



RITE NOTES

BEST WISHES FOR THE YEAR

15 December 2023

Companions and Sir Knights,

First, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas and Holiday Season. May each of you have Faith, Hope and Peace in this joyous season. While we can enjoy this season, there are many of our membership who can't. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to remind you, that the Masonic Week 2024 in Alexandria, VA (6-11 February 2024). I want to remind you that we already have over 200+ registered for this event. You can register by going to Masonic Week 2024 and viewing the registration form, hotel information and schedule of events. Hope to see you there.

Companions and Sir Knights, the ideas are endless, but they must be put into practice.

There is no substitute for an all-out campaign to strengthen and build our membership.

Bring them back and put them to work.

Membership and Retention is everyone's business.

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ARTICLE XIX: Petition for Degrees

Section 1. Eligibility and Minimum Fees.

The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, which must be paid before the degrees can be conferred; and then only upon Master Masons who are members, in good standing, of regular lodges, and whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a Convocation and reported upon by a Committee.

Note: If any York Rite Bodies plan weekend festivals, Short of Time or Slow Classes, please let me know, with the date, time, location and contact person, for the Spring and Fall of 2024 and I will put it in the next newsletter, and on the website. Remember, Membership and Retention is everyone's business.

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Membership by District for 2023:

DIST	LOCATION	#	DIST	LOCATION	#
1	Palm Beach	5	6	Cocoa	
	Ft Lauderdale	1		Melbourne	1
	Miami			Fort Pierce	5
2	Manatee/Bradenton/Trinity		7	Jacksonville	5
	Sarasota/Venice/Trinity	10		Fernandina	4
	Fort Myers	7		St Augustine	3
				Palatka	1
3	Tampa (Ivanhoe)	13	8	Lake City	2
	St. Petersburg (Sunshine)			Middleburg	
	Clearwater (Springtime)	6		Gainesville	2
4	Lakeland	4	9	Tallahassee	6
	Plant City	3		Marianna	1
	Sebring (Highlands)			Panama City	2
5	Daytona (Halifax)	22	10	Fort Walton Beach	3
	Lake Sumter	5		Crestview	1
	Sanford	2		Pensacola	3
	Orlando	12			

Palatka had one brother who completed Chapter and Council but due to COVID was unable to complete the Orders

REMINDER: MASONIC MEMBERSHIP SOLUTIONS (MMS) RULES STATE THAT NEW COMPANIONS AND SIR KNIGHTS NEED TO BE PLACED IN MMS WITHIN 15 DAYS. If this is not done, the magazine will not be sent automatically. The Secretary will have to contact Grand Encampment.

MMS IS NOW ON GOOGLE CHROME

New Membership by York Rite Body 2023:

DIST	DATE	LOCATION	KNIGHTED
1			
2	30 Sep 23	Tampa	
3	4 & 11 Mar 23	Tampa (4), Trinity (8), Ft Myers (2), Clearwater (4), Lakeland (4), Plant City (2), Lake Sumter (4), Orlando (10), Palatka (1), Melbourne (1)	40
	7 & 14 Oct 23	Tampa (7), Ft Myers (3), Manasota (2), Clearwater (2), Orlando (1), Plant City (1), Lake Sumter (1)	17
4			
5	15 & 16 Sep	Orlando cancelled	
6	31Mar-1Apr 23	Ft Pierce (5), Melbourne (0), WPB (5), Ft Lauderdale (1)	11
	29-30 Sep 23	Ft Pierce cancelled	
7	4 & 18 Feb 23	Palatka, Lake City (1), Sanford (1), St Augustine (3), Daytona (12), Lake Sumter (4), Fernandina (1)	21

	21 Oct 23	Palatka/Jacksonville (10), Sanford (1), Orlando (1), Lake City (1), Gainesville (2), Jacksonville (3)	18
8			
9			
10	14-15 Jul 23	Tallahassee (6), Panama City (2), Mariana (1), Crestview (1), Ft Walton Beach (3), Pensacola (3)	16
TOTAL 2023 KNIGHTINGS			126
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Also, as soon as your area determines the dates for the Spring Festival, **PLEASE** let me know so they may be included.

Fraternally,

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"Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"

Some excerpts, from the Grand Commanders Handbook, published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, reprint from Aug 2009, intro. and Grand Commandery of Florida, Baderstadt, Jon L. " Making Members" pp 73-75, and from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006

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