

# 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

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Originating Body(s) Grand Chapter Committee on Work

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

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter Appendix D, Section 1.3.1, Page D-6

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

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

1.3.1 Short Form Opening- There is no provision for short form opening of Constituent Chapters.

In all cases the Constituent Chapter should be opened in the manner prescribed in the Ritual in

combination with the instructions provided in this book. (to be replaced with attached new

Section 1.3.1 and associated Short Form Opening Ritual attached herewith)

(continued on reverse)

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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NEW LANGUAGE

See attached new Short Form Opening Ritual

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## ROYAL ARCH

### SHORT FORM OPENING

**[NOTE: - At all Convocations of the Chapter at which no degree work is to be exemplified, the full form opening shall be followed. But at Convocations when the Chapter is to be opened and degree work is to be exemplified, or at meetings where officers are to be installed, the following short form opening may be used unless otherwise ordered by the Grand High Priest or his representative. This short form opening deletes the rehearsal of duties of the officers.]**

- 1 H.P.: (Standing) \* Companions, I am about to open a  
 2 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and shall require your  
 3 attention and assistance. (H.P. seated.) \* Companion R.A.C.,  
 4 you will see that the Sentinel is at his post, and invite in all  
 5 R.A. Ms. and close the door. (Done.)  
 6 R.A.C.: E.H.P., that duty is performed.  
 7 H.P.: \* Comp. C. of H., are all present R.A.Ms.?  
 8 C. of H.: I will ascertain and report. \* Comp. R.A.C., you  
 9 will ascertain if all present are R.A.Ms.  
 10 R.A.C.: (After making the necessary examination) Comp.  
 11 C. of H., all present are R.A.Ms. (R.A.C. is seated.)  
 12 C. of H.: E.H.P., all present are R.A.Ms  
 13 H.P.: Is there a constitutional number present to open a  
 14 Chapter of R.A.Ms.?  
 15 C. of H.: There are three times three.  
 16 H.P.: You will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle  
 17 are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that I am about to  
 18 open \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, R.A.Ms., and  
 19 direct him to guard accordingly.  
 20 C. of H.: \* Comp. R.A.C., you will see that the outer courts  
 21 of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel  
 22 that the H.P. is about to open \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_ ,  
 23 R.A.Ms., and direct him to guard accordingly.

(The R.A.C. goes to the door, opens it, and informs the Sentinel, closes door, gives battery \*\*\* \*\*\*, which is answered by the Sentinel in the same manner. R.A.C. returns to his station.)



24 R.A.C.: Comp. C. of H., the outer courts of the Tabernacle  
25 are duly guarded.

26 C. of H.: E.H.P., the outer courts of the Tabernacle are  
27 strictly guarded and the Chapter is duly tiled.

28 H.P.: Companion Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

29 **PRAYER**

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31 Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we humbly  
32 beseech thy blessing upon the purposes of our present  
33 assembly. Grant us wisdom to contrive, strength to support  
34 and the beauty of harmony to so administer the affairs of this  
35 Chapter that all our doings may be acceptable in thy sight.  
36 Amen.

37 Response: So mote it be.

(The above prayer or the Lord's Prayer may be used.)

38 H.P.: C. of H., it is my order that \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_  
39 , R.A.Ms. be now opened for the dispatch of such business as  
40 may regularly come before it. This order you will  
41 communicate to the Companions for their government.

42 C. of H.: Companions, it is the order of the H.P. that \_\_\_\_\_  
43 \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ , R.A.Ms., be now opened for the  
44 dispatch of such business as may regularly come before it.  
45 Take due notice thereof, and govern yourselves accordingly.

46 H.P.: Together, companions.

(The D.G. and P.S. of the Royal Arch are given.)

47 Battery:

48 H.P.: \*\*\* \*\*\* \*

49 K.: \*\*\* \*\*\* \*

50 S.: \*\*\* \*\*\* \*

51 H.P.: Companion Principal Sojourner, attend at the  
52 Altar. (Done.) I now declare \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_ , R.A.Ms.,  
53 erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel, opened in form.  
54 Comp. R.A.C., inform the Sentinel. (Done.)

(The P.S. displays Great Lights and returns to his station. R.A.C.  
goes to door, gives \*\*\* \*\*\* \*, answered by Sentinel in same manner.  
R.A.C. opens door, informs Sentinel and returns to his station.)

55 H.P.: \*