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Strength in Unity



Companions and Sir Knights:

No where in our wildest dreams did we imagined to go so far in York Rite communications in Florida. This is our third year of publishing the York Rite Mason magazine. The Committee members have ventured in other projects outside of this magazine but related to communication. S.K. Ron

Blaisdell has modernized and updated our Grand York Rite web site. He has done an excellent job with the web site. S.K. Charles "Chic" Cicero is the State Editor for the Knights Templar magazine. I began publishing "The Temple of Solomon" an educational newsletter for use in our local Commanderies. The previous examples show how effective we can be when we have a resolve to do something to advance Freemasonry. United in a common purpose, we are capable of exceeding our own expectations. This is strength through unity. Unity of thought, purpose, effort and common goals.

Let's take that up another notch, imagine how effective we all would be, as Freemasons, if that same unity of strength works to fortify all the Masonic Bodies in Florida. All Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners and York Rite working together with a common purpose, united for the betterment of Masonry, achieving things beyond our expectations. In order for us to reach that goal, we must understand Unity as a word of action nor mere rhetoric. Work, respect, understanding, and mutual collaboration are the variables of unity. We advance Freemasonry when we all sail in the same direction with the same common goals. When we all commit ourselves to travel on the path of Unity, we strengthen our own Masonic Bodies and Freemasonry. Are you up to the challenge?

Fraternally

S. K. David A. Aponte, Grand Generalissimo
Chairman

The deadline for our next issue is September 15th.

Please submit your articles, pictures, and events timely.

Failure is only a temporary change in direction to set you straight for your next success.

The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work unless it's open.

He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened.

The only time you run out of chances is when you stop taking them.

You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough.

Life isn't worth living unless you're willing to take some big chances and go for broke.

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

Nothing is predestined: The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.

The future depends on what we do in the present.

Remember, You are the Image of York Rite, in particular, and Freemasonry, in general.



DIFFERENT **MEN**, DIFFERENT **TIMES**, CAN WE ACHIEVE GLORY?

by **R.W. George Aladro**, Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Florida



What a wonderful and exciting times we live in, could you have imagined that in a short fifty years our country has had more technological advances than the previous six thousand years of world history.

Yet our country like our fraternity is relatively young, from a historical view our country's ebbs and flows of growth in values and patriotism have coincided with that of our fraternity.

Our predecessors have been men that have inspired change, not only in our fraternity but in society as well. Our Fraternity was first in saying that all men were created equal, thus the expression that has been entered in our everyday language that "we meet on the level", we dare to express freedom of religion while requiring to have a belief in God, for we know that man without faith, hope and charity is but a rudderless soul. Further, we believe in Brotherhood, that all men across this vast globe can live in peace and prosperity for the betterment of all mankind.

Can you imagine what a tall order this was just a short three hundred years, when average men were the servant of one-man. Without the right of choice, choices we make in our everyday life, that they practice only that religion, which had been chosen for him, and that he was only allowed to associate with only a small group of men in his nearby surroundings as travel was prohibited by his master.

Can you imagine how noble and exalted it was to think as a Freemason? Kings, Queens, Emperors and Despots despised us for the way we thought, we were persecuted by temporal as well as the celestial powers for heresy. For we dare to

speak of Equality, Liberty and the Brotherhood of Man. In times where King and Church had divided, the powers among themselves and men had no choice. This was the thinking of the times.

My Brothers this was not only bold change, but also a change so radical it set the conventional thinking of the time totally upside down, and who brought that thinking about, we The Freemasons of that time. We were CHANGE, INNOVATION AND PROGRESS, for all mankind, never my Brothers has any group of men had such higher thoughts and nobler deeds than our forefathers did.

Now, move to the present. Can we as men and MASONS truly say to ourselves that while living of the fruits of the labors of those that sowed the fertile vineyards of our Fraternity in years past, are we living up to the standards of those that were willing to give wealth and life for what they believe? I dare say not, today we have no risk of life and require very little of our wealth to be able to deliver to our posterity a vineyard worthy of our honor and reputation as men and Masons.

Before we are good Masons, we must be good sons, good fathers, and good citizens. In order to practice the art of Masonry it is required that a men be of good character, honor and integrity. We need men of like minds, so that together we can work towards a common goal of fulfilling our obligations in all aspects of our life. To demonstrate to our fellowmen that we have a commitment not only to ourselves but also to humanity to leave this world better than when we found it.

When we become active in our com-

munities and demonstrate not just by words but by deeds, the precepts of our Fraternity, to service mankind, than and only than will we move our cause forward. This cause in case some of us have forgotten is all those duties a loyal citizen, functioning in that capacity can offer his family, his community, his country and his fellowmen the world over, and most of all to his God.

We have nothing left to say My Brothers, than to leave the comfort of our easy chairs and give of your time and your wealth where ever you can, be a good steward of the obligations we have towards each other and to our fellowman.

Let us help the youth and the aged, do not leave anyone behind. Let us help those less fortunate than us, and I am sure you will receive your just rewards when you finally meet the Great Architect of the Universe in that Celestial Lodge on high.

Be of one mind, remember our Craft is based on those who can best work and best agree. Further remember to work on those things that unite us, Remember the importance of our mission, and the dishonor it will bring on us should we fail. Let all of us work together hand in hand and with the grace and guidance of The Great Architect of the Universe we will prevail.

ARE YOU READY, ARE YOU PART OF THE PROBLEM OR PART OF THE SOLUTION, STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

IN GOD WE TRUST CAMPAIGN

By S. K. David A. Aponte, Grand Generalissimo



When we began our Masonic journey, we professed before all present our trust in God in all our daily doings. By federal law, the motto of our country is "In God We Trust". Some in our society doesn't seem to like this. Using the legal principle of separation of church and state, they have begin to erode some of the values upon which this great nation was built.

The state of Florida has issued a new license plate in October 2008 with the motto "In God We Trust". I got mine in March 2009. This made me think, how this would be a great way to show Floridians in whom Masons place their trust in. This is the main reason I begin this campaign. I am requesting all my Masonic Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights when it's time to change their license plate , to request this new license plate. Besides, **there's no additional cost for this.** You will pay the same amount that you regularly pay for a plate with the inscription "Sunshine State". We now have the opportunity to show in whom we place our trust and reaffirm our belief in our Supreme Grand Master.

Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights, I hope you can join me in this campaign and help bring this message to your local Masonic bodies (Blue Lodge, local York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite valleys, etc.). Let us all show Florida our Masonic belief in God.

Brethren, Companions or Sir Knights, if you take this message to the Masonic Bodies in your area, please e-mail me to see how far this cable-tow can go. There's another "In God We Trust" license plate, see the article below, only one difference - there's a cost regarding the license plate indicated below. God Bless.

IN GOD WE TRUST License Tag

By Ill. Larry Duff, Illustrious Master, Ocala Council No. 22 & Junior Deacon, Leesburg Lodge

In October 2008 the State of Florida authorized the production of a another "In God We Trust" license plate. The cost for this plate is \$25.00 plus a \$2.00 processing fee. The license plates are available at our local tag offices.



Proceeds from the sale of this plate go to the "In God We Trust Foundation" which supports Florida's "First Responders "and the funds received from the sale of the plate are dedicated to meeting the needs of Florida residents that are actively enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, or in active duty as a Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Fireman or EMT who have an injury or need that is unmet by current programs. The Foundation will also provide educational scholarships to the children of "First Responders" who have lost their lives during their job protecting Florida Citizens.

Besides the reason stated above, I also believe there is one major reason to purchase this license plate: Show your pride in our country by displaying the Motto of our country, during your Entered Apprentice Degree, do you remember your answer to the Worshipful Masters question, "In Whom Do You Place Your Trust".

Florida does not have a specialty tag for Masonry, here is a tag that we as Masons can adopt and show our pride in our country and our beliefs, while providing charitable funds to those who serve and protect us and are in need.

It's an individual choice and the choice is yours.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The 4th of July is an historical and important event for all U.S. citizens. It was the birth of a struggling nation fighting in 1776 for its independence from tyranny and economical oppression.

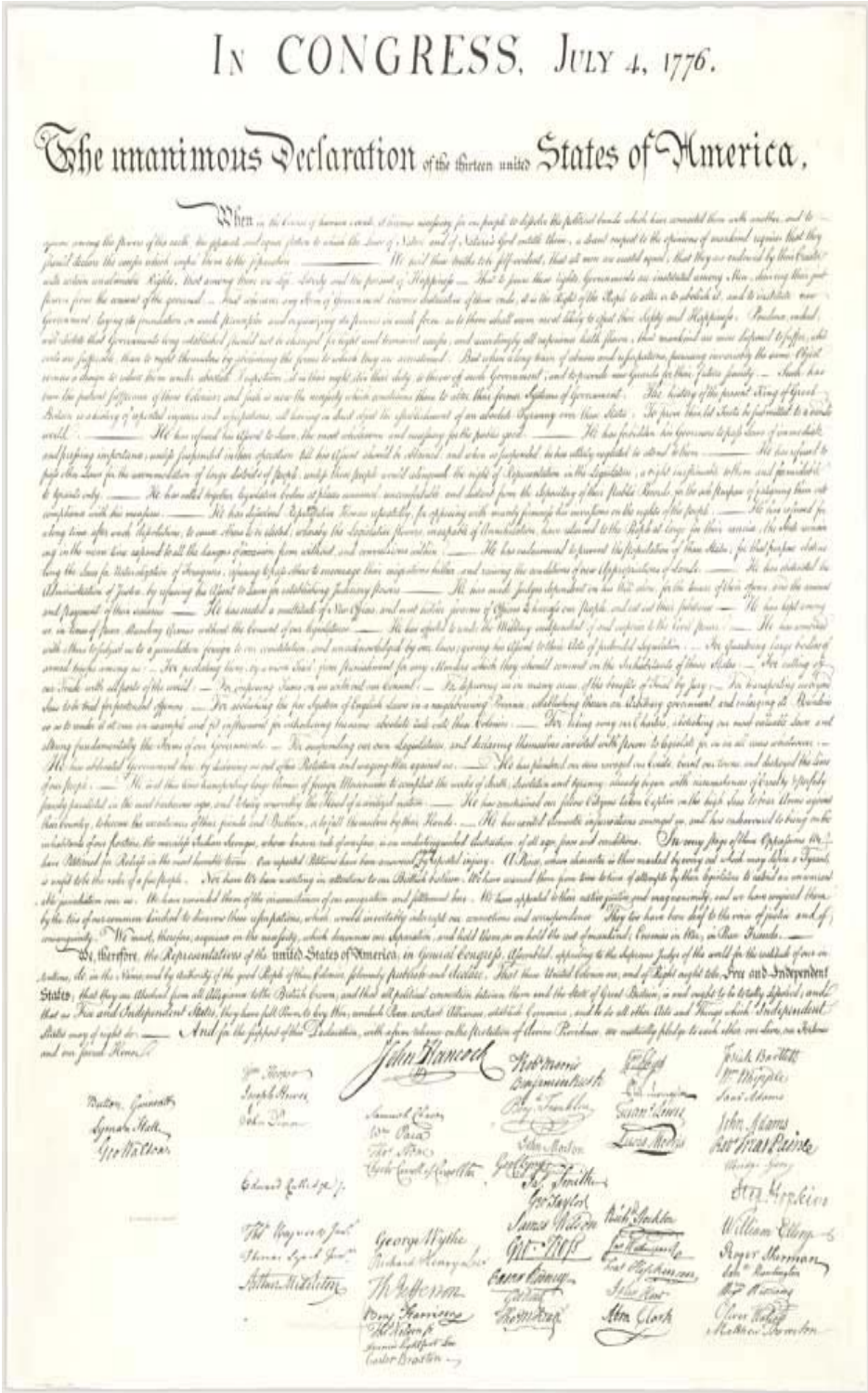
Our founding fathers realized that a written document was needed. It would outline what the Independence War would stand for. Giving the delegates to the Continental Congress common ground to agree and work upon.. That was our crossroad. Either we continued under the tyranny of King George III or seek a better way to espouse the ideals of Liberty, Fraternity, Life, Equality, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

We commemorate the 4th of July with picnics, speeches, firework displays and music. What worries many at this time of the year is the fact of our forgetfulness. We tend to forget many times what brought us here in the first place as a nation. We tend to forget what were the ideals and principles for which we fought for.

