevor Shawn Walker		Taunie and Brian Roberts & family
	Theresa Andronis & family	October	
	Taunie and Brian Roberts & family	Sat. 6	Hisao Matsushita
Sat. 18	Ethel Reece	Wed. 10	Dale Christenson
	Lois Reece		Betty Whitney
	Andy Oberhoulser	Sat. 13	Jon Opdyke
	Rod Snyder and family	Sat. 20	Douglas R. Baugh †
	Lance Duchesneau	Wed. 31	Edna Gottemoeller
	Taunie and Brian Roberts & family		
	Trevor Shawn Walker		
Sat. 25	Michael Coble †		
Wed. 29	Zoran Petrovich †		

These appeals are made upon request.

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

1990 Officiating Minister

Aug. 1	David Arden
8	Carol Salverson
15	Robert Petrovich
22	Ileana Isfan
29	Reano Castell
Sept. 5	Gail Fosbury
12	Kjell Sveen
19	Vickie Hewlett
26	Clare Mead
Oct. 3	LaCynda Gibson
10	Roger Weld
17	Barbara Snyder
24	Elizabeth Reece
31	Nelson Duchesneau

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were eventually covered with a stone-like surface. Several members of the AEF & OSC assisted Revs. Buchanan, Isfan, and Castell in the project.

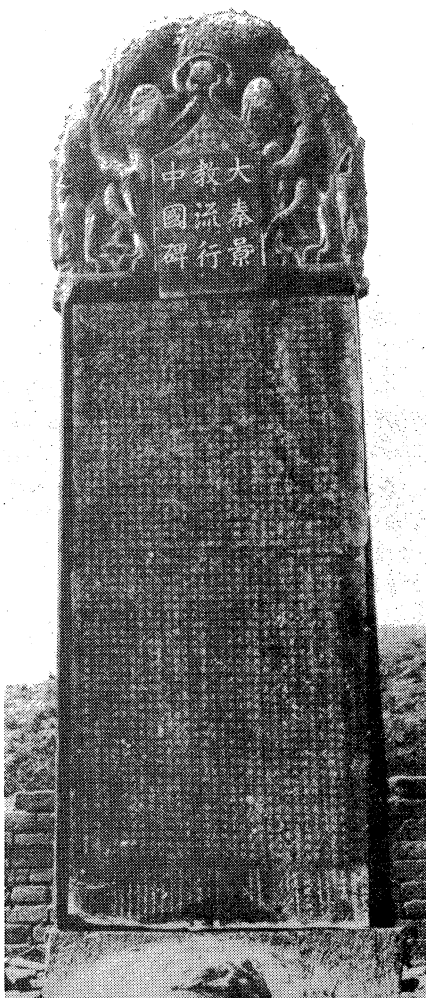


In addition to undertaking different projects concerning the major expedition to Perú, AEF & OSC members have accomplished a good deal in a variety of disciplines and cultural regions.

Local Foundation member Mark Lord has worked through the year towards completion of a replica of the Chinese Nestorian Monument that commemorates the propagation of the Christian religion in China during the eighth century T'ang dynasty.

Foundation member Rev. Robert Petrovich went on a summer tour of Yugoslavia and returned with rubbings and photographs of the famous Bogomil Monuments. The "monuments" he visited, clustered in a field outside the town of Pocitelj, are productions of the thirteenth through sixteenth centuries, a time when the original Bogomil Church culture mixed with local Orthodox Christian and Muslim influences. In recent

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Foundation member Mark Lord is constructing a replica of the Nestorian Monument and has done research on its significance. The original is shown here.

August First

The Second Advent Church holds August 1st to be an important date within the Sacred Calendar. In addition to the Manifestation discussed in *The Book of God's Revelation*, the semi-annual or 180-degree cycle of the earth about the sun falls on this date — when counting from February 2nd, the day in 1962 when the Sun of Righteousness first appeared to the original Disciple and Companions of The Way.

The significance of August 1st as another epiphany in the Church Calendar is clarified in the previously mentioned book. The visions of The Man — those concerning the sun and moon, the revelations on the fate and destiny of America, and the cycles and times of the nations — are part of this significance.

