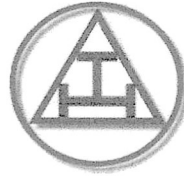


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**SHORT FORM OPENING FOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREE WORK &
CLOSE OFFICER INSTALLATION NOT A STATED MEETING**

To all Chapter Companions in the Jurisdiction of Florida

A Short Form Opening has been recommended by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work and approved by me: To be used during a Degree opening for the Royal Arch Degree instead of Declaring it open. It also can be used as the Opening for a Called Close Officer Installation.

[Not at a Stated Meeting, which will always be open Long Form.]

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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.]

H.P.: (Standing) * Companions, I am about to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and shall require your attention and assistance. (H.P. seated.) * Companion R.A.C., you will see that the Sentinel is at his post and invite in all R.A. Ms. and close the door. (Done.)

R.A.C.: E.H.P., that duty is performed.

H.P.: * Comp. C. of H., are all present R.A.Ms.?

C. of H.: I will ascertain and report. * Comp. R.A.C., you will ascertain if all present are R.A.Ms.

R.A.C.: (After making the necessary examination) Comp. C. of H., all present are R.A.Ms. (R.A.C. is seated.)

C. of H.: E.H.P., all present are Royal Arch Masons

H.P.: Is there a constitutional number present to open a Chapter of R.A.Ms.?

C. of H.: There are three times three.

H.P.: You will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that I am about to open _____ Chapter No. _____, R.A.Ms., and direct him to guard accordingly.

C. of H.: * Comp. R.A.C., you will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that the H.P. is about to open _____ Chapter No. ___, 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.)

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

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

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

PRAYER

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

Response: So mote it be.

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

H.P.: C. of H., it is my order that _____ Chapter No. __ , R.A.Ms. be now opened for work and instruction. This order you will communicate to the Companions for their government.

C. of H.: Companions, it is the order of the H.P. that _____ Chapter No. _____ , R.A.Ms., be now opened for work and instruction. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

H.P.: Together, companions.

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

Battery:

H.P.: *** ** *

K.: *** ** *

S.: *** ** *

H.P.: Companion Principal Sojourner, attend at the Altar. (Done.) I now declare _____ Chapter No. __ , R.A.Ms., erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel, opened in form. 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.)

H.P.: *



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