



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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YORK RITE FESTIVAL

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.

News and Events

Feb. 28th: Chapter Practice at Orlando 69, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Mar. 8th: Convocation of Eureka Chapter No. 7, and DDGHP Official Visit,
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Mar. 10th: Capitular Degrees (Chapter and Council) at Sanford Lodge,
Breakfast 7:00 AM, Degrees 8:00 AM

Mar. 17th: Orders of the Temple at Eola Lodge, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Orders 8:00 AM

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

Secretary's Corner

Companions and Sir Knights, this year we are initiating a new system for distributing the Legend. Therefore, starting this month we will be e-mailing the Legend each month using our newly expanded format and then in addition we will mail the original version quarterly. I do not have everyone's email so you need to send it to me. For those who do not have an email, I will do a limited USPS mailing for you each month.

We are also working on "blasts e-mails" for limited topics or formats and announcements. This will have a personal section where only the members of Orlando York Rite Body can enter information or pictures. We will use this to send you information on special events and flyers in addition to the Legend or between editions of the Legend. This will be similar to face book and can be used with an APP on you phone. More on this later.

The annual Grand York Rite Convention this year will be held at the Lake Mary Marriott Hotel, Saturday May 19– 24, 2018. Monday the 21st is Commandery beginning at 8:00 AM, Tuesday the 22nd is Chapter at 8:00 AM and Wednesday the 23rd is Council at 8:00 AM. If you want to attend I have the registration forms and can email it to you. The cost is \$35.00 if sent in in advance. You can go to <http://www.flgyr.org>. (You must have a current dues card to attend).

The Spring Festival will be held March 10, 2018 at the Sanford Lodge for the Chapter Royal Arch degrees and the Council Royal and Select Master degrees starting at 8:00 AM Breakfast at 7:00 AM. The 17th of March will be the Orders of the Temple (Commandery) , breakfast at 7:00 AM and Degree at 8:00 AM. We need help both days with set and costume changes and minor degree parts. Contact me for more information.

We are also planning several fun raises this year to raise money for RARA, CMMRF and the Eye Foundation. We are far behind our goals this year. Please help us by participating in these events if possible or you can always contribute by sending us a check for any amount you like. RARA and CMMRF help fund medical research and are a vital source of funding for those who are in need of money to start a research program in order to solicit for government grants. KTEF is the Eye Foundation which helps those who cannot afford vision care. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Make checks payable to Orlando York Rite Bodies and then mark it for which ever charity you wish to contribute. Sir Knights and Companions, you should have received your 2018 dues notice by now. Please remit your dues so we can pay our bills.

Erik B. Andersen, KYCH

Secretary/Recorder OYRB.

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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 Lozada
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 Companions;

March 8th will be our first Convocation for Eureka Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons. We will be hosting Companion Eric W. Klienbach, District Deputy Grand High Priest, for his official visit. All Companions are urged to attend and welcome our visiting Grand Officer. We will hold a practice at Orlando 69 this Wednesday the 28th to receive him and for our opening ritual.

I will be cooking and serving dinner and need some volunteers to help and to take charge of our Chapter meals, either for a month or for the year. Any assistance would be appreciated. Your Royal Arch Chapter is still in need of a Master of the 1st Veil. This a great opportunity for a Companion who would like to take a position in line and to be an active participant in Chapter. In our Chapter meetings, we will be focusing on fundraisers for our charity RARA (Royal Arch Research Assistance). We are behind this year raising funds to meet our goal and need your participation. Companion Harry Eisenberg is the chairman of the Grand RARA project, and we need to help and support this effort. In the past we have been able to contribute \$500.00 or more. Last year we contributed \$1,100.00. Our goal this year is \$1,000.00. We have collected only \$290.00 as of March 1. This is less than \$1.00 per member. We must have our donation in by April 1st, 2018 for this year. Please contribute what you can. Make you check out to Eureka Chapter No 7, RAM and in the notation, line enter RARA. Thank you in advance for your support.

March 10, 2018 is our Spring festival. The Royal Arch Degrees will be held at the Sanford Lodge, Sanford, FL. Breakfast will be prepared and served by Companion Edgar Ortiz at 7:00 AM and the Degrees begin at 8:00 AM. The Council Degrees, Royal and Select Master will follow in the afternoon. March 17, 2018 we will confer the Orders of the Temple (Commandery Degrees) at Eola Lodge in Orlando. Breakfast at 7:00 AM and the Orders begin at 8:00 AM.

Chapter and Council Degrees - 8:00 AM on March 10th, Saturday, at Sanford Lodge Orders of the Temple - 8:00 AM on March 17th, Saturday, at Eola Lodge.

Breakfast at 7:00 AM both days.

Yours In The Fraternity,

Companion Joseph M. Crum
Excellent High Priest

2018 COMMITTEES

CHARITY:
Joseph