

# 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

City/State/Zip Largo, Florida 33771

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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.)

Removal of signature requirements from the Installation Ceremony.

General language clean up and revisions.

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

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Grand Chapter Appendix D - Section 8.2.4

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

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

NEW LANGUAGE

See attached.

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that he will address the Chapter at some later time. REMEMBER, it is the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, that he may conduct the ceremony from this point on in any manner he may desire.)

Regarding introductions, aside from these basic guidelines, the Chapter Officers should remain sufficiently flexible to reasonably accommodate the wishes of the visiting dignitaries.

#### 8.2.4 Open Installation Ceremony

The ~~Grand-Installing~~ Marshal should see that the Officers are wearing the proper apron of the office in which they are to be installed, before presenting them back of the altar, with the High Priest in front of the others and directly west of the altar.

Installing Officer: Companion ~~Ex-GrandInstalling~~ Marshal, you will present the officers elected and appointed WEST of the altar for installation.

~~Grand-Installing~~ Marshal: ~~M.E. Grand High Priest(Most or Right)~~ ~~Excellent Companion Installing Officer~~, I present before you the High Priest and other officers of this Chapter who are ready for installation.

Installing Officer: (Calls up Assembly \*\*\*) ~~Ex-GrandCompanion~~ ~~Installing~~ Marshal you will open the Holy Bible. (done)

I.O.: My Companions, as Masons we are taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the Blessing of Deity. I would, therefore, ask that everyone rise while our ~~Excellent-GrandCompanion Installing~~ Chaplain leads our devotion.

Chaplain: Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on these Companions who are to preside over this Chapter. Fill their hearts with Love, that their tongues may pronounce Thy Glory. Make them steadfast in Thy service; grant them firmness of mind; animate their hearts and strengthen them, O Lord, and bless the work of their hands. Accept us in mercy, Hear Thou from Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and forgive us our transgressions. Amen. (Response: So mote it be.)

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Installing Officer: You will now unite with me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. (Seats assembly except members.)

Installing Officer: You behold before you these worthy Companions who have been chosen to serve as the officers of this Chapter for the ensuing year, and now declare themselves ready for installation. Before being inducted into their respective stations, it will be necessary that they assume the oath of office.

I.O. Each of the chosen officers will, therefore, place his right hand over his heart, say I, pronounce his name, and repeat after me; I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and swear, that I will serve this Chapter, in the office to which, and for the term I have been chosen. That I will perform all the duties appertaining thereto to the best of my ability. That I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and the Bylaws and Rules of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, So Help Me God.

(Seat Assembly) \*

Marshall: (Most, Right) Excellent ~~Grand High Priest~~ Companion Installing Officer, I have the pleasure of presenting to you, and through you to the Companions and guests here assembled, Companion \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as Excellent High Priest for the coming year.

I.O. My Companion, previous to your investiture as High Priest of this Chapter, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those Ancient Charges and Regulations which point out the duty of a High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals and promote the happiness of your Companions who have attained the Sublime Degree?
2. That you will never permit your Chapter to be opened unless there shall be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?
3. That you will never permit more or less than three Brothers to be Exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?
4. That you will not Exalt anyone to this Degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a reasonable proficiency in the preceding Degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State General Officers?

6. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnity of our ceremonies, and behave in open Chapter with the utmost profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been Exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formerly healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and resign the Chair to them, severally, when they visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida?

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

Answer: I do.

Installing Officer: Excellent Companion, the office of High Priest, to which you have been chosen, is a highly honorable estate, hallowed by time and the laws and customs of our ancient and noble order.

Your reputed Masonic knowledge precludes the necessity of any enumeration of the duties incident to this high station to which your Companions have elevated you.

I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will add the strength of their endeavors to yours, and will support your exertions to the best of their abilities.

I now present to you the Holy Bible, the great light in all Masonry, which will guide you to all truth, direct your paths to the Temple of happiness and point out to you the whole duty of man.

I also present to you the Charter under authority of which this Chapter is held. At no time should it be out of your immediate control. This you are carefully to preserve and duly transmit it to your successor.

(Insert personal remarks as desired.)

Companion Grand-Installing Marshal, you will invest the High Priest with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his station.

(After the High Priest has been conducted to his station, call up Assembly.)\*\*\*

Installing Officer: E.H.P., I also present to you this Appendix D of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, containing information compiled by the Committee on Work. This you are to study and inform your Companions of the information contained therein. I also present to you this Book of Essentials and a copy of the Key Lecture ~~and admonish you to, immediately after this installation, sign the card that your Secretary has, that it may be returned to the Committee on Ritualistic Materials.~~

Companions and friends, I present to you Excellent Companion Full Name, who has been chosen to preside over this Chapter for the ensuing year. I find him to be skilled in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have every confidence that he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity. (Seat Assembly)\*

Installing Marshal: (Presents King.)