Due to the Gran Vilaya-El Dorado V Expedition to Amazonas, Perú, which commenced on August 1st, Bishop Savoy was not able to hold the traditionally held private sunrise service on New Mt. Zion. Members of The Community in Reno observed the religious holiday privately. ◆

ANOINTING

Diana Nicole Snyder, youngest daughter of Barbara J. Snyder, was Anointed in private ceremony in the Bishop's chambers on October 27, 1990. Following the Communion of Fellowship on that day, Diana was formally presented to the Congregation in The University Chapel.

By this Anointing, Diana, who has reached the age of 10, indicates her readiness to assume responsibilities as an Acolyte. The Bishop formally presented her to the Congregation with these words:

"This Acolyte, having been anointed privately with Holy Oil and Sacred Balm by consent of her natural parents and Godparents, is hereby presented to the congregation for acceptance publicly. Let all here assembled acknowledge that Diana Nicole Snyder has taken another step in her devotion to God in The Church of the Second Ad-

vent. Diana has been assigned to attend and assist Barbara Snyder, her mother, in her Office as well as to those other duties assigned to Acolytes. When she has attained the age of fifteen years, this Acolyte may be Consecrated to God and accepted within the Sacred College for instruction in the theological studies as a young minister-in-training..."

Following, the Bishop read the *Blessing Over the Children*, which he described as "the old Essene prayer over the children." The children of the Essaei are no longer with us, he said, "except as they are coming forth in this Church. And, although we are small, let us each be reminded that twelve men changed this world."

These few words spoken by Bishop Savoy reveal the relation of the children of The Church to the Ministry. ♦

ORDINATIONS

During the Convocation proceedings this fall, several students enrolled in the non-resident Clergy studies program of the Jamilian University of the Ordained received their first-degree ordination. The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy conducted this rite of first-degree Ordination in his private chambers at the Apostolic Chancellery.

Ordained on Saturday, October 13th, in respective order:

Stephen Allan Sharp of Lakewood, Colorado, enrolled in Sacred Academy studies since March 1990;

Michel Asselin of Montreal, Quebec, enrolled in the Clergy studies program since August 1978;

Linda Asselin of Montreal, Quebec, enrolled in the Clergy studies program since September 1979.



Gene Savoy Jr. and Christopher Sean Savoy, sons of The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, President of the Jamilian University, received their first-level ordination on October 27, 1990 in private ceremony in the Bishop's Chambers at the Apostolic Chancellery.

Gene Jr. and Sean have been enrolled in the Sacred Academy program of The Jamilian University of The Ordained since September 1989.

Both attended the Jamilian Parochial School since its inception in 1977 as a small tutorial program, and they were graduated in June of 1989 as members of the first graduating class. Their graduation from the Church's high school program allowed them early entrance into the Sacred Academy program of the Jamilian University which is usually reserved for those who have reached the age of twenty-one. Gene Jr. is 19; Sean has recently turned 18. ♦

LAMENTATION SERVICE

NEW MT. ZION SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

Roger Weld	Nelson Duchesneau
Reano Castell	Robert Petrovich
David Arden	Kjell Sveen
Gary Buchanan	Lawson Crabb
Donald Crook	Ileana Isfan

Carol Salverson

1990	Saturday, 12:00 Noon	1990	Saturday, 12:00 Noon
Aug. 4	Private Prayer*	Oct. 6	High Service
11	Private Prayer*	13	High Service**
18	Private Prayer*	20	High Service+
25	Private Prayer*	27	High Service
Sept. 1	Private Prayer*		
8	Private Prayer*		
15	High Service		
22	Private Prayer*		
29	High Service		

* Private Prayer held due to Bishop's absence.

** Service held at 1:00 P.M.

+ Service held at Church of New Epiphany at 12:30 P.M.

Lamentation and Prayer is held every Saturday at 12:00 noon on New Mt. Zion in protest of Washoe County's denial of a Special Use Permit.

