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Name	Honors	Chapter	Council	Comry
Eugene E. Stiegel				1975
Keith W. Albright			2001	
Richard A. Overbee, Jr			2007	
Erik B. Andersen				2010
Frank K. Ramsdell	KYCH	1973	1961	1962
James E. Rowland*		1975	1974	1982
Phillip E. Moffses	KYCH	1976	1975 †93	1981 †03
John B. Fletcher, Jr	KCT, KYGCH	1981	1980	1977 †78
Julian E. Whigham		1982	1981	
William E. Cook	KYCH	1984	1982	1983
William V. Mikula	KYCH	1987	1986	1988
Robert E. Burleson	KCT, KYGCH	1988	1985	1987 †88
Clay H. Oehlert	KYCH	1990	1992	1989 †92
Wayne E. Parks	KYGCH	1993	2010	1993 †94
Richard A. Wilson	KYCH	1994	1993	1995
Gerald H. Favor	KYCH	1996†97	1995	1997
Douglas A. Noden	KYCH	1998	1999	2000
Virgil D. Albright	KYCH	1999	1997	1998
Fred G. McNabb		2000	1996	1999
Thomas S. Rice	KYCH	2002	2003	2008
Richard I. Fox	KYCH	2003	2002	2001
Miguel A. Arteaga		2003	2004	2009
James D. Dickenson	KYCH	2004 †07	2006 †09	2004-05 †08
Harry V. Eisenberg	KYCH	2006 †08	2005	2007 †09 †10
Patrick M. Biggs		2007		
Samuel A. Tish	KYCH	2008	2009	2006
Rex C. Cain		2009	2008	
Jerry McKinnon		2010	2011	2011
Ricardo Parente		2011		

† Year appointed District Deputy

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**JANUARY 2012**



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## Christmas Observance

On December 15th we had our Christmas Observance ceremony and it was an honor and pleasure to have the presence of our Right Eminent Grand Commander David A. Aponte and his lovely wife. We prayed under direction of Brother Reverend Jerry Elmore and sang several songs accompanied by Mrs. Schwebel on the piano.

To finish the ceremony, we have partaken several toasts to the Sir Knights:

- William H. Koon II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
- David A. Aponte, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida
- Jim J. Harris, Most Woshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida
- Berlin Ruleman, Eminent District Deputy Grand Commander of the 5th Chilvaric District of Florida
- Jerry McKinnon, Eminent Commander of Olivet Commandery No. 4
- Ricardo Parente, Eminent Commander Elect of Olivet Commandery No. 4
- All Knights Templar wherever dispersed and those who have shed their blood, or have voluntarily put themselves in harms way, in defense of Liberty and Christianity
- Officers and Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant



Another year has come and gone and with that the changing of the guard in the form of the installation of new officers for the upcoming year.

But we must look back and reflect so that we are not guilty of continuing on this collision course with failure. The last couple of years have been turbulent...to say the least!

It is evident that there are two factions within the Orlando York Rite Bodies. One is the "Old Guard" consisting of Past Masters from antiquity and the other group is the remaining Brethren. The "Old Guard" refuses to concede that they ruled decades ago and they are relegated to the role of "advisors". Foolish pride, ego-maniacs, and control mongers have no place in freemasonry.

The Masters of the appendant bodies have met with stiff opposition from the "Old Guard" regarding all matters big and small. There has been no cooperation between the two groups, no meaningful dialogue, no compromise. There is no mentoring...just do as I say and don't question.

There has been numerous instances of conduct unbecoming a mason, before, during, and after Lodge. Disrupting the peace and harmony of the lodge and lying to the craft SHALL never be tolerated! When is this unacceptable behavior going to STOP?

New Brethren have witnessed this sad state of affairs and refused to join our ranks and now attend other York Rite Bodies. We can not grow and prosper with all these distractions! Unless drastic changes are made the OYRB will be extinct sooner than later.

All Brethren need to take some time and reconcile if your behavior is in line with the tenets of Freemasonry...Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The OYRB must be allowed to continue on its natural course where peace and harmony prevail. We all can make a difference.

God bless the OYRB

S&F,

**Jerry McKinnon**

Illustrious Master 2011

Eminent Commander 2011



I want to thank our Companions for letting me serve this past year as your Excellent High Priest. It was a great learning experience for me.

I also want to thank for all the prayers and consideration during the times of my illness and recuperation.

For this year of 2012 you elected me Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander. I promise to fulfill my duties with fervency and zeal, bringing innovations and trying to make our Orlando York Rite Bodies more attractive to the Craft.

We are going to re-implement the Degrees Certificates (patents) with a new and beautiful design, issued by our own Orlando York Rite Bodies.

As always, I'm open to suggestions and need your help with articles for this Legend. You do not need to be an officer to write an article! Just email me and I will find space for it.

Again, THANK YOU my Brothers!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

**Ricardo Parente**

Excellent High Priest 2011

## Calendar

January 12th 7:30pm - Chapter Convocation followed by Council Assembly

January 26th 7:30pm - Commandery Conclave

February 9th 7:30pm - Council Assembly followed by Chapter Convocation

February 23rd 7:30pm - Commandery Conclave.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have refreshments and sandwiches on every Chapter/Council and dinner on every Commandery meetings, starting at 6:30pm.



## From the Sec./Recorder's Desk

Companions and Sir Knights, our sick list is happily diminished to the following:

- Douglas A. Noden
- Richard I. Fox
- Weldon Donley
- Thomas S. Rice

However I may not be aware of others who are under the weather. Companions and Sir Knights if you know of anyone who is sick and not listed above, please give me or one of the Officers a call and let us know about them so we can keep them in our prayers. Phone numbers for the Secretary/Recorder and Presiding Officers are listed in this Legend.

We are only losing seven members for Non-payment of Dues and I want to thank all who have sent them in. If you haven't paid yours - take a minute and drop them in the mail.

Courteously and Fraternaly,

**John B. Fletcher, Jr.**

**Secretary/Recorder**

## LEGEND JANUARY 2012

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