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, as King of this Chapter, you are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office, and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties. Your office teaches a sterling lesson in humility. The institutions of political society teach us to consider the King as chief of the political state, and that the first duty of his subjects is to obey his mandates, but the institutions of our sublime Degrees, by placing the King in a position subordinate to that of the High Priest, teaches us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim priority of our obedience to man; and that however strongly we may be bound to obey the laws of civil society, yet those laws, to be just, should never interfere with matters of conscience, nor dictate articles of faith. You are entitled to the second seat in the Council of your Companions, and the Ex-Grand Installing Marshal will now invest you with the jewel of your office and conduct you to your station.

I now present to you this Appendix D, a copy of the Essentials and the Key Lecture. ~~\_, Please please see your Secretary, sign for these and~~ duly transmit them to your successor.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Scribe).

Installing Officer: The office of Scribe to which you are chosen, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The emblem with which you are about to be invested is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end, you should, by all means in your power, endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all Orders and Degrees of Masonry. the ~~Ex-Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with the jewel of your office and conduct you to your station.

I now present you this Appendix D, a copy of the Essentials and the Key Lecture, please ~~see your Secretary, sign for these and~~ duly transmit them to your successor.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Treasurer, ~~\_, or if~~ in case of re-election of the Treasurer, suitable remarks may be made.)

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Treasurer of this Chapter. It is your duty to receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary, keep just and regular account of the same, and pay them out by order of the High Priest and the consent of the Chapter. I trust your regard for the Fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office. The ~~Ex-Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Secretary-  
~~\_,~~ in case of re-election of the Secretary, suitable remarks may be made.)

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Secretary of this Chapter. It is your duty to observe all the proceedings of the Chapter; make a fair record of all things proper to be written; receive all moneys due the Chapter and pay them over to the Treasurer of this Chapter. Your good inclination to Masonry, I hope, will induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing, you will merit the esteem and applause of your Companions.

The ~~Ex-Grand-Installing~~ Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Captain of Host)-

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, the office with which you are entrusted is of great importance, and demands your zealous consideration. Your office corresponds with that of Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and, as the world can only judge us of our private discipline by our public deportment, you should be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always be near at hand to see them duly executed.

The ~~Ex-Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Principal Sojourner)-

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, the office confided to you, though subordinated in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief, alone, excepted. Your past exertions can be considered as a pledge of your future assiduity in the faithful discharge of your duties, and so your Companions regard and can look forward with complete confidence to the zeal with which you will perform the work of your station.

The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~You will now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Royal Arch Captain.)

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, the duties of Royal Arch Captain require little in the way of elucidation to you, as your past performances have left no doubts in the minds of your Companions, of your knowledge and abilities. It is your province conjointly with the Captain of the Host, to attend to the examination of all visitors, and to take care that none are permitted to enter the Chapter, but such as have evidenced their title to our favor and friendship. I give it to you strictly in charge, never to permit anyone to pass your post who have not so satisfied you.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You will~~  
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to  
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Master of Third Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, you have already exhibited those capabilities which have lead to your advancement to this important station. Although subordinate in degree, you must never minimize the importance of the duties with which you are charged, and should ever be conscious of the fact that the efficiency with which your Companions administer the duties of their offices are likewise dependent upon the faithfulness and ability which you display in the discharge of yours.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You will~~  
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to  
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Master of the Second Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, as Master of the Second Veil, you have advanced another station in the line of officers of this Chapter. May you continue to exhibit the zeal which you have displayed in the work of our Order, and may you continue to reflect the friendship and benevolence which is so closely associated with our Order.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You will~~  
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to  
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents the Master of the First Veil). |

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, as Master of the First Veil, you have entered officially upon the work of the Chapter. May the ability which has caused your selection to this position of honor among your Companions enhance, rather than diminish your zeal, and may you move forward to the councils of this body in the years to come.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You will~~  
~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to  
your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Chaplain). |



Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, as Chaplain of this Chapter, the discharge of your duties faithfully and regularly will have much to do with the orderly procedure of the meetings. Your office is, therefore, of great importance to the Chapter, and from your well known abilities and energy, I am confident that the duties of your office will be well and faithfully discharged.

~~The Installing Marshal will now invest you~~ ~~You~~ ~~will~~ ~~now be invested~~ with the jewel of your office and conducted to your station.

Installing Marshal: (Presents Sentinel)-

Installing Officer: Companion \_\_\_\_\_, as Sentinel of this Chapter, the first application from visitors is generally made to you. Your friendliness and affability in greeting them is well known and reflects creditably upon the welcome which we desire to extend to those who seek our hospitality. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel, *(Sword should be at base of altar and presented by Ex. Grand Marshal at this time. Installing Officer should pause momentarily while sword is placed in hands of Sentinel.)* to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should admonish us to set a guard over our every thought, a watch at our lips, post a Sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought or deed, and preserving conscience void of offense toward GOD and man.

The ~~Ex-Grand~~Installing Marshal will now invest you with your jewel of office and conduct you to your station.

Now my Companions, due to the nature of our institution, some, of necessity, must rule and govern, while others must, of course, submit and obey. The Officers chosen to preside over this Chapter are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the rules of Order to avoid exceeding the power with which they are entrusted, while you are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I trust, therefore, that you will have but one aim, to please each other and unite in that grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Companion ~~Grand-Installing~~ Marshal, you will make the proclamation.

Installing Marshal: In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim the Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Number \_\_\_\_\_, duly installed.