



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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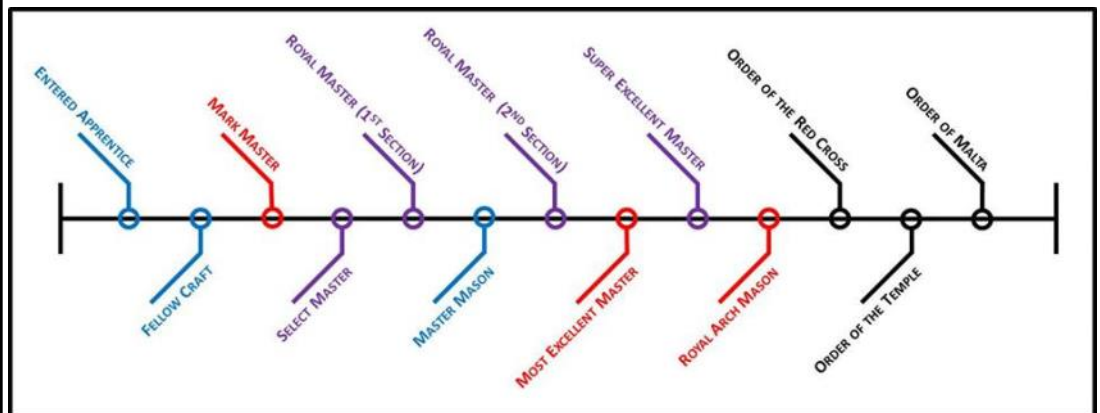
Feb. 1st: Orlando York Rite Bodies Practice at Eola Lodge, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Feb. 8th: Assembly of Orlando Council No. 5, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Feb. 10th: Conferral of Royal Arch Degrees at Sanford Lodge, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Feb. 15th: Orlando York Rite Bodies Practice at Eola Lodge, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Feb. 22nd: Conclave of Olivet Commandery No. 4, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM



YORK RITE FESTIVAL IS MARCH 10th & 17th

Companions and Sir Knights,

The Annual York Rite Festival is only 6 weeks away. We should start getting organized now.

If you already are performing a part, please start brushing up. If you don't have a part, let me know and I will get you in touch with the degree coordinators for openings.

Even if you don't take a speaking part, there are many non-speaking roles as well as a LOT of scenery and props to move into and out of the lodge room, so we need all the help we can get there.

This is also the time to be recruiting heavily in your Blue Lodges. Don't leave the house without some York Rite lapel pins and petitions.

If there is anything that I can do to help any of you, please reach out.

Thank you,

Craig Frazier - Generalissimo

Olivet Commandery No. 5

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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 Legend will be published monthly online and a condensed version will be mailed quarterly. Look for the first quarter mailing at the end of March.

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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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



Joseph M. Crum, Excellent High Priest, 727-492-2239, Joseph.Crum@gmail.com

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 from the East:

Our first official Convocation of Eureka Chapter No. 7 of Royal Arch Masons for 2018 will be on Thursday, March 8th. It is important that every elected and appointed officer of the Chapter to please attend! Companions, we need someone to be in charge of cooking and serving dinner. I am sure that I, and others, will be glad to assistance.

Your Royal Arch Chapter is in need of an Officer. We have an empty chair this year, Master of the 1st Veil is open.

Our District Spring York Rite Festival is next month and will be on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday in March. Please search out & recruit interested candidates in your home lodges ASAP. Companions, as of now we have 1 Brother for the Spring Festival. He is excited to become a York Rite Mason, so give a warm welcome Gary Paquette. We need to get more candidates in, as Companion Erik B. Andersen already has stated, to have a good class for this Spring Festival.

Budgets for all three Bodies will dictate our fundraising activities which we need to plan for. Any suggestions besides what I envision is greatly appreciated. Also I would like do Lodge visits for recruitment of new members and possibly a Lodge activity such as showing of a DVD or some other York Rite educational presentation.

Membership is key to any organization. Bring up our York Rite Bodies when attending your blue lodges and invite him/them to our dinner & social hour to become acquainted with your York Rite brothers.

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 King, 2017
 Wayne E. Parks, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, 2001/02
 Phillip Moffses, Past 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

Greetings Companions!

Currently We no longer have Chapter and Council meetings in the same night. Therefore, we finish fairly early compared with our previous marathons. For the next Council Assembly we will be having the District Deputy visiting. Therefore, it would be nice to have you come to our 1st meeting of the year for 2018. The Annual York Rite Festival is the 2nd and 3rd Saturday in March, and the Grand York Rite Convention is coming in May, so please mark your calendars to attend.

Nowadays we have everything on the internet and you can tell any applicant to get forms and see how much it cost to join. However, we need them turned in. If you see anyone interested please get their contact information and pass it to any of the heads of the York Rite bodies for prompt processing.

We will be meeting for practice on the off Thursdays please do your best to come. Practice makes perfect.

