

# The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

## JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date 30 November 2020

Originating Body(s) Grand Commandery

City/State/Zip 1201 NW 193 Ave. Pembroke Pines, FL. 33029

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TO: Grand Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commandery

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LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

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Grand Commandery 17.06.

### NEW LANGUAGE

Whereas, this Grand Commandery has no vehicle established for the research and exploration of the meanings and teachings of our various rituals, etc.; whereas, a Priory of Research would be the perfect vehicle with which to enable our members to further explore the meanings behind our ritualistic work and traditions. Be it therefore now RESOLVED:

That this Grand Commandery hereby adopts this resolution in its entirety, which includes the necessary legislative language that is attached (Appendix A) and do hereby establish the Florida Priory of Research effective 18 May 2021.

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(Appendix A)

Section 17.06: Florida Priory of Research

The Grand Commander may in his discretion constitute one PRIORY to be designated as the "Florida Priory of Research."

The Grand Commander, upon petition of fifteen (15) or more Sir Knights in good standing, may form a Florida Priory of Research for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting, and fostering Templar Research and study for the purpose of spreading Masonic Light and Knowledge. This authority includes, but is not limited to the following: Publishing a volume containing articles and papers dealing with a focus on Masonic Templar topics, issuing newsletter or bulletins on a periodic basis; and establishing Templar educational symposia for the purpose of educating members in the meanings, teaching, and symbolism of the several Orders exemplified and associated with this Grand Jurisdiction. A Charter may be issued to such a Priory of Research without compliance with the usual requirements prescribed for the forming and chartering of regular subordinate Commanderies within this Grand Jurisdiction.

A Florida Priory of Research chartered under the provisions of this Section shall not have the power or authority to receive petitions for or to confer Commandery Orders. Its members, as such, shall not have a vote in Grand Commandery, nor be entitled to any benefits from Grand Commandery afforded to subordinate Commanderies. The Priory of Research shall not be required to pay any per capita tax or assessments to the Grand Commandery. In lieu of annual returns, it shall instead make an Annual Report to the Grand Commandery.

Any Sir Knight, who is a member in good standing of a Florida Commandery, shall be eligible for membership in and may petition for membership in the Florida Priory of Research under the provisions of this section. Honorary membership in the Florida Prior of Research may be granted to any member in good standing with a Grand Commandery operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. Active membership in the Priory shall not continue unless regular membership in good standing is maintained by such member in a regular subordinate Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction. Membership in the Florida Priory of Research shall not be considered as dual or plural membership. The Prior or Past Prior of the Florida Priory of Research shall not be eligible to receive the degree of the "Knight Crusader of the Cross."

The Territorial Jurisdiction of the Florida Priory of Research shall be coextensive with that of the Grand Commandery and may hold stated or special Conclaves at such times and places as its duly elected officer or officers may determine. The Annual Conclave shall be held at a time and place near March 18 in commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Order of the Temple.

The Florida Priory of Research shall promulgate a Code of By-Laws (Appendix B) for its government which shall be effective upon approval by the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander may promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems appropriate for the government of such a Priory.

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(Appendix B)

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THE FLORIDA PRIORY OF RESEARCH

**Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Priory of Research. It exists by virtue of a Charter, dated 18 May 2021 from the Grand Commandery of Florida, and holds a "roving" Charter for all locations within the State of Florida.

**Article II: Conclave**

The regular Conclave of this Priory shall be held at such times and places as its duly authorized officer or officers may determine. The Annual Conclave shall be held at a time and place near March 18 in commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Order of the Temple.

**Article III: Membership**

Section 1. Regular Membership in the Florida Priory of Research shall be open to any member in good standing within the Grand Commandery in Florida. All Current and Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Florida are considered regular members via *motu proprio* and shall be dues exempt.

Section 2. Honorary Membership in the Florida Priory of Research may be granted to any member in good standing with a Grand Commandery operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Section 3. Membership in the Florida Priory of Research shall not be considered as dual or plural membership.

**Article IV: Officers**

Section 1. The Officers of this Priory shall consist of Prior, Deputy Prior, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 1.1. The Prior or Past Prior of the Florida Priory of Research shall not be eligible to receive the degree of the "Knight Crusader of the Cross."

Section 2. The style of the Prior shall be "Eminent" and of the other officers is "Sir Knight."

Section 3. Vacancies in the Office of the Prior shall be filled by the Deputy Prior who shall appoint a Deputy Prior (*pro-tem*) for the remaining part of the term. Vacancies in the Offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by Special Election.

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**Article V: Election & Installation of Officers**

Section 1. The Annual Election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Conclave held near the date of March 18<sup>th</sup>, when the above-named Officers shall be elected by ballot, from a majority of votes cast.

Section 2. The Installations of Officers shall take place immediately after the election.

**Article VI: Officer Duties**

Section 1. The duty of the Prior shall be to preside at each Conclave and see that some form of Templar Education is presented at each Conclave of the Priory.

Section 2. The duty of the Deputy Prior shall be to assist the Prior with the duties of that office and to preside in his absence.

Section 3. The duty of the Secretary is to keep a regular list of the members and record all transactions of the Priory. He shall receive all monies paid to the Priory and promptly pay the same over to the Treasurer. He shall give due notice of all meetings of the Priory and shall make an annual report to the membership at the Annual Conclave.

Section 4. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive all monies from the Secretary, keep a current amount of the same and pay all order drawn on him by authority of the Priory. He shall make an annual report to the membership at the Annual Conclave.

**Article VII: Dues & Affiliation Fees**

Section 1. The annual dues for regular membership shall be \$20, payable on or before the December 27<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Section 2. The affiliation fee to join this Florida Prior of Research shall be \$5. This one-time payment shall accompany the dues for the first year of membership.

**Article VIII: Suspension of Membership**

Section 1. Members that are six-months or more in arrears for dues shall be notified by the Secretary. Members delinquents for one year shall automatically be suspended at the Annual Conclave.

Section 2. Members suspended for NPD may apply for reinstatement via the normal affiliation process.

Section 3. Should a member be suspended in his local Commandery he will automatically be suspended in this body. Should he be reinstated in his local Commandery he will automatically be reinstated in this body, pending all dues are current.

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**Article IX: Funds**

The Funds of the Florida Priory of Research shall be deposited by Treasurer in a bank, savings association, or credit union designated by the Priory with the name Florida Priory of Research and not the name of Treasurer.

**Article X: Annual Reports**

The Secretary shall make an Annual Report to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment containing a summary of all actions taking during the year.

**Article XI: Amendments**

No alteration or amendments to these bylaws shall be made unless the same is proposed in writing at a regular Conclave of this Priory. Such proposed amendment shall be made in writing and distributed to the regular membership 30-days prior to the next regular meeting upon which approval will be by two-thirds majority of the member present. The amendment shall be submitted to the Grand Commander for approval, whereupon, if approved, it shall be in force.

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