



York Rite Legend

The Orlando York Rite Bodies meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at Eola Lodge No. 207 Located at 3200 E. Grant St, Orlando, FL 32856

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News and Events

Jan. 11th: Orlando York Rite Bodies Installation of Officers, 7:30 PM

Jan. 13th: York Rite Color Guard for Eola 207 Installation of Officers, 12:00 PM
(Eola No. 207, 3200 East Grant Street , Orlando, FL 32856)

Jan. 25th: Conclave of Olivet Commandery No. 4, 7:30 PM

Jan. 27th: York Rite Honor Guard for Winter Garden Lodge Installation of Officers, 10:00 AM
(Winter Garden Lodge, 230 W, Bay St., Winter Garden, FL 34787)

Jan. 27th: York Rite Color Guard for Orlando 69 Installation of Officers, 2:00 PM
(Orlando No. 69, 1204 East South Street, Orlando, FL 32801)

50 Year Royal Arch Member Honored by Grand High Priest



At the regular stated meeting of Eureka Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 our very own Phillip Moffses, PHP was honored to have his 50 year certificate and pin presented by The Grand High Priest, Ron Newton along with our DDGHP, Eric Kleinbach, and Harry Eisenberg, Grand King. We had 22 Companions in attendance and all elected officers were present and only two appointed officers were pro-temped.

Secretary/s Corner

Sir Knights and Companions, you should have received your 2018 dues notice by now. Please remit your dues as soon as possible to avoid suspension.

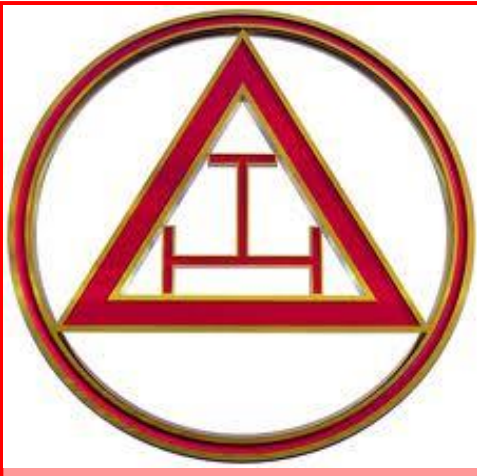
The newly installed officers should see me for ritual books so you can begin to learn your part for the ensuing year.

We also have the Annual York Rite festival coming up in the next couple of months. Please see one of the degree masters and take a part. This is very fulfilling and helps to cement your understanding of the York Rite Degrees and Orders.

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Secretary/Recorder
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Eureka Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons

Convocations held on the second Thursday of each odd month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) at 7:30 PM



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2018 OFFICERS

Excellent High Priest	Joseph M. Crum
King	Wendell Tommimbang
Scribe	Francisco Lopez
Treasurer	Michael Hatcher
Secretary	Erik B. Andersen
Captain of the Host	Barton Patria
Principal Sojourner	G. Frank Woods
Royal Arch Captain	Manny Lazoda
Chaplain	James D. Dickinson
Master of the 3rd Veil	Jose Fernandez
Master of the 2nd Veil	Jerry Clark
Master of the 1st Veil	TBD
Sentinel	Scott Penvose

Greetings My Companions,

Welcome to a Happy New Year and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas!

I am deeply indebted to the Companions for electing me as their 2018 Excellent High Priest. It has been a long hard journey from Orlando York Rite to Montgomery York Rite and back to Orlando York Rite again. I wish to thank many from Orlando York Rite both living & in the abode above that helped, mentored, and guided me on my path in the York Rite.

To the elected and appointed officers of Eureka Chapter, I deeply appreciate you having joined me in the Line this upcoming year. I will need your assistance & will also assist you in any way I can. To our Past High Priest, Craig Frazier, please continue with your enlightening & educational series into the York Rite, if at all possible. To all Companions which have been absent, if you are able to attend Chapter we would be honored with your presence. We understand that issues in life can make it difficult to participate. Please let us know if we can help.

Remember to "Support Your Local York Rite".

I can be contacted by phone or email listed below and will try respond in a prompt manner.

Yours In The Fraternity,

Companion Joseph M. Crum
Excellent High Priest
Eureka Chapter #7 of Royal Arch Masons

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2018 COMMITTEES

CHARITY: William Miller, Chm. Nelson Bonet, Frank Woods
FINANCE: Ed Smallwood, Chm, Thomas Rice, Erik Andersen
VISITATION AND SICKNESS: Richard Cerezo, Chm, Ervin Janssen, Jim Dickenson
ENTERTAINMENT: Erik Andersen, Chm, Ted Hammond, Ed Smallwood
VIGILANCE: Jim Dickenson, Chm, Harry Eisenberg, Gerald Favor
DELINQUENCY: William Miller, Chm, John B. Fletcher, Jr., Ed Smallwood, Ted Hammond, Craig Frazier, Ervin Janssen
DIRECTOR OF WORK: William Miller, Chm, Harry Eisenberg, Erik Andersen
CAPITULAR MASONARY: Erik Andersen, Chm, Ed Smallwood, Nelson Bonet
RARA: Harry Eisenberg