Let us reflect and ponder the reasons why we became a nation and what were the foundational ideals that gave birth to this great nation. Always remember, we as American citizens and Freemasons have a greater responsibility and commitment to uphold those truths written back in 1776 and pass them down to future generations.

Take a minute to read the Declaration of Independence in its entirety. Become a beam of hope and light for those concepts that makes us the great nation we are.

God Bless America..
The Florida York Rite Magazine Editor



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE
THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise;

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the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

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In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Georgia:

Button Gwinnett
Lyman Hall
George Walton

North Carolina:

William Hooper
Joseph Hewes
John Penn

South Carolina:

Edward Rutledge
Thomas Heyward, Jr.
Thomas Lynch, Jr.
Arthur Middleton

Maryland:

Samuel Chase
William Paca
Thomas Stone
Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia:

George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
Thomas Jefferson
Benjamin Harrison
Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Francis Lightfoot Lee
Carter Braxton

Pennsylvania:

Robert Morris
Benjamin Rush
Benjamin Franklin
John Morton
George Clymer
James Smith
George Taylor
James Wilson
George Ross

Delaware:

Caesar Rodney
George Read
Thomas McKean

New York:

William Floyd
Philip Livingston
Francis Lewis
Lewis Morris

New Jersey:

Richard Stockton
John Witherspoon
Francis Hopkinson
John Hart
Abraham Clark

New Hampshire:

Josiah Bartlett
William Whipple

Massachusetts:

John Hancock
President of Congress
Samuel Adams
John Adams
Robert Treat Paine
Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island:

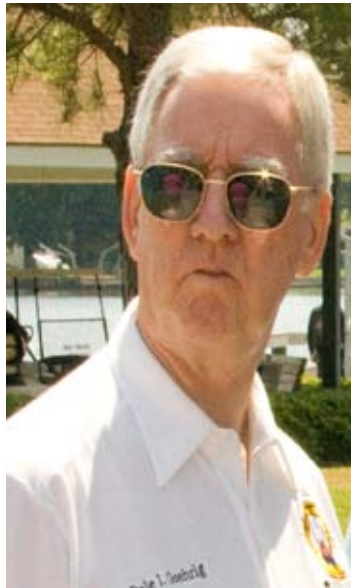
Stephen Hopkins
William Ellery

Connecticut:

Roger Sherman
Samuel Huntington
William Williams

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GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. of FLORIDA



M. W. Dale Goehrig
GRAND MASTER 2009-2010

The Florida York Rite Mason magazine on behalf of the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, M. Exc. Darryl D'Angina, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of Florida, M. Ill. Carl Gilmore, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida, Sir Knight Ideal Baldoni, II, and all the Florida York Rite Masons, congratulate M. W. Dale Goehrig on his election as Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, the highest position of honor and service in Freemasonry.

Let York Rite Shine in '09

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA



R. E. Anthony Marrota, Jr.
Grand King



M. E. Darryl D'Angina
Grand High Priest
2009-2010



R. E. Robert Kirkpatrick
Grand Scribe

Elected & Appointed 2009 - 2010 Grand Line Officers



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R. I. Howard Gardner
Deputy Grand Master



M. I. Carl Gilmore
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2009-2010



R. I. Fullwood
Grand Principal Conductor of Council

Elected & Appointed 2009 - 2010 Grand Line Officers



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S. K. Ideal Baldoni II
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2009-2010



S. K. David A. Aponte
Eminent Grand Generalissimo



S. K. Charles Cicero
Very Eminent Deputy
Grand Commander



S. K. A. J. LaRose
Eminent Grand Captain General

Elected & Appointed 2009 - 2010 Grand Line Officers



Check Page 17 for the list of the 2009 -2010 Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Darryl A. D'Angina

Right Excellent Grand King
Anthony J. Marotta, Jr.

Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Robert G. Kirkpatrick

Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM

Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Steven Q. Steele, PGHP

Excellent Grand Chaplain
William R. Taylor

Excellent Grand Historian
Glenn E. Chandler, PGHP

Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Calvin A. Bonnett

Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
John G. Allen

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
John F. Wermann

Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd
Veil
William R. Jacobs

Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd
Veil
Richard A. Wolfe

Excellent Grand Master of the 1st
Veil
C. Robert Cooper

Excellent Grand Sentinel
Wayne Y. Thigpen

Excellent Grand Organist
David R. Meade

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA

2009 - 2010 Grand Lind Officers District Deputies District Instructors

District Deputies

District No. 1 (11, 20, 24, 65)
Malcolm A. Rhinehart

District No. 2 (18,35,50)
Ernest R. (Randy) Spradling

District No. 3 (3, 31, 45, 63)
Scott McAlister

District No. 4 (8, 16, 22, 29, 64)
Frederick R. Gerdom

District No. 5 (5,7,15,33)
Damon S. Sansom

District No. 6 (27, 28, 59)
John Paniccia

District No. 7 (9, 12, 17, 48, 49)
Carl S. Amos

District No. 8 (2, 13, 38, 62)
Frank T. Camacho

District No. 9 (1, 32, 39)
John C. Babski

District No. 10 (6, 40, 57)
Richard Gilman

District Instructors

District No. 1 (11, 20, 24, 65)
Harry B Futch

District No. 2 (18,35,50,67)
John L. Horne, Jr.

