



Rite dividends  
 Membership and Recruiting  
 Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida  
 15 March 2014



**Let the Festivals Begin, 2**

Companions and Sir Knights,

As our year begins, several of you will have either begun or completed your festivals. It is still not too late to continue your recruiting efforts. We had a good year last year, but this year sounds as if we will surpass those numbers. Only with every one's assistance can we do this. The Lodge Representative program is vital to our progress. Each of you should be responsible for the coverage in your district. Go to these lodges as often as you can and spread the word.

Our festivals are in full swing and we still have time to provide information to our Blue Lodge brothers. They are our future and many are just waiting to get information about York Rite. It is up to you to provide that information. We have already concluded one festival bringing in 6 new knights to Tallahassee and one to Panama City. Remember, please send me the information on your new Knights so that I can send a welcome letter to them. Also, of great importance, update the YRIS system and include the new names on your Monthly report to the Grand Recorder.

**Reminder to all: The Order of the Temple at Lakeland Festival, 29 March, will be conducted by the Grand Line officers. This has not been done for ten years. Come out and bring your candidates. If you do, contact SK Fred Gerdom.**

**We cannot wish away our declining membership; we must be individually accountable for growing our business. Don't wait for someone else to do what you can do now.**

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>KNIGHTED</u>
1	Feb, Apr 12, May	Miami/Ft Lauderdale	
2	Oct 12	Ft Myers	
3	Mar 1 & 8	Tampa(5), St Pete(1), Cl-water(1) Trinity(5)	12
4	Mar 29 (Orders)	Lakeland (3), Lake City(1)	4
5	Mar 1, 15, 29	Sanford(1), Olivet(7)	8
6	Apr 4, 5 Oct 3, 4	Ft Pierce Melbourne	
7	Mar 8 & 28, Apr 28	Jacksonville(8), Bradford(3), Pilgram(1) Crusader(1)	13
8	Jan 18, 21, 25 Feb 1, 4, 8, 18, 22	Gainesville	
9	Jan 23 (Orders)	Tallahassee(6), Panama City(1)	7
10	Mar 29, Apr 5 Sept 5-6	Pensacola	
Total 2013 Knightings			128
Total 2014 Knightings			44

**If any of the above dates are incorrect OR if you have dates or numbers that should be changed, please let me know. Also, as soon as your area determines the dates for the Spring and Fall festivals, PLEASE let me know so they may be included.**

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**Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"**

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