GRAND CHAPTER

Harry V. Eisenberg, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, 2015
 Wayne E. Parks, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, 2001/02
 Phillip Moffses, R.E. District Deputy High Priest, 2015/2016

Orlando Council No. 5 Royal and Select Masters

Assemblies held on the second Thursday of each even month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 7:30 PM



2018 OFFICERS

Illustrious Master	Nelson Bonet
Deputy Master	Wendell Tommimbang
Princ. Cond. of the Work	Joseph Crum
Treasurer	Michael Hatcher
Recorder	Erik B. Andersen
Captain of the Guard	Many Lazoda
Cond. Of the Council	Frank Lopez
Steward	TBD
Chaplain	TBD
Sentinel	TBD

Nelson Bonet, Illustrious Master, 321-276-7843, travelbonet@gmail.com

Companions - Greetings from the East, First and foremost, Happy new year. I hope that everyone hadan opportunity to enjoy the holiday season. I would like to thank the Companions that participated in the elections for electing me as their Illustrious Master for the year 2018. I Also want to thank the elected and appointed officers that have joined me this year. I look forward to the ensuing year and pray that everyone is able to be as active as possible this year.

I am calling upon all the companions to come and join us again and see what you have been missing. If you are unable to attend, due to distance or health reasons, please help us promote and support our York Rite and to let brotherly love prevail.

I want to give thanks to all the Past Presiding Officers that have given me their guidance and wisdom, and a special thanks to Companion Gerald H. Favor who has single handedly placed a spark in many of us to continue to participate in the York Rite. It is due his fervency and zeal that I have been inspired in my search for light and attained this honored rank in the York Rite.

Feel free to contact me in person by phone or email if you have any suggestions or want to participate in any activity.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
 Companion Nelson Bonet
 Illustrious Master, Elect
 Orlando Council No 5 Royal and Select Masters
 (321) 276-7843 Email travelbonet@gmail.com

2018 COMMITTEES

FINANCE: William Miller, Chm, Ed Smallwood, Erik Andersen
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Ed Smallwood, Chm, Erik Andersen, William Miller
VIGILANCE: Nelson Bonet, Chm, Harry Eisenberg, Jim Dickenson
FELLOWSHIP: (sickness & distress) Richard Cerezo, Chm, Ervin Janssen, Jim Dickenson
CRYPTIC MASONARY: Erik Andersen, Chm, Gerald Favor, Phillip Moffses
CMMRF: Ricardo Parente

GRAND COUNCIL

Robert E. Burleson, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, 1992

Olivet Commandery No. 4 Knights Templar

Conclaves held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM



Nelson Bonet, Eminent Commander, 321-276-7843, travelbonet@gmail.com

Greetings Sir Knights:

I want to give thanks to all of you that attended the elections conclave and elected me to be the Eminent Commander for 2018. Im looking forward to a challenging year, is to no surprise that attendance have not been the priority of many of and I know that is difficult however I want to invite all Sir Knights to come and visit your commandery once again.

I encourage for you to please help promote and support the York Rite, with out you we can cease to exist, help Us wile you still can. Talk York Rite in your Lodges, let others know we are here and that we support and defend the Christian religion and with faith we will be save.

Christmas Observance was I think special this year due to some unforeseen circumstances it was not well attended however it was full of brotherly love and lots of food. Very touching that Sir Knight David Colvin was able to participate this year and delighted Us with music and thank you.

Feel free to contact me in person by phone or email if you have any suggestions or want to participate in any activity.

Sincerely and fraternally.

Sir Knight Nelson Bonet

Eminent Commander Elect

Olivet Commandery No 4, Knights Templar(321) 276-7843 Email travelbonet@gmail.com

2018 OFFICERS

Eminent Commander	Nelson Bonet
Generalissimo	Craig Frazier
Captain General	Wendell Tommimbang
Treasurer	Michael Hatcher
Recorder	Erik B. Andersen
Prelate	James D. Dickinson
Senior Warden	G. Frank Woods
Junior Warden	Joseph Crum
Standard Bearer	Many Lozada
Sword Bearer	Jose Fernandez
Warder	TBD
Sentinel	TBD

2018 COMMITTEES

CHARITY: Ted Hammond, Chm William Miller, Ervin Janssen
FINANCE: William Miller, Chm, Ed Smallwood, Erik Andersen
VISITATION: Richard Cerezo, Chm, Ervin Janssen, Jim Dickenson
ENTERTAINMENT: Ed Smallwood, Erik Andersen, Craig Frazier
VIGILANCE: Ervin Janssen, Chm, Harry Eisenberg, Jim Dickenson
DELINQUENCY: Ted Hammond, Chm John B. Fletcher, Jim Dickenson, Harry Eisenberg, Ervin Janssen
K.T.E.F.: Gerald Favor