SUNDAY OPEN-AIR SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Sanctuary of Revelation

1990	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Aug. 5	New Philadelphia	7:45	Elizabeth Reece
12	New Ephesus	8:00	LaCynda Gibson
19	New Laodicea	8:00	Vickie Hewlett
26	New Ephesus	8:00	Vickie Hewlett
Sept. 2	New Philadelphia	8:30	Carol Salverson
	New Qumran	8:45	Rebecca Willis
9	New Thyatira	9:00	Gail Fosbury
	New Sardis	10:00	Carol Salverson
	New Bethany	11:00	Rebecca Willis
16	(NSS)		
23	New Laodicea	8:00	Gail Fosbury
	New Mt. Hebron	8:30	Rebecca Willis
30	New Philadelphia	8:00	Robert Petrovich
	New Bethany	8:30	Gary Buchanan
Oct. 7	New Mt. Hebron	8:00	Mark Lord
	New Laodicea	8:30	Robert Petrovich
14	(NSS)		
21	New Mt. Tabor	9:00	Gary Buchanan
	New Mt. Carmel	9:30	Gary Buchanan
28	New Damascus	8:00	Gary Buchanan
	New Philadelphia	8:45	Robert Petrovich
	New Bethany	9:00	Mark Lord
	New Qumran	9:15	Mark Lord

(NSS)= No Service Scheduled

* Daylight Saving Time ends Oct. 21st.

Sanctuary of Prophecy

1990	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Aug. 5	To the Christian Churches Of the End Times	8:45	LaCynda Gibson
12	On the Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations	9:00	Vickie Hewlett
	Of the Universal Theocracy	9:15	Elizabeth Reece
19	To the Races of Man	9:00	Elizabeth Reece
	Of the New Covenant	9:30	LaCynda Gibson
26	On the Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations	9:00	Elizabeth Reece
	Of the Universal Theocracy	9:30	LaCynda Gibson
Sept. 2	To the Races of Man	9:45	Gail Fosbury
9	(NSS)		
16	On the Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations	7:50	Carol Salverson
	Of the Universal Theocracy	8:15	Gail Fosbury
23	(NSS)		
30	(NSS)		
Oct. 7	(NSS)		
14	(NSS)		
21	To the Races of Man	10:15	Robert Petrovich
28	(NSS)		

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

* Daylight Saving Time ends Oct. 21st.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1990	Church	Time*
Aug. 5	Temple Mount+	6:07**
12	Temple Mount+	6:16**
19	Temple Mount+	6:23
26	Temple Mount+	6:30**
Sept. 2	Temple Mount+	6:37**
9	Temple Mount+	6:43**
16	New Epiphany	6:50**
23	New Epiphany	6:56
30	New Epiphany	7:02**
Oct. 7	New Epiphany	7:09
14	New Epiphany	7:16
21	New Epiphany	7:24**
28	New Epiphany	6:31**

* Daylight Saving Time ends Oct. 21st.

** Exact sunrise horizon time

+ Low Service during Bishop's absence

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years, thousands have been located in a small triangular area below Mostar, the capital city of the Yugoslav province of Hercegovina. ♦

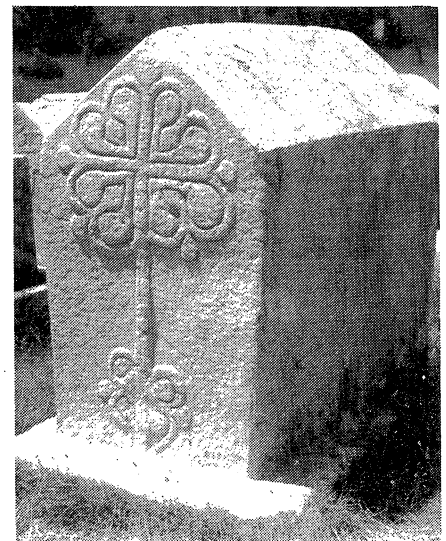


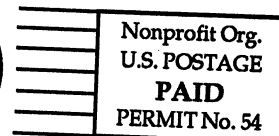
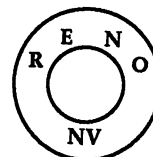
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