



Rite Notes  
Membership and Recruiting  
Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida  
15 May 2011



Companions and Sir Knights,

As we again meet in Convention to pass legislation, and to elect our leaders for the coming year, I want to thank each of you for all the hard work you have done this year in the areas of membership and retention. The lifeblood of any organization rests with its members and whether those important members actively recruit new members and more important actively contact and communicate with those members who have not attended our meetings, and attempt to bring them back into the fold.. The following guide has been developed to assist in membership retention.

1. Commandery, Chapter and Council must have well planned and implemented programs for promoting attendance and participation in order to:
  - a. Retain its membership.
  - b. Reinstate demitted and suspended members.
  - c. Get new members.
2. Well planned programs mean:
  - a. Planning and organizing.
  - b. Leadership training-education.
  - c. Motivation-positive attitude.
  - d. Unanimity-working together
  - e. Implementation plans.
  - f. Communication up and down.
  - g. Review and follow-up.
3. What do you want to do?

Plan and implement programs to promote attendance and participation in my York Rite Body.
4. Now What?
  - a. Assemble officers and Committee members to plan and implement a process to promote attendance and participation.
  - b. Do not take "NO" for an answer.
  - c. Attendance by the YRB officers are mandatory.
5. DO IT NOW!
  - a. Establish the enthusiasm, motivation and commitment.
  - b. Select a convenient time and location.

- c. Prepare an agenda and assemble brochures, pamphlets, written instructions, teaching aids, etc.
- d. Give adequate notice, in writing, to all attendees. Include a brief description of the purpose of the meeting, the agenda, curriculum and other pertinent materials.
- e. Require, in writing, a clear commitment from the designated attendees to attend the meeting and implement the process.

6. Implement the process.

- a. Communicate the plan(s) to the York Rite Bode, then execute.
- b. Measure you progress to determine if progress is being made
- c. Constantly “check your pulse” - get feedback from your members.

District	Date	Location	Knighted
1	19 Mar, 2011	Miami(17) Chap/Council	
2	8 Feb, 8 Mar, 12 Apr 10 May, 7 June 13 Sep, 11 & 25 Oct	Ft Myers YRB Chap/Council (11)	
3	5 & 12 Mar 1 & 8 Oct	Tampa Tampa	13
4	12 Feb, 12 Mar 30 Apr	Bartow, Lakeland- Winter Haven YRB	8
5	12 Mar 19 Mar	Sanford (Chapter / Council Leesburg(Eola) [Orders]	7
6	1-2 Apr 7-8 Oct	Fort Pierce YRB Melbourne YRB	36
7	28-30 Apr	Jacksonville YRB	11
8	1,5,15,25,26 Feb	Gainesville	4
9	12Feb(Chap/Council) 26 Feb(Orders)	Mariana Tallahassee	3
10	2 April & 7 May 17 & 24 Sep	Pensacola Pensacola	7
Total 2010 Knightings			165
Total 2011 Knightings			89

**If any of the above dates are incorrect OR if you have dates or numbers that should be changed, please let me know.**

**We have had a good spring festival period. Let us finish the year strong and be in the black in membership.**

*Henry A Adams*  
HENRY A. ADAMS  
Eminent Grand Captain General  
Chairman, Membership Committee

*“Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar”*

*\*some excerpts, from Guidelines for Membership, published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, intro. and Grand Commandery of Florida,, Beaderstadt, Jon L. Making Members. And from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006*

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