



RITE NOTES

Membership and Recruiting
15 June 2022

Building Active Members

PART FOUR

Companions and Sir Knights,

Unless there 's some local prohibition, there's no law that says you can't meet more than once a month. Use that time for social activities, Some things that can be done include:

A. FESTIVE BOARDS-- Traditional time of feasting, these Masonic events are common in most places in the world except the U.S., where the custom is slowly being revived. They include toasting, good meal, some short Masonic talks and fellowship.

B. PAST PRESIDING OFFICERS' NIGHT- Whatever you call your past presiding officers, this night can honor those who have provided leadership over the years. It can also be a good way to bring out some of the older members who have become inactive over time.

C. DEGREE NIGHTS- Even if you don't have any candidates, you still can have degree nights with a pro-temp candidate. This keeps the lessons of the degrees in front of your members, while keeping you ready for the days when you will have candidates. If you plan for candidates, you will get them.

D. FAMILY'LADIES NIGHT- Be sure to include spouses and families in activities. Members, especially younger ones are looking for activities where they can involve the family.

E.- AWARDS NIGHT- Honor those who have served. There are numerous awards that can be given out. Inquire of your Grand Body, and then utilize them. Present them in ways that bring honor to individuals that deserve to be recognized for outstanding service.

F.- GOLF OUTINGS/PICNICS/CAMPOUTS- Summer and warm weather can offer opportunities for fellowship and fun. Use your imagination. Find out what kind of out-door activities your members enjoy, and build on them.

G.- INSTALLATIONS ARE AN EVENT- The annual change of command should not be relegated to a regular meeting. If you can, open it to the public. Have at least the key officers wear tuxedos. Serve a dinner; make it an event to attend. Invite in visiting officers to install. Make it a special night.

These ideas should meet the creative appetite. You can build from here. The opportunities are limited to your imagination and what your members are willing to do.

Remember, equip, train and send out the troops, and they will come back with results!

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

Article III, Grand Officers and Members

Section I, Grand Officers

- a. The Elected Officers of this Grand Chapter are: the Grand High Priest, whose title is "Most Excellent; the Grand King, the Grand Scribe, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary. The title of each being "Right Excellent".
- b. The Appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter, appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest are: the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Historian, the Grand Captain of the Host, the Grand Principal Sojourner, the Grand Royal Arch Captain, the three Masters of the Veils, and the Grand Sentinel whose titles are "Excellent".
- c. A District Deputy Grand High Priest from each Capitular District to be appointed by the Grand High Priest for one year, and whose title is "Right Excellent".
- d. The Honorary titles of Most Excellent and Right Excellent shall be retained for life.

Section II. Members by Right

The members of this Grand Chapter by inherent right are: all Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries, and all past High Priest of constituent Chapters of this Grand jurisdiction who are members in good standing of constituent chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of each Chartered Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter (or their duly appointed proxies, who must be members of the Chapter which they represent).

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Note: If any York Rite Bodies plan weekend festivals, Short of Time or Slow Classes, please let me know, with the date, time, location and contact person, for the Spring and Fall of 2022 and I will put it in the next newsletter, and on the website. Remember, Membership and Retention is everyone=s business.

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

Membership by District for 2022:

DISTRICT	LOCATION	#	DISTRICT	LOCATION	#
1	Palm Beach	2	6	Cocoa	1
	Ft Lauderdale			Melbourne	2
	Miami	4		Fort Pierce	13
2	Manatee/Bradenton/Trinity		7	Jacksonville	1
	Sarasota/Venice/Trinity			Fernandina	
				St Augustine	2
	Fort Myers	1		Palatka	5
3	Tampa (Ivanhoe)	3	8	Lake City	
	St. Petersburg (Sunshine)	2		Middleburg	
	Clearwater (Springtime)			Gainesville	2
4	Lakeland	1	9	Tallahassee	
	Plant City			Marianna	
	Sebring (Highlands)	2		Panama City	
5	Daytona (Halifax)	1	10	Fort Walton Beach	
	Lake Sumter	2		Crestview	
	Sanford	1		Pensacola	
	Orlando	6			

REMINDER: MASONIC MEMBERSHIP SOLUTIONS (MMS) RULES STATE THAT NEW COMPANIONS AND SIR KNIGHTS NEED TO BE PLACED IN MMS WITHIN 15 DAYS. If this is not done, the magazine will not be sent automatically. The Secretary will have to contact Grand Encampment.

MMS IS NOW ON GOOGLE CHROME

New Membership by York Rite Body 2022:

DIST	DATE	LOCATION	KNIGHTED
1			
2			
3	5 & 12 Mar	Tampa: Ft Myers (1), Sunshine (2), Tampa (3), Highlands (2), Lakeland (1), Lake Sumter (2), Orlando (5)	16
	1 & 8 Oct	Tampa:	
4			
5	17-24 Sep	Orlando	
6	1-2 April	Ft Pierce: Ft Pierce (13), WPB (2), Melbourne (2), Cocoa (1), Miami (2), Orlando (1)	21
7	18/19 & 26 Mar	Palatka: Palatka (5), Sanford (1), Daytona (1), Miami (2), St Augustine (2), Jacksonville (1), Gainesville (2)	14
	21-22 Oct	Jacksonville	
8			
9			
10	26-27 Aug	Pensacola/Crestview	
TOTAL 2022 KNIGHTINGS			51
TOTAL 2021 KNIGHTINGS			170

Also, as soon as your area determines the dates for the Spring 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 the Grand Commanders Handbook, 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" pp 73-75, and from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006

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