GRAND COMMANDERY

John B. Fletcher, Jr. , R. E. Past Grand Commander, 1985/86
 Robert E. Burlson, R. E. Past Grand Commander, 2002/03
 Erik B. Andersen, R. E. District Instructor, 2015/2016
 Erik B. Andersen, R.E. District Deputy Eminent Commander
GRAND ENCAMMEMNT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR USA
 Robert E. Burlson, Right Eminent Past Southeastern
 Department Commander. 2006-2009

Orlando York Rite Bodies Educational Series

Templar Biography: Armand de Périgord



Of the 22 Grand Masters of the Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, Armand de Périgord ruled from 1232 to 1244 and was associated with many failed battles, one of which resulted in his death at the Battle of La Forbie, or Battle of Harbiyah, near Gaza.

Armand de Périgord was born in the year 1178. He was a descendant of the Counts of Périgord and the Grand Master he succeeded, Pedro de Montaignu. He was in charge of the Province of Apulia and Sicily from 1205 to 1232 then was elected as the Templar Grand Master.

He planned several attacks against the Muslim forces, but these failed and it diminished the effectiveness of the order and the overall European control of the Holy Land. In one such incident, he lost over 80% of his troops when trying to take the town of Darbsâk (Hatay Province, Turkey) in 1236.

The Crusades were not as popular among the European monarchs and soon the various knightly orders started making peace with the Muslim leaders. Armand made treaty with the Sultan of Damascus and the Hospitalliers made treaty with the Sultan of Egypt. Templar-Damascus Treaty would prove to be a poor friendship, one that would cost them dearly.

The Kharismians, a people originating from Minor Asia, were pushed out of their homeland by the Mongols. These forces now allied with the Sultan of Egypt conquer Jerusalem. From there the Kharismians head towards Gaza. It was here that the Battle of La Forbie occurred.



The Kharismians and Egyptians met an army composed of Templars, Hospitalliers, Damascene troops, and other Christian chivalric orders. The battle started on October 17th, 1244, and lasts for two days. This battle was costly (more than 30,000 died in this battle) and eventually the Damascene troops fled leaving the Christians alone. Around 30 Templars survived and it was here that Armand de Périgord was killed; there are some accounts that state he was captured and died in prison 3-years later having refused to be ransomed. The losses and aftermath of the Battle of La Forbie is seen as devastating as the Battle of Hattin as the Battle of La Forbie marked the collapse of Christian power in the region.

While not as famous as Jacques de Molay or Hugh de Payens, the rule of Armand de Périgord is an important lesson on poor leadership which cost the order dearly which would reduce the reputation of the order and add to the fire that would be soon befall the order.

LIVING PAST PRESIDING OFFICERS

NAME	HONORS	CHAPTER	COUNCIL	COMMANDERY	DISTRICT DEPUTY
Phillip E. Moffses	KYCH	1976	1975	1981	CH 2015, CO 1993, CM 2003
James E. Rowland*		1975	1974	1982	
Julian E. Whigham*		1982	1981		
William E. Cook	KYCH	1984	1982	1983	
Robert E. Burleson	KCT, KYGCH	1988	1985	1987	CM 1988
Clay H. Oehlert	KYCH	1990	192	1989	CM 1992
Wayne E. Parks	KYGCH	1993	2010	1993	CH 2011, CM 1994
Gerald H. Favor	KYCH	1996	1995	1997	CH 1997
Fred G. McNabb		2000	1996	1999	
Keith W. Albright			2001		
John D. Davis				2004	
Thomas S. Rice	KYCH	2002	2003	2008	
Miguel A. Arteaga		2003	2004	2009	
James D. Dickenson	KYCH	2004	2006	2005	CH 2007, CO 2009, CM 2008
Harry V. Eisenberg	KYCH	2006	2005	2007	CH 2008, CO 2014, CM 2009,2010
Patrick M. Biggs -		2007			
Richard A. Overbee*			2007		
Samuel A. Tish	KYCH	2008	2009	2006	
Rex C. Cain		2009	2008		
Erik B. Andersen	KYCH	2012	2013	2010	CO 2016, CM 2016, 2017
Jerry McKinnon -		2010	2011	2011	CM 2013
Ricardo Parente		2011	2012	2012	CH 2012
Leibnitz P. Soares				2013	
Theodore Hammond		2013	2014	2015	
Edward L Smallwood		2014	2015	2014	
William J Miller		2015	2017	2016	
Nelson Bonet		2016			
Craig Frazier		2017	2016		
Ervin Janssen				2017	

* Demitted from Orlando York Rite Bodies, + District Deputy - Suspended