District No. 3 (3,31,45,63)
Kenneth P. Scott

District No. 4 (8,16,22,29,64)
James E. Burnsed

District No. 5 (5, 7, 15, 33)
James L. Moore III

District No. 6 (27, 28, 59)
Murray A. Conrath

District No. 7 (9, 12, 17, 48, 49)
A. Eugene Yarborough

District No. 8 (2, 13, 38, 62)
Lucian Mundreanu

District No. 9 (1, 32, 39)
Randall B. Tyre

District No. 10 (6, 40, 57)
Freddie C. Briggs, Jr

**GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS
OF FLORIDA**

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Carl E. Gilmore, REPGC

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Howard H. Gardner

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work
M. Danny Fullwood

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Duane B. Young, PGHP

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Steven Q. Steele, PGHP

Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Robert I. Moore

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Larry R. Gillespie

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Dayle L. Schrock

Illustrious Grand Marshal
Gerald M. Lee

Illustrious Grand Steward
H. Warren Almand, PGHP

Illustrious Grand Sentinel
John L. Horne

Illustrious Grand Organist
Cal A. Bonnett

No District Instructors have been appointed
for the Cryptic Year of 2009-2010.

**2009 - 2010
Grand Lind Officers
District Deputies
District Instructors**

District Deputies

District No. 1 (10,17, 24, 44)
Leland Cranmer

District No. 2 (9, 25, 41, 45)
John D. Powell

District No. 3 (8, 14, 34)
Charles "Chic" Cicero

District No. 4 (4, 11, 40, 42,
43)
Miguel Araya

District No. 5 (1, 5, 20, 28, 37)
James D. Dickenson

District No. 6 (13, 36, 38)
John Pickford

District No. 7 (3, 15, 18)
C. Robert Cooper

District No. 8 (22, 27, 35, 39)
Wayne Y. Thigpen

District No. 9 (26, 30, 31)
L. Richard Kasten

District No. 10 (7, 29, 33)
Leslie H. Whitman



S. K. Ideal Baldoni II
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2009-2010

GRAND COMMANDER'S CALENDAR



JULY

July 11-17 Great Smokie's Summer Assembly Maggie Valley, NC
July 26-27 DeMolay Summer Assembly Gainesville
July 31-Aug 01 York University Lake Mary

AUGUST

August 13 Palatka Commandery No 5 Palatka
August 16-19 Grand Encampment Triennial Roanoke, VA

SEPTEMBER

September 01 District 8 Meeting Gainesville
September 10 Bradford Commandery No. 43 Lawtey
September 11 Palm Beach Commandery No. 18 West Palm Beach
September 17 Melbourne Commandery No. 41 Melbourne
September 19 Grand Commander's Retreat The Villages
September 22 St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 Fort Pierce
September 23 Brevard Commandery No. 24 Cocoa
September 24 District 5 Meeting Orlando
September 26 M. W. Grand Master's Homecoming Orlando
September 28 St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 St. Augustine

OCTOBER

October 01 District 7 Meeting Jacksonville
October 05 Crusader Commandery No. 44 Fernandina Beach
October 08 District 6 Meeting Melbourne
October 10-17 York Rite Eastern Caribbean Cruise Miami
October 22 Olivet Commandery No. 4 Orlando
October 26 Plant City Commandery No. 6 Plant City
October 27 Lakeland-Winterhaven Command. No.21 Lakeland

NOVEMBER

November 5 Trinity Commandery No. 16 Bradenton
November 09 District 10 Meeting Pensacola
November 12 District 2 Meeting Sarasota
November 23 St. Johns Commandery No 29 Panama City
November 24 Crestview Commandery No. 25 Crestview

DECEMBER

December 08 Lake City Commandery No. 39 Lake City
December 11 Triangle Commandery No. 38 Eustis
December 14 Cour De Lion Commandery No 1 Pensacola

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF FLORIDA

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Ideal Baldoni II

Inspector General
Phillip S. Ware

Very Eminent Deputy Grand
Commander
Charles C. Cicero

Drill Master General
Ronald J. Bertie

Eminent Grand Generalissimo
David A. Aponte

Judge Advocate General
Richard S. Agster, MIPGM

Eminent Grand Captain General
Arthur J LaRose

Chief of Staff
Stephen E. Henwood

Eminent Grand Treasurer
Richard E Foreman, MIPGM

District Deputies

District Instructors

Eminent Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Duane B. Young, PGHP

District No. 1 - (13, 18 & 35)
Al Mueller

District No. 1 - (13, 18 & 35)
James Schmidt

Eminent Grand Recorder
Steven Q. Steele, PGHP

District No. 2 - (16 & 32)
Eric West

District No. 2 - (16 & 32)
Stephen A. Yarbrough

Eminent Grand Prelate
Rev. Daniel L. Williams

District No. 3 - (8, 20, 40)
Don Robinson

District No. 3 - (8, 20 & 40)
Ralph E. Vaughan

Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Henry A. Adams

District No. 4 - (6, 15 & 21)
John B. Ellis

District No. 4 - (6,15 & 21)
Joe (Ken) West

Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Robert G. Stearns

District No. 5 - (4, 9, 28, 36, 38)
Harry Eisenberg

District No. 5 - (4, 9, 28, 36 & 38)
William (Bill) Schuck

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
James T. Mason

District No. 6 - (17, 24 & 41)
James A. Green

District No. 6 - (17, 24 & 41)
Dayle L. Schrock

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Robert C. St. John, Jr

District No. 7 - (2, 5 & 10)
Corbin P. Elliott

District No. 7 - (2, 5 & 10)
Charles R. (Bob) Cooper

Eminent Grand Warder
Ronald B. Blaisdell, MIPGM

District No. 8 - (7, 19, 39 & 43)
Daniel Williams

District No. 8 - (7, 19, 39 & 43)
Steve Mitchell

Eminent Grand Sentinel
James L. Record

District No. 9 - (12, 22 & 29)
Randall Tyre

District No. 9 - (12, 22 & 29)
Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM

Grand Organist
John G. Allen

District No. 10 - (1, 25 & 42)
Ronald L. Parks

District No. 10 - (1, 25 & 42)
Jack C. Maulden

THE FOUR ACTION COLUMNS OF MASONIC LIFE

By Most Worshipful Bro. C. Edwin Drew



Prayer



Charity



Study



Illumination

Prayer

This is by no means advertising or promoting any faith or religion, but it is a necessity of every Freemason to prove to his own soul that there exists a Higher Power that we commonly refer to as the GAOTU. Believing in His 'Rewarding virtue and punishing vice' is a personal choice that we acknowledge before stepping foot into our Lodge as a candidate. It what separates us from being just an applicant at the time and thus stays as part of our personal structure until time immemorial.

