



# RITE NOTES

Membership and Recruiting  
15 January 2023

## Previous Crusades - Lessons Learned

Companions and Sir Knights,

Start earlier - strong consensus

Need greater engagement by Grand York Rite Officers

- a. Promotion
- b. Recruiting
- c. Information

Keep program going - maintain the momentum

Get support from General Grand Chapter/Council and Grand Encampment

Maintain continuity of Program to maintain momentum

Utilize General Grand Bodies websites

Personal, one on one, contact is the only effective recruiting technique

Provide clear definition of process on a broad scope - not well communicated

Key man concept is good - a critical success factor

- a. Communications varied from good to bad
- b. Execution of the process varied from good to bad
- c. Changing of York Rite officers is detrimental to communications and momentum

Need more effective presentation tools, e.g. eye-catching slide show

York Rite, Scottish & Shrine Unity is essential. A win-win for everyone

Build a stronger infra-structure to support membership activities

Grass-roots management is essential to:

- a. Forecasting
- b. Recruiting
- c. Execution of process

Video-tape - the York Rite video

Leverage subdivision leadership within the jurisdiction

Need broader coverage of communication and information

Don't compete with other Masonic bodies; think win-win

If the Most Worshipful Grand Master is not a York Rite Mason, make him one and name the class after him; if he is already a York Rite Mason, use him as a sponsor.

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

## **EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA**

### **Article XII, Powers and Duties of Grand Officers**

#### **Section I Grand High Priest**

It is the duty of the Grand High Priest to attend all Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapter and when present, to preside. In case of his absence or inability to preside, succession to his rights and power shall be as provided in Article XI, Section 2 of this Constitution. In the recess of Grand Chapter, all of the executive powers and authority of the Grand Chapter shall devolve upon the Grand High Priest, who shall have power to:

- a. Issue dispensation for the formation of new Chapters as provided by this Constitution and Regulations and to exercise the executive functions of the Grand Chapter.
- b. Decide all questions of usage and order, on Masonic Law as applied to Capitular Masonry.
- c. Convene any Chapter or Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, at such time and place as he may designate, and in person or by proxy to preside thereat, inspect the proceedings and work of the same and to require strict compliance with the laws, rules and regulations of Capitular Masonry in this State.
- d. Arrest the Chapter or suspend the High Priest or other officers of any other Chartered Chapter within this jurisdiction, until the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and to revoke such order of arrest or suspension.
- e. Command all Officers of the Grand Chapter, and to call upon them for information, advice, or assistance, or for anything relating to Royal Arch Masonry.
- f. In person, or by proxy, to institute Chapters and install the Officers thereof.
- g. Grant dispensation to a Chapter to transact business at a special meeting upon petition from the Chapter setting out the specific business proposed to be transacted, provided that each member of said Chapter be given notice of the business proposed to be transacted at least ten days prior to said special meeting and further that only such business as set forth in the petition, dispensation, and notice may be transacted.
- h. Fill all vacancies, which may occur in the Appointive Officers of Grand Chapter. Such appointees to serve during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest or until the next Annual Convocation.
- i. Grant permission to a Florida Chapter to visit a Chapter to another state and exemplify Florida Work, provided that he shall have first obtained permission from the proper authority in the Grand Jurisdiction to be visited, and

j. When the Grand Chapter is in session, it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to appoint all committees and to make pro tem appointments, appoint all the Subordinate Officers, and to install the Grand Officers. He has a general supervision of the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and unrestrained access to them and may suspend or remove either said Officer from office for sufficient cause, and in case of vacancy by death, resignation, removal, or other cause, of the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary, to make other appointments until the next Annual Grand Convocation.

## **Section 2, Grand High Priest's Report**

The Grand High Priest shall file, with the Grand Secretary, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the convening of Grand Chapter, his report of his official acts during recess of Grand Chapter. He shall also make report upon subjects of Masonic interest and recommend such measures, as he may deem expedient. Should dispensations for the formation of new Chapters be granted, the Grand High Priest, shall report the connection therewith. He shall require Chapters acting under Dispensation to return the same, together with their proceedings at the next Annual Grand Convocation after the same shall have been granted, for such action, as Grand Chapter may deem expedient.

## **Section 3, Grand High Priest, Notices,**

The Grand High Priest shall, when Dispensations are granted for the formation of new Chapters, at once notify the Chartered Chapters whose territorial jurisdictions are affected thereby. On the granting of a Dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, the territorial jurisdictions of contiguous Chapters are immediately changed as fully and efficiently as if a Charter had been granted by the Grand Chapter.

## **Section 4, Grand Chapter Committees**

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint Standing Committees as he deems necessary to administer the affairs of the Grand Chapter. The Standing Committees, their members and required numbers are:

1. Distinguished Guests
2. Unfinished Business
3. Charters, Dispensations and Bylaws (1 member will be the Grand Royal Arch Captain)
4. Thanks (2)
5. Printing (1)
6. Jurisprudence (5 Past Grand High Priests)
7. Returns and Credentials (3)
8. Per diem (3)
9. Masonic Relations (Grand Master of the Second Vail and Grand Captain of the Host will be members)
10. Triennial
11. Necrology
12. Benevolence (Grand Master of the Third Vail will be a member)
13. Finance and Budget (4 Ex-officio members to be the Grand King, Treasurer and Secretary, the Grand King is the Ex-officio Chairman.)
14. Auditing (4) (The Grand Scribe will be the ex-officio Chairman, Grand Captain of the Host will be a member.)
15. Committee on Work (5)
16. Finance (3) A Chairman, 1 member and the Grand Treasurer. This Finance Committee is charge with the study and oversight of the long term financial matters of the Grand Chapter and Proposing appropriate Legislation in a timely manner.
17. Constitution Review (3) 1 PGHP Chairman plus 2 members, one of whom will be the Grand Scribe. Grand Secretary and a legal Advisor shall be ex-officio members.
18. Investments (3)

### Section 5, Grand High Priest's Allowance

The newly elected and installed Grand High Priest is given a check for one-half of the amount which Grant Chapter allocates as expenses for his term of office, and when he has spent this amount to cover same, he shall be given the other half of the amount allocated as expenses for the Grand High Priest for the year.

**SECTIONS 6-12 will be included in the February Rite Notes**

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

**Membership by District for 2023:**

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

**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 2023:**

DIST	DATE	LOCATION	KNIGHTED
1			
2			
3	5 & 12 Mar	Tampa	
4			
5			

6	31 Mar-1 Apr 23	Ft Pierce	
	29-30 Sep 23	Ft Pierce	
7	4 & 18 Feb 23	Palatka	
8			
9			
10			

<b>TOTAL 2023 KNIGHTINGS</b>	
<b>TOTAL 2022 KNIGHTINGS</b>	125

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, Baderstadt, 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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