Special thanks to the Companions that attended last meeting it was nice to see all the chairs filled for a change.

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.

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

Until We meet again. Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Companion Nelson Bonet

Illustrious Master

Orlando Council No 5 Royal and Select Masters
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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
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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 first conclave of 2018. During this meeting we installed the remaining officers that could attend installation. I'm looking forward to a challenging year. In just a few weeks on 2nd and 3rd Saturday of March, the Spring Festival will take place at EOLA Lodge. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**, and invite all Sir Knights to come and visit your commandery once again.

Very soon is the Grand Conclave, I encourage for you to please help promote and support the York Rite. Without you we cease to exist, help Us while you still can. Talk York Rite in your Lodges, and let others know we are here and that we support and defend the Cristian religion and with faith we will be saved.

We will be meeting for practice on the off Thursdays, so please do your best to come.

Special thanks to Sir Knight David Colvin, who was able to delight Us with music during our 1st meeting of the year. Thank you.

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

Sincerely and fraternally.

Sir Knight Nelson Bonet

Eminent Commander

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

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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. Burleson, 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. Burleson, Right Eminent Past Southeastern Department Commander. 2006-2009

Orlando York Rite Bodies Educational Series

SELECT MASTER

The Ninth Degree in the American Rite, and the last of the two conferred in a Council of Royal and Select Masters. Its officers are a Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, Illustrious Hiram of Tyre, Principal Conductor of the Works, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guards, Conductor of the Council, and Steward. The first three represent the three Grand Masters at the building of Solomon's Temple. The Symbolic colors are black and red, the former significant of secrecy, silence, and darkness; The latter of fervency and zeal. A Council is supposed to consist of neither more nor less than twenty-seven; but a smaller number, if not less than nine, is competent to proceed to work or business. The candidate, when initiated, is said to be "chosen as a Select Master." The historical object of the Degree is to Commemorate the deposit of an important secret or treasure which, after the preliminary preparations, is said to have been made by Hiram Abif. The place of meeting represents a Secret vault beneath the Temple.

A controversy has sometimes arisen among ritualists as to whether the Degree of Select Master should precede or follow that of Royal Master in the order of conferring. But the arrangement now existing, by which the Royal Master is made the First and the Select Master the Second Degree of Cryptic Masonry, has been very generally accepted, and this for the best of reasons. It is true that the circumstances referred to in the Degree of Royal Master occurred during a period of time which lies between the death of the Chief Builder of the Temple and the completion of the edifice, while those referred to in the Degree of Select Master occurred anterior to the Builder's death. Hence, in the order of time, the events commemorated in the Select Master's Degree took place anterior to those which are related in the Degree of Royal Master; although in Masonic sequence the latter Degree is conferred before the former. This apparent anachronism is, however, reconciled by the explanation that the secrets of the Select Master's Degree were not brought to light until long after the existence of the Royal Master's Degree had been known and recognized.

In other words, to speak only from the traditional point of view, Select Masters had been designated, had performed the task for which they had been Selected, and had closed their labors, without ever being openly recognized as a class in the Temple of Solomon.

The business in which they were engaged was a secret one. Their occupation and their very existence, according to the legend, were unknown to the great body of the Craft in the first Temple. The Royal Master's Degree, on the contrary, as there was no reason for concealment, was publicly conferred and acknowledged during the latter part of the construction of the Temple of Solomon; whereas the Degree of Select Master, and the important incident on which it was founded, are not supposed to have been revealed to the Craft until the building of the Temple of Zerubbabel. Hence the Royal Master's Degree should always be conferred anterior to that of the Select Master.

The proper jurisdiction under which these Degrees should be placed, whether under Chapters and to be conferred preparatory to the Royal Arch Degree or under Councils and to be conferred after it, has excited discussion. The former usage has prevailed in Maryland and Virginia, but the latter in all the other States. There is no doubt that these degrees belonged originally to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and were conferred, as honorary Degrees by the Inspectors of that Rite. This authority and jurisdiction the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Rite continued to claim until the year 1870; although, through negligence, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in some of the States had been placed under the control of independent Jurisdictions called Grand Councils. Like all usurped authority, however, this claim of the State Grand Councils does not seem to have ever been universally admitted or to have been very firmly established.

Repeated attempts have been made to take the Degrees out of the hands of the Councils and to place them in the Chapters, there to be conferred as preparatory to the Royal Arch. The General Grand Chapter, in the Triennial Session of 1847, adopted a resolution granting this permission to all Chapters in States where no Grand Councils exist. But, seeing the manifest injustice and inexpediency of such a measure, at the following session of 1850 it refused to take any action on the subject of these Degrees. In 1853 it disclaimed all control over them, and forbade the Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer them. As far as regards the interference of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that question was set at rest in 1870 by the Mother Council, which at its session at Baltimore, formally relinquished all further control over them.

Ref: ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY AND ITS KINDRED SCIENCES by ALBERT C. MACKEY M. D.

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