There are probably as many ways to pray as there are personalities, but again, through our own freedom of choice, we can do this in any environment at any time we choose. But it is important to remember to pray. And again, what we pray for is a personal choice providing we do not ask for material wants that is conveyed as greed. There are fine lines on

this subject such as thanking The Almighty for gifts already received. And getting into the philosophies of religion are definitely subjects we as Masons do not discuss amongst ourselves in and about our Lodges. While Freemasonry supports Religion, it cannot be in any way acknowledged as such. Freemasonry has no dogma or sacraments. We do not seek converts nor solicit new members. Prayer, however, helps us to remember that we must follow those rules and commandments that keep us within due bounds of a society where humanity and good will to all connects with he moral standards that Freemasonry impresses upon us.

Charity

Begins at home, and then spreads from there. Being a Freemason helps us to be better at what we do in a moral sense. Charity is what

keeps greed from rearing its ugly head in our presence. Charity makes us better human beings. It is the result of caring.

Charity does not only mean opening the wallet or purse to help the less fortunate or needy. It also means opening our hearts, our time, our resources to assist where we can for those in need of such things as lending an open ear or mind, giving resources and contacts where we can, and of our time to see through that help or assistance. It is said that Charity 'encompasses the whole, and the Mason who is in possession of this virtue in its most ample sense, may justly be deemed have arrived at the summit of Freemasonry....'.

Another word for Charity is Love. This very overused, yet powerful word has many meanings to many people. Yet if we think of it as the opposite of Hate, which seems to be a more definitive word and as opposingly powerful, it makes it

easier to understand what we, as humans, and specifically Masons, need to do.

Prove to ourselves without the glorification, personal need and expected restitution, to ease the pain of another. This is Charity. This is how we need to treat one another. Especially since random acts of kindness will speak volumes of the giver, and relieves the sorrow of the recipient. It evens things out and thus, puts us all on the Level.

Study

Education is something we impress upon our children. It is so that the development of mind rises with the social stature of that age. It prepares them for life in general and teaches the necessities for adulthood. What happens next is the need for continuing education, professional or not, to keep up with growing technology and globalization. In our shrinking societies, we are getting closer to cultures never seen in the history of Man and we need to understand each other in broader scope in order to live in harmony and ultimately survive.

In comparison to the rest of the world, our small Masonic society has more information per capita available to us. Books, readings, videos and personal resources can teach and show us to expand our moral fiber which is the very foundation on which Freemasonry is built. In

essence, it expands our thinking, begs more questions and gives us in return the greatest benefit of understanding. Grand Lodge expresses the importance of Education and has Education Committees and Education Talks and Seminars. Take advantage of any of these in your and surrounding Districts. Regardless of age, experience, Masonic Rank, get Educated through Study.

Illumination

A light illuminates at any charge of energy. We can see it, or feel the glow in within ourselves when we become enlightened. The latter is what one should have when that power within becomes discovered.

Power being knowledge, knowledge being light. From that we will display an aura of satisfaction. This energy is transferred to the benevolence and charity to which all Masons aspire.

None of what that is written is new. It is said in our Lodges during different occasions, in different ways. It never hurts to be reminded what our purpose is, even in some small way. As in some small way, I hope this rejuvenates a spirit that needed to be awakened.

Peace, Brethren.

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***THE WEAK CAN
NEVER FORGIVE.
FORGIVENESS IS
THE ATTRIBUTE OF
THE STRONG.***

***IT IS BETTER TO
LIGHT A CANDLE
THAN CURSE THE
DARKNESS.***

***THERE ARE THREE
WORDS I LIKE TO
REPEAT TO MYSELF:
GLASS HALF FULL,
JUST TO REMIND
MYSELF TO BE
GRATEFUL FOR
EVERYTHING I
HAVE.***

***IF YOU SPEND
YOUR WHOLE LIFE
WAITING FOR THE
STORM, YOU'LL
NEVER ENJOY THE
SUNSHINE.***

***ALTER YOUR
ATTITUDE AND YOU
CAN ALTER YOUR
LIFE.***

NEWS ACROSS THE STATE

M. E. Grand High Priest D'Angina Visits Jacksonville Chapter No. 12

By S. K. Corbin P. Elliott, Correspondent



Most Excellent Companion Darryl A. D'Angina, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, made his official visit to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R.A.M. on Thursday, June 11, 2009. There were a good number of Companions present, including nine Past High Priests. We enjoyed an excellent dinner and everyone had a fine time.

Pictured here were the Companions assembled after the Convocation. Standing, left to right in the first row were: Corey Kosciuszko, M.2nd V.; Danny Griffith, C. of the H.; Rudin J. Boatright, E. High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R.A.M.; Darryl A. D'Angina, M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Florida; Jimmy Dorsey, RAC; Wilmer T. Atwell, PHP, and Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Florida.

Seen, from left to right in the back two rows, were: Ted Roycraft, Sentinel; Corbin Elliott, PHP; Lewis Duffey, PS; John Block, M.1st V.; Frank Kleese, M.3rd V.; D. Joe Wilkerson, John Palumbo, King; Pete Trent, Scribe; Bill Walker, PHP; Tony Gagarin, PHP; Wendell D. Harrington, MEPGHP, MIPGM; Clifton Estes, Chap.; Elmer G. Coffman, PHP, MWPGM, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida; Don Johnson, and Charlie Irlle, PHP.

The Aaronic Benediction

Y'VAH-REH-CEH-CHAH ADONAI V'YEESHM'REH-CHAH YAH-EHR ADONAI PAH-NAHV EH-LEH-CHAH V'CHOO-NEH-CHAH YE-SAH ADONAI PAH-NAHV EH-LEH-CHAH V'YAH-SAIM L'CHAH SHALOM

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee
May the Lord make his face to shine upon thee
And be gracious unto thee.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee
And give thee peace.

