

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 1/21/22

Originating Body(s) Grand Chapter - Committee on Work

City/State/Zip Largo, Florida 33771

Officer(s) Charles R. Jordan, DDGHP, Chairman

TO: Grand Chapter Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery _____

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

Grand Chapter Constitution - Appendix D

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

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

Addition of a 25 year and 40 year award ceremony.

Additional Ceremonies attached. _____

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc. (continued on reverse)

Grand Chapter Appendix D - Section 8.2.5

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery _____

NEW LANGUAGE

See attached.

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8.2.5 Twenty-Five, Forty, Fifty and Sixty Year Presentation Ceremonies:

8.2.4.1 Twenty-Five Year Presentation:

Presenting Officer: My Companions, this is a very special occasion for all of us as we will now honor a Companion who has reached a milestone in his Masonic life. He has wrought in our quarries and been a member of our noble craft for twenty-five years and his labors continue. The Royal Arch Captain will please present our distinguished companion at the Altar. *(See note)

As this is a most important occasion, let us look to our Heavenly Father above and invoke His divine blessing.

*** (Calls up Chapter)

Chaplain: Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the gift of more than twenty-five years of Masonic service from this Companion. As we are honored with his presence here this evening we thank Thee for the companionship he has afforded, and for the precepts which he has upheld during this span of Masonic heritage. This we pray in Thy Holy Name. AMEN

Presenting Officer: *(See note) Companion Secretary, you will read the Masonic Record of our Companion. (The Secretary reads his record as a Royal Arch Mason and other Masonic records and honors if desired)

Our years are numbered, our tasks are many, our talents are varied; but during a lifetime, they will multiply many times when nurtured and cultivated in the fertile fields of service for the good of mankind. For twenty-five years you have had the heritage of Royal Arch Masonry entrusted in your care. You have worn with dignity the mantle of a society for which our forefathers were willing to risk their lives to keep pure and unsullied. You have demonstrated in your daily life the Tenets of Freemasonry.

Therefore, our communities, States and nation have been made better places in which to make our homes and rear our families because of the fact that you are a Royal Arch Mason.

*Note: This is a suggested ceremony and may be changed to suit the occasion. If the recipient is infirm or if he so desires, he may be seated in the East for the entire presentation. The Presenting Officer may wish to salute the Companion when he is presented in the East.

8.2.4.2 Forty Year Presentation:

Presenting Officer: My Companions, this is a very special occasion for all of us as we will now honor a Companion who has reached a milestone in his Masonic life. He has wrought in our quarries and been a member of our noble craft for forty years and his labors continue. The Royal Arch Captain will please present our distinguished companion at the Altar. *(See note)

As this is a most important occasion, let us look to our Heavenly Father above and invoke His divine blessing.

*** (Calls up Chapter)

Chaplain: Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the gift of more than forty years of Masonic service from this Companion. As we are honored with his presence here this evening we thank Thee for the companionship he has afforded, and for the precepts which he has upheld during this span of Masonic heritage. This we pray in Thy Holy Name. AMEN

Presenting Officer: *(See note) Companion Secretary, you will read the Masonic Record of our Companion. (The Secretary reads his record as a Royal Arch Mason and other Masonic records and honors if desired)

Our years are numbered, our tasks are many, our talents are varied; but during a lifetime, they will multiply many times when nurtured and cultivated in the fertile fields of service for the good of mankind. For forty years you have had the heritage of Royal Arch Masonry entrusted in your care. You have worn with dignity

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Therefore, our communities, States and nation have been made better places in which to make our homes and rear our families because of the fact that you are a Royal Arch Mason.

*Note: This is a suggested ceremony and may be changed to suit the occasion. If the recipient is infirm or if he so desires, he may be seated in the East for the entire presentation. The Presenting Officer may wish to salute the Companion when he is presented in the East.

8.2.4.3 Fifty Year Presentation: