

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida

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DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4 VIRTUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

On April 1, 2020 Executive Order No. 1 cancelled the 140th Grand Assembly scheduled for May 16-20 in Lake Mary because of the Coronavirus (CVD-19). The dangers to the lives and health of our members proved too dangerous to take a chance for the foreseeable future.

In order to keep our York Rite programs to keep going forward the Convention Committee has decided to have a Virtual Convention. This means that via tele conferencing we will be able to hear a Declaration of an opening of the Council. In addition to the audio a video from your computer, I-pad or cell phone will be given.

The 3 Grand Line Body Heads will give an abbreviated address to the Craft. An election will be the same as a normal election asking if there be no objection, one unanimous ballot and acceptance format. This will be done for the three dais officers, the Treasurer and Recorder. We will then have the incoming 3 Grand Line Body Heads present his budget and ask for a ballot to approve it. Discussion and questions will be allowed before the voting will take place. While we are waiting for the results the outgoing 3 Grand Line Heads will name the recipients for awards. Next there will be a short Installation of the five elected Grand Line.

This format will be held on Saturday May 16th beginning at 9:00. Grand Chapter beginning then Grand Council and Grand Commandery following. There has already been a test of the teleconference and balloting process. We expect to have up to 450 York Rite Masons to attend. This seems the best way to go forward and still have input and participation of our Companions.

As the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida I hereby authorize the Grand Council to use this Virtual Tele-Conferencing format to take the place of our 140th Grand Assembly to end the 2019-2020 Cryptic year of Florida.

John D. Pickford
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