GRAND COMMANDER VISITS DAMASCUS COMMANDERY

By S. K. Corbin P. Elliott, Correspondent



On May 12, 2009, Right Eminent Grand Commander Ideal Baldoni made his official visitation to Damascus Commandery No. 2 K. T. in Jacksonville. Pictured here are the officers, members, and visitors with Sir Knight Ideal Baldoni, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Florida, after the meeting.

Standing, from left to right, in the first row were: Charles R. Cooper, PC, DDGM, PDDGC,

PDDGHP; Corey D. Kosciuszko, Sentinel; Jimmy A. Dorsey, Std.B.; Darryl A. D'Angina, KYGCH; M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Florida; Ideal Baldoni, KYGCH, KCT, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Florida; Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, KCT, DDGC, District 12; Samuel D. Hope, E. Commander, Damascus Commandery No. 2 K.T.; Wilmer T. Atwell, PDDGM, Captain General; Ernest Beeman, KYCH, PDDGM, PDDGHP, PDDGC; and Loren Lee, KYCH.

Seen, from left, in the back row were: William H. McClean, PC, Prelate; Robert G. Atwell, KYCH, PDDGC, Recorder, Bradford Commandery No. 43; William F. Ellis, S.W.; Leland E. Stanford, III, PC, PDDGC; Edward Dunn, E. Commander, St. Augustine Commandery No. 10; Burt F. Maguire, PC, KTCH, Recorder of St. Augustine Commandery No. 10, K.T.; and William Ferrell, KYCH.

GRAND RECORDER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Grand Encampment has now come "online" with the national database. This will enable the local Recorder to input his membership changes directly to Grand Encampment. This will eliminate the need for sending monthly reports to the Grand Reorder and the Grand Encampment. There will be a training seminar on the new system conducted at the Lake Mary Marriott Hotel on Saturday August 1, beginning at 1PM. After training you will receive your password for access to the database. If you cannot attend, please send a trainee that can assist you in "learning the ropes" of the system.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE by the Grand Commandery's Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

To all Commanderies in Florida,

In addition to the many religious observances throughout the year, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar sponsors an annual "Holy Land Pilgrimage." The purpose of the pilgrimage is to send a Christian Minister to The Holy Land.

Donations are needed for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program. Last year, we have had the honor of sending three ministers to the Holy Land. It was a great success. However, our funds for the program are now depleted. At this point we are in the red. Therefore, We're asking each commandery to **donate \$50 or \$75** so that we will be able to send a minister to the Holy Land this year.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is one of our important charities; it is a non-budget item. Only through donations can we make it possible to continue this valuable endeavor.

Send your donations to the Grand Secretary's office and make checks payable to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida. Be sure to make a notation on the check for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Courteously and Fraternally,
S.K. Charles Chic Cicero, V.E.D.G.C., K.T.C.H.
S.K. David A. Aponte, E.G.G.
Rev. Daniel Williams, E.G.P.

Now a Word from our Grand Treasurer:
Make checks for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund
payable to the **GRAND COMMANDERY**
OF FLORIDA and on the Memo Line write
Holy Land Pilgrimage.



The monthly newsletter produced & published by the Grand Commandery's Educational & Leadership Committee.

Purpose: To help the Constituent Commanderies with their monthly Masonic Education talk.

The newsletter is being sent electronically or by snail mail to the Constituent Commanderies in Florida on a monthly basis. It is also posted on the Florida York Rite web site.



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Topic:

Re-Engaging Lodge Members

Turning the Negative Into Positive

Disengaged members exist in all types of Masonic organizations. You can spot them by their indifferent, blasé attitudes. They don't care about the organization, and they send negative signals everywhere they go.

Disengaged members drive other members away, and their bad influence rubs on the rest of the lodge. Yet few members start off disengaged. It's typically a process that happens over time, as their expectations and how the lodge functions grow further and further apart.

Fortunately, you can re-engage members and build back their pride and commitment. But you'll need to make a continuous positive effort. There are three steps that will help your Lodge to re-engage your members.

First STEP - Find out who are the engaged members in your Lodge. Engaged members are those that go above and beyond their duties to get things done. They're committed to the Lodge's success, and they're willing to do what's necessary to reach the Lodge's goals. It's important to understand that while many "average" members are not quite fully engaged, that doesn't necessarily mean that they're completely disengaged. However, these average members need re-engagement as well.

Second STEP - You must build a member-focused Lodge - one that recognizes that your members genuinely are your most important asset and resource. To re-engage members, you need to meet members' expectations and provide a better lodge environment.

Third STEP - There are four re-engagement approaches to use.

1. Fact-finding - Activities that help you (a) understand disengagement and your current situation and (b) monitor your situation on an ongoing basis.

- Ask yourself when you ever felt unenthusiased and unengaged. When you understand the sorts of things that caused you to disconnect with your Lodge in the past, you may gain some insight into what members are feeling right now.
- Talk to your members about their expectations, situations and issues that may be troubling them. Having clear expectations is a fundamental factor in re-engaging people. If members feel that they've been treated unfairly, you need to know. Once discrepancies are found, work toward a resolution as soon as possible. This lets members know that you care and you take

their needs seriously.

- Schedule within your meetings, conversations on issues and problems within the Lodge. When you keep communication open, you can often avoid potential conflicts and misunderstandings that can grow worse and lead to major problems.
- Survey members on a regular basis. Use the issues you've identified as a starting point, and construct a questionnaire to discover what you're doing well and where there's room for improvement. Use the results to begin a re-engagement plan that will help you build a stronger and more devoted Lodge member.
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- **2. Establishing an Environment for Engagement** - Activities that help engagement flourish.
- Be honest and forthright. A little humility goes a long way toward re-engaging someone. What if the way you manage the Lodge contradicted any of the above points? What if you've been weaker in your commitment recently, and you've contributed to the current situation? Admit it, apologize for your actions, and construct a solid plan to move forward. This

Re-Engaging Lodge Members Turning the Negative Into Positive

is a great way to start rebuilding your Lodge's trust and show how supporting one another can make a huge difference for everyone. By demonstrating your commitment to your Lodge, members will likely respond with a renewed commitment to you and the Lodge.

