



RITE NOTES

Leader's Checklist for Success

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Companions and Sir Knights,

Successful leaders experience goal attainment for a variety of reasons. One reason is that they have challenged and elevated their Officer team thinking and prepared a plan that emphasizes effectiveness more than efficiency. The following ideas have been noted and if implemented will help each York Rite Body ensure that his plan will increase in effectiveness.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ANY OF THESE THINGS?

1. Send a letter on your stationery to each Officer expressing your support of the Crusade, and to enlist his support. Tell him you are proud of him. Add a sense of urgency to your request.
2. During your next Officers Meeting secure a commitment from each of your elected and appointed Officers to get at least one petition. This sets a good example for other members. Encourage them to do the same. It also displays commitment to a common purpose among the leadership.
3. Write regular personal endorsements of the Crusade in your monthly newsletter. Request the leaders do the same.
4. Consider establishing a unique Award for the Crusade, i.e., Most Knightings in Home York Rite Body, Highest Membership Gain, Most Restorations, etc. Offer special incentives, like free meals for two, certificates, etc..... Be creative!
5. Get more Committees involved! Review your Committee list, and get some inactive committees active. This spreads the leadership around and offers a chance for other Officers to show what they are made of.
6. Consider writing a letter to all of your Past Leaders. Share your plans with them, and enlist their support, and participation. They will assist you.
7. Meet regularly with your leadership. Working together within the "Family of Masonry" increases cooperation exponentially.

8. Call or meet with the Deputies or Actives and seek their support. They might be willing to support a direct mail campaign for the Crusade, and encourage “Non-York Rite” Masons to join. Perhaps you could arrange a York Rite conferral at one of the Annual Convocation?
9. Call or meet with the leadership in other bodies, in your area. Request consideration for a joint "Cold Sands" event with your York Rite Crusade festivals. Request the help to sell the benefits of York Rite just as the York Rite should sell the benefits of any of the other Masonic memberships.
10. Consider a York Rite festival to honor one of the heads of the non-York Rite Bodies. Perhaps even one of the junior officers would join also if they were not York Rite Masons.
11. Assign each of your elected and appointed Officers, to become a Crusade Speaker Bureau”. Request that they arrange invitations to present “York Rite Overview Programs” to promote our Christian Masonry heritage. Suggest to have three programs per month.

Membership and Retention is everyone=s business.

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

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ARTICALE XIII: Chapters

Section 1: Formation

A Chapter can only be formed by authority of a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest or from a Charter or Dispensation from the Grand Chapter.

Section 2: Petition to Form

No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for the creation of a new Chapter except on the petition of fifteen or more Royal Arch Masons who are members of some Regular Chapter directed to the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest and recommended by the Chapter nearest the place where the proposed Chapter is located. Attached to this petition must be a certificate from the Secretary of each Chapter to which the subscribing petitioners belong, showing that each of them is clear of all demands and indebtedness to their present Chapter, and that no charges are pending against them.

Section 3: Ceremonies of Constitution

When a Charter is issued authorizing the institution of a ne Chapter, the Chapter shall be duly constituted and the officers duly installed by the Grand High Priest or by his authority, previous to which ceremonies no ceremonies nor Convocations of such Chapter can be legally held, nor can it be represented in this Grand Chapter.

Section 4: Dissolution.

A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter or by a voluntary surrender of its Charter pursuant to the vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the proposed and object of the Convocation. Such notice to be sent the membership at least fifteen days prior to the date of the said Convocation.

Section 5: Forfeiture, Predicates.

The acts for which a Chapter shall be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry or of this Constitution; membership of less than fifteen Royal Arch Masons; neglecting to hold at least four Convocations in one year; non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for one year; or failure to be represented at Grand Chapter for two consecutive years. The incoming Grand High Priest shall order the Grant Secretary to give immediate notice to delinquents and the Chapter of same shall be arrested with sixty days after the adjournment of Grand Chapter, unless the High Priest of each such delinquent Chapter shall give the Grand High Priest due assurance of the Chapter's intention and ability to comply with this section.

Section 6: Disposition of Assets

The surrender (or forfeiture when adjudged necessary by the Grand Chapter) of a Charter shall be conclusive upon the Chapter and its members, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter which must, on demand, be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authority.

Section 7: Action after Refusal.

When an application for the recommendation of a new Chapter (Pursuant to Section 2, hereof) has been refused by the Chapter to which the application was addressed, another application cannot be made for such recommendation to a Chapter in the same locality for a period of twelve months from the date of such refusal.

Section 8: Limitations of Chapter Under Dispensation (U.D.)

A Chapter, while working under a Dispensation, shall have all the powers and privileges of a Chartered Chapter except that it may not affiliate any Royal Arch Masons nor grant Demits nor conduct trials for UN-Masonic conduct.

Section 9: Automatic Transfer of Membership

The members of a Chapter under Dispensation cease to be members of the Chapter to which they belonged when Dispensation was granted upon the Chartering and Constituting of the new Chapter unless such members signify their desire to retain membership in their former Chapter; in which event, they do not become members of the new Chapter. The Secretary of the new Chapter will, immediately after the Chartering and Constitution of the same, notify the Secretaries of the Chapters to which the affected Companions belong or belonged, of their change or non-change in membership.

Section 10: Revival of Chapters

A Dispensation to revive a Chapter whose Charter had been forfeited may be issued by the Grand High Priest, or by the Grand Chapter, provided that all arrears owed to the Grand Chapter will be paid in full, or satisfactory arrangements for settlement thereof be made before such Charter may be revived; provided further, however, that any Chapter that has been defunct for five or more years cannot be restored, and must comply with the provisions for Constituting new Chapters.

CONTINUATION OF THE PROVISIONS WILL BE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF RITE NOTES

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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 2023 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 2023:

DIST	LOCATION	#	DIST	LOCATION	#
1	Palm Beach	5	6	Cocoa	
	Ft Lauderdale	1		Melbourne	1
	Miami			Fort Pierce	4
2	Manatee/Bradenton/Trinity		7	Jacksonville	
	Sarasota/Venice/Trinity	10		Fernandina	4
				St Augustine	4
	Fort Myers	2		Palatka	2
3	Tampa (Ivanhoe)	4	8	Lake City	1
	St. Petersburg (Sunshine)			Middleburg	
	Clearwater (Springtime)	4		Gainesville	
4	Lakeland	4	9	Tallahassee	
	Plant City	1		Marianna	
	Sebring (Highlands)			Panama City	
5	Daytona (Halifax)	12	10	Fort Walton Beach	
	Lake Sumter	5		Crestview	
	Sanford	1		Pensacola	
	Orlando	10			

Palatka had one brother who completed Chapter and Council but due to COVID was unable to complete the Orders

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	4 & 11 Mar 7 & 14 Oct 23	Tampa(4), Trinity(10), Ft Myers(2), Clearwater(4), Lakeland(4), Plant City(1), Lake Sumter(2), Orlando(10), Palatka(2)	39
4			
5			
6	31 Mar-1 Apr 23	Ft Pierce(4), Melbourne(1), WPB(5), Ft Lauderdale(1)	11
	29-30 Sep 23	Ft Pierce	
7	4 & 18 Feb 23	Palatka, Lake City(1), Sanford(1), St Augustine(4), Daytona(12), Lake Sumter(3), Fernando(4)	25
8			
9			
10	Nov	Pensacola	
TOTAL 2023 KNIGHTINGS			75
TOTAL 2022 KNIGHTINGS			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, 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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