



Rite Notes
 Membership and Recruiting
 Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida
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Let us continue our Growth

Companions and Sir Knights,

As we enter this month of April and get ready for our Grand Session, I would like to thank you for your interest and comments on what you have read. Several York Rite Bodies have been very positive, and I thank you for this. This is my last issue of the Rite Notes under the banner of the Grand Commandery. I will still maintain records of your festivals and I would still like rosters of the new knights so that an accurate record can be kept on how each York Rite Body is doing. I will stay in contact with the District Deputies for this purpose .

I will, however, continue the Rite Note under a different banner. The Grand Chapter has asked that I head up a new membership program involving the District Deputies and District Instructors of each York Rite Body, as well as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida, who will provide names of all newly raised Masons. The Lodge Rep Program will be an integral part of his program.

I am still with you Companions and Sir Knights, but now with a different mission. Thank you for all you support and encouragement over the past 7 years..

As of this issue, we have knighted 62 new knights (compared to 39 this time last yr)but we also have 15 York Rite Bodies that brought in zero (0) members in this the first half of the year. Five(5) of these YRB's brought in no new members last year as well. If there is no interest in helping you Body grow, how do you expect to survive.

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 17 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(8), Melbourne(2) Melbourne	10
7	Mar 8 & 28, Apr 28	Jacksonville(8), Bradford(3),Pilgrim(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 12 Sept 5-	Pensacola(7), Ft Walton(1)	8
Total 2013 Knightings			128
Total 2014 Knightings			62

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 determine 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”

some excerpts, from Guidelines for Membership, published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, reprint from Aug 2009, intro. and Grand Commandery of Florida,, Beaderstadt, Jon L. Making Members, also “New Life for Dying Lodges and Chapters, 2004, pg 87-93, and from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006