- Put members to work. Members usually want to participate and be involved. They want and need to feel that they matter and that their contributions are valued.
- It's also important that people feel able to voice their ideas and raise issues - without judgment or fear of punishment. To re-engage members, help them feel confident that you'll welcome their contributions and that you'll really listen to what they say.
- Be a model for commitment to the Lodge. Members take their cues from you, and they'll react to your opinions and actions.

3. Optimizing Factors - Activities that help avoid members' stress, having them work in the right project or task, and providing feedback.

- Identify and manage burnout. Overworked members have a difficult time engaging.
- Put members to work in the right project or task. As you get

to know members, think about ways to capitalize on their unique strengths and talents.

- Provide fair and regular feedback. Most members respond incredibly well to praise and recognition. Make a conscious effort to observe when members are doing things right, and show them every day that they're appreciated. When you need to provide corrective feedback, make sure it's timely, and centered on a specific task.

4. Motivators Practices - helps increase motivation and engagement.

- A big factor is building long-term commitment. This is important because it retains members with knowledge and experience within the Lodge. Discover their talents and figuring out ways to use those talents within the Lodge.
- Help members understand the big picture. Some times, members don't understand what's going on in the Lodge. When that happens, it's easy for them to become disconnected and disillusioned. Keep members well informed, and make sure they stay focused on the big picture.
- A key part of engaging members is ensuring that the Lodge's success matters to them.

Summary

A member's commitment is a critical factor for success. When you have members who are committed to the Lodge, they'll work very hard to make the Lodge a success. It's extremely important, therefore, that you actively re-engage people who are disconnected with the Lodge and that you work to build and maintain the relationship between a member and the Lodge..

The bottom line is that members need to feel wanted. Show them how much they're needed and why. Be honest and trustworthy. Acknowledge that your members truly are the Lodge's most valuable assets and resource.

Let York Rite Shine in '09



York Rite Membership

Retaining Templars Into Our Ranks

By S. K. HENRY A. ADAMS, Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Chairman, Membership Committee



Our new Grand Commander, Right Eminent SK Ideal Baldoni, has taken up the challenge and again will strive to increase and keep our members. In the past 10 months, we have discussed many things dealing with membership and retention. We have discussed the need for recruiting, how to speak to a Blue Lodge brother about York Rite, sample letters that can be used to introduce them to our Bodies, follow-up letters and sample phone scripts, reasons our members “disappear”, and how to set up a recruiting team (campaign).

I included below, a guide to retain members. These are suggestions, a model so to speak, that can be adjusted to your own needs and requirements, but still a guide. As we enter this new York Rite year, membership and retention must be in the forefront of our activities and our outreach. Remember, each of us are part of the team.

1. A Commandery must have well planned and implemented programs for promoting attendance and participation in order to:
 - A. Retain its membership
 - B. Reinstate demitted and suspended members
 - C. Get new members

2. Well planned programs mean:
 - A. Planning and organizing
 - B. Leadership training - education
 - C. Motivation - Positive attitude
 - D. Unanimity - Working together
 - E. Implementation plans
 - F. Communication up and down
 - G. Review and follow-up

3. What do you want to do?
Plan and implement programs to promote attendance and participation in my Commandery.

4. Now What?
 - A. Assemble Officers and Committeemen to plan and implement a process to promote attendance and participation.
 - B. Do not take “No” for an answer
 - C. Attendance by the Commandery is mandatory

5. DO IT NOW!

York Rite Membership

- A. Establish the enthusiasm, motivation and commitment
 - B. Select a convenient time and location
 - C. Prepare an agenda and assemble brochures, pamphlets, written instructions, teaching aids, etc
 - D. Give adequate notice, in writing, to all attendees. Include a brief description of the purpose of the meeting, the agenda, curriculum, and other pertinent material
 - E. Require, in writing, a positive commitment from the designated attendees to attend the meeting and implement the process
6. Implement the process
- A. Communicate the plan(s) to the Commandery, then execute
 - B. Measure your progress to determine if progress is being made
 - C. Constantly “check your pulse” - get feedback from you members

We cannot hope to build our membership if we cannot provide weekend degree programs within a reasonable time period and distance. One or two Sir Knights should visit the other Commanderies within your District and discuss ways in which this can be accomplished. Each Commandery should provide the teams for two or three different degrees. If this cannot be accomplished within the district, pursue an neighboring district, until all degrees are filled. Finally, a set date and location each year should be established well in advance so candidates can properly plan. If Scottish Rite and the Shrine can do it, and they are successful, we should also.

Do you have a computer? Are you connected to the Internet?
If you answered **YES** to the above questions, then....
Have you visited the **Florida Grand York Rite website?**



York Rite Information in Florida

Events in our jurisdiction, News, Festival Dates, etc.

Remember this is your website for York Rite information.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons

Presents

Antient Craft Table Chapter Convocation

August 18, 2009

Gainesville Shrine Club - 8100 S. W. Archer Road (S. R. 24) (I-75 exit 384) Gainesville, FL 32608



Registration starting at 6:00PM, the Gavel will rap at 7:00PM

Guest speaker will be Most Excellent Darryl D'Angina, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

The meal is \$18.00 per person and covers a hardy steak, potato, salad, dessert, beverages and facilities

You can pay the evening of the dinner or send a check to the address below payable to:

"Gainesville York Rite" - Gainesville Chapter No. 2, RAM PO Box 972 Gainesville, FL 32602

To ensure enough food will be prepared, PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible to the Secretary, Companion Kevin Hanson at:

E-mail kshanson@phhp.ufl.edu phone at 352-331-1677.

Please come and enjoy the friendship and fellowship that are the hallmarks of the Table Chapter.

Fraternally,

Kevin S. Hanson - Secretary, Gainesville Chapter No. 2 R.A.M.

