



Visit of Ronald Seale, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander
of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA in Bulgaria

In the period of 23 – 28 May, 2004 a delegation of the Mother Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the USA lead by M.P. & Ill. Brother Ronald Seale, 33° visited Orient Bulgaria.

The Orients visited were: Sofia, Veliko Turnovo, Varna, Bourgas.



Ronald Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA

VISIT TO BULGARIA



Open meeting of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Bulgaria, Veliko Turnovo, 24 May 2004. Sovereign Grand Commanders Ronald Seale, 33° and Peter Kalpaktchiev, 33° welcome the Brothers.



Installment of Chapter of Rose Croix, 25 May 2004, Sunny Beach. Guests of honor Ronald Seale, 33°, Curtis Lancaster, 33° and wives, Robert Woodward, 33° with Bulgarian Brothers.

Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA RONALD SEALE, 33° – DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA OF „N.Y.VAPTSAROV“ NAVAL ACADEMY



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eration with NATO
Military Academies



On occasion of the visit of Doctor Ronald Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA in Republic of Bulgaria the Academic council of the Naval Academy agreed in May 2004 to

award the honorable degree of „Doctor Honoris Causa“ of the academy to him. This was based on Doctor Seale's undeniable contribution to the development of education and the promotion of universal moral values.



Ceremony of meeting the Sovereign Grand Commanders Ronald Seale, 33° and Peter Kalpaktchiev, 33° by the Naval Academy Commandant.

The ceremony of awarding this highly honorable degree took place on 24 May 2004.

Doctor Ronald Seale, 33° and the accompanying Brother Curtis Lancaster, 33°, >>>



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Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA and Brother Robert Woodward, 33°, Deputy, Orient NATO Bases, in the presence of Brother Peter Kalpakchiev, 33°, Sovereign Grand

Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Bulgaria, had a meeting with the Naval Academy Command and were introduced to the most important dates of its history, present mission and goals.

The Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° signs the guests of honor book of the Naval Academy.



The US guests expressed their respect to the long-lived traditions and the undoubted international recognition of the Naval Academy.

The official ceremony was held at the Academy Planetarium. It was attended by Yani Yanev, the district governor of

Varna, Kiril Jordanov, the mayor of Varna, the bishop of Varna and Preslav Kiril, members of the academic community, cadets, students and many Brothers of freemasonry, members of the Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for Bulgaria.



In his welcome speech Captain Stanko Stankov, the Naval Academy Commandant highlighted the deep symbolic meaning which marked 24 May. Ceremonies to celebrate 24 May, the Day of the Slavonic Script, Bulgarian Culture and >>>



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were organized in Varna, the easternmost part of the new Euro-Atlantic Community and in Washington, the place where its foundations were laid. The celebration at the Naval Academy culminated in the awarding of the honorable degree of

„Doctor Honoris Causa“ to Doctor Ronald Seale. As he mentioned, this was the Naval Academy's modest contribution and the next step to building the moral and spiritual foundation of the new Euro-Atlantic community.



Upon receiving the sign of honor and the „Doctor Honoris Causa“ diploma of the Naval academy, Doctor Ronald Seale made an academic speech. He outlined the features of the present times of transformation, the new

moral and intellectual challenges and the need to find their modern answers by building relationships based on traditional universal values and the principles of freedom, equality and fraternity.



Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° – Doctor Honoris Causa of Naval Academy – Varna, Bulgaria

„I am honored to be awarded the degree of „Doctor Honoris Causa“ of the Naval Academy which serves the noble cause of educating young people“, said Doctor Ronald Seale. He also expressed his concern about the development of the naval academy and stated the willingness to become its ambassador in the future consolidation of the relations with US institutions.

City and district officials as well as representatives of the academic community congratulated the Naval Academy Command and Doctor Seale on awarding him with the high degree of honor. Their



speeches qualified the decision of the Naval Academy as significant and enabling the academy alumni to broaden their contacts in today's world of globalization.



The members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Doctor Ronald Seale, 33° and the accompanying Brothers Curtis Lancaster, 33° and Robert Woodward, 33° planted a tree in the grounds of the Naval Academy as a natural continuation of the ceremony which ended with a cocktail at the Planetarium.