



RITE NOTES

Membership and Recruiting
Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida
15 July 2018

A RECOMMENDED GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Companions and Sir Knights,

As we begin our new period of growth within the Florida Grand York Rite, I look forward to having the best year ever. This goal is achievable if the Officers of each York Rite Body begin to plan now for developing interest in what we do and what we stand for. We cannot achieve this goal if members in all three Bodies do not participate. Yes, many Officers and Sir Knights possess good leadership and planning skills to methodically organize and coordinate the conferral of our Degrees and Orders on single and multiple candidates. What can we learn from them, and how do they effectively organize their activities.

1. A membership program shall become integral to the long range Plan of each Grand Commander or Constituent Commander.
 2. All Commandery Officers should be appointed *ex-officio* members of their Commandery Membership Committee.
 3. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior and Junior Wardens are assigned specific functional responsibilities to assist the committee.
- * Grand Commander: Chairman of the Board
 - * Key enabler - empowers the team
 - * Key enforces - holds the team accountable
 - * Deputy Grand Commander- is responsible for **Enthusiasm/Recognition/Accounting/Reporting**
 - * Motivation
 - * Positive attitude
 - * Commitment
 - * Awards/Trophies/Banners
 - * Generalissimo: is responsible for:
Retention/NPD's/Amnesty/ Assimilation of New Members
 - * New member packet
 - * Attendance incentives
 - * Participation, personal interest and engagement
 - * Drill Corps
 - * Fellowship - Communicate your own enthusiasm

- * Captain General- is responsible for;
 - Training and Workshops**
 - * Leadership
 - * Continuity
 - * Ritual/Tactics
 - * Retention and recruiting techniques
- * Senior Warden; is responsible for;
 - Publicity/Lectures/ and Presentations**
 - * Communications
 - * Education
 - * Philanthropies
 - * Videos
 - * Leverage local media
- * Junior Warden; is responsible for;
 - Recruiting/Acquisition, Restorations and Affiliations**
 - * Networking internally and externally
 - * Honor Guards
 - * Pride Committee

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.

There is no substitute for an all-out campaign to strengthen and build our membership.

New Membership by District for 2018:

DISTRICT	LOCATION	#	DISTRICT	LOCATION	#
1	West Palm Beach		6	Cocoa	1
	Fort Lauderdale	3		Melbourne	
	Miami	3		Fort Pierce	4
	Florida Keys		7	Jacksonville	5
2	Manatee/Bradenton/Trinity			Fernandina	
	Sarasota/Venice/Trinity			St. Augustine	2
	Everglades			Palatka	
3	Fort Myers	1	8	Lake City	
	Tampa (Ivanhoe)			Middleburg	1
	St. Petersburg (Sunshine)			Gainesville	
4	Clearwater (Springtime)		9	Inverness (Ocala)	
	Lakeland			Tallahassee	
	Plant City			Marianna	1
5	Sebring (Highlands)	4	10	Panama City	1
	Daytona (Halifax)	2		Fort Walton Beach	
	Lake Sumter	1		Crestview	1
	Sanford	1		Pensacola	2
	Orlando	7			

**EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONSTITUTION:
SECTION 209 DISCIPLINARY RULES**

SECTION 209. In the conduct of all trials and all proceedings incident thereto, the Disciplinary rules adopted by the Grand Encampment shall be observed.

DECISIONS FROM THE GRAND MASTER:

The Grand Master overruled a Grand Commandery trial sentence of expulsion and reduced the sentence to definite suspension. The trial was conducted improperly. Continuance was denied, trial was in absentia, no counsel was appointed for accused, member was refused right to speak in favor of accused, inadmissible and inflammatory hearsay evidence was submitted and vote was taken collectively rather on each charge. Nonetheless, the Grand Master believed there was sufficient evidence to justify a lesser sentence.(1961. p.44. No. 11. Wieber)

New Membership by York Rite Body 2018:

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	KNIGHTED
1			
2			
3	14 & 21 Apr	Tampa Cancelled	
	13 & 20 Oct		
4			
5	10& 17 Mar	Eola, Orlando(7), Lake Sumter(1), Daytona(2), Sanford(1), Ft Myers(1), Brevard(1)	13
6	13-14 Apr	Ft Pierce(4), Ft Lauderdale(3), Miami(3), Highlands(4)	14
7	18-21 Apr	Jacksonville(5), St Augustine(2), Middleburg(1)	8
8			
9	Orders TBA	Tallahassee	
10	31 Mar & 14 Apr	Pensacola(2), Panama City(1), Crestview(1), Marianna(1)	5

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 Fall Festival, PLEASE let me know so they may be included.

Fraternally,
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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, Baderstadt, Jon L. Making Members, also A New Life for Dying Lodges and Chapters, 2004, pg 31-43, and from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006

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