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Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Where: Ocala Commandery No. 19, K.T.
Bellevue Lodge No. 95 - Bellevue, Florida
Time: After 7:30 PM

Agenda

6:30 PM - Dinner - Donation \$7.00 - Reservation needed

Send dinner attendance reply to:

Mail: OYRB - P.O. Box 292 Lecanto, FL 34460-0292

E-mail: oyrb@tampabay.rr.com

7:30 PM Opening of Commandery's Stated Meeting

After 7:30 PM - School of Instruction

9 Man Full Form Opening

Discussion of Topics

After School of Instruction - Closing of Commandery

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Eminent District Instructor

8th Chivalric District



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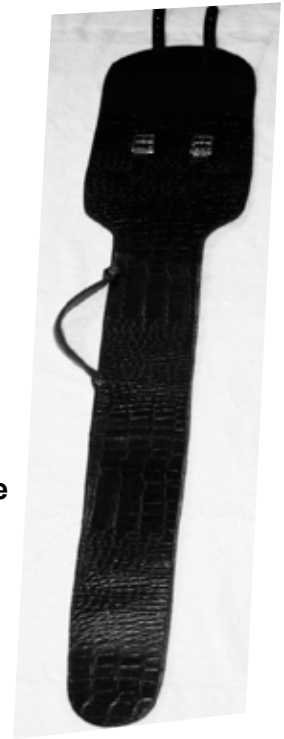
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**Wives & guests are welcome and encouraged. This would be an excellent opportunity
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Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Contact S.K. Ron Blaisdell for more information



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MEMOIRS FROM A DISTANT EVENT



The Grand Captain General and the District Deputies formed the Honor Guard. Through their line dignitaries were received.



The 2008-2009 Most Excellent Grand High Priest and 2008-2009 Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Reception of the Past Grand Commanders of Florida.
S.K. Harry Rosenthal (1976) was the first one received.



MEMOIRS FROM A DISTANT EVENT



Reception of dignitaries of other Jurisdictions and Masonic Bodies. Includes the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council International and the Florida Grand Lodge



MEMOIRS FROM A DISTANT EVENT



Reception of the Grand Line of the Grand Lodge of Florida and Grand Encampment Officers.

In order from left to right: (Top) R.W. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden; the Department Commander is checking the swords he already had a shave this morning; our own S.K. Bob Burleson showing Masonic Unity with Chapter, stoop low my brother;(Bottom) S.K. Sid C. Dorris, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; S.K. David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master (representing the Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templars, S.K. Howard Koon II; and the Grand Master of F. & A. M. of Florida, M.W. Joseph Fleites.



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Reports were given by several Sir Knights, including the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Florida, S.K. Charles Perez.

The Guards were near the doors so no one would leave during the reports. Our Guards were: (left to right) S.K. Charles Cooper, S.K. Robert Stearns, and S.K. Jim Mason.



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Several Sir Knights received individual awards and recognitions.



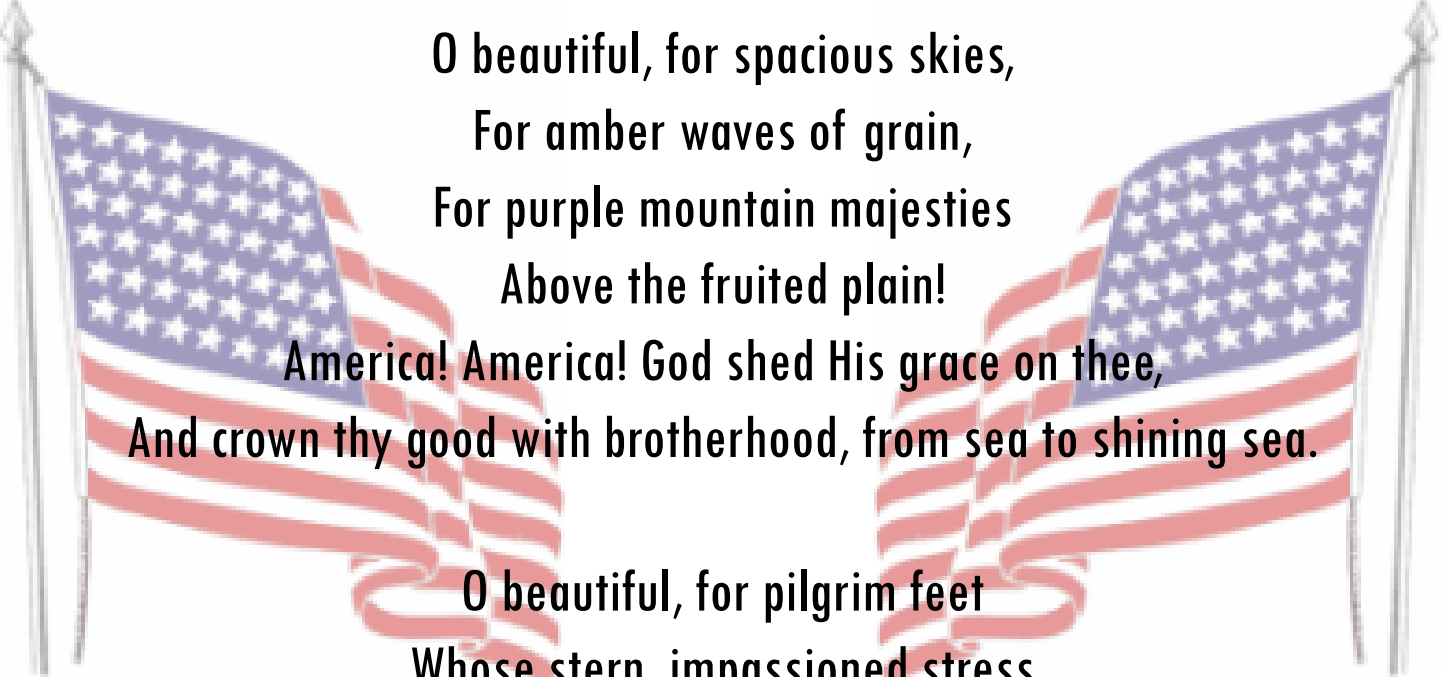
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Recipients of the R. Carr and Sir Francis Drake Awards: Couer de Lion Commandery No. 1



Recipients of the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy: St. Lucie Commandery No. 17



O beautiful, for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful, for pilgrim feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

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