

THE GREAT MACE OF VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY FOR THE  
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In the twenty years immediately following World War II, unprecedented growth was taking place at Villanova College. The Law School under Dean Reuschlein, The Nursing Division under Dean Boyle, and the University College under Dean Bruderle were overshadowed only by the number "explosion" on campus of undergraduates under Dean George J. McLaughlin, OSA - Dean of Men.

With University status, change of Official Seal, and ascendancy to the Villanova Presidency came the 23rd President of the University Rev. John A. Klekota, OSA.

With a fondness for tradition, heraldry and pomp and circumstances, Fr. Klekota directed that Fr. McLaughlin "get Villanova their own Mace". After a two year search, and with the help of friends, a "Mace Maker" was located. The "Mace" was a project of the Class of 1964 and it was the Class's parting gift to Villanova University.

This is the 20th Anniversary of the Villanova Mace carried in all Academic Processions.

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| Length --3-1/2 ft.       | 1st Plate - University   |
| Weight --6-1/2 lbs.      | Seal                     |
| Material - Walnut        | 2nd Plate - School Motto |
| Thin sheaf               | Veritas-Unitas-Caritas   |
| brass                    | 3rd Plate-Gift of the    |
| Symbolism---Acorn Base   | Class of 1964            |
| Growth of the University |                          |
| Style - Torchlight -     |                          |
| The light of knowledge   |                          |

Conception - Artist  
J. Simpson  
Hand Engraving -  
J. Devitt  
Wood Art - Chadwick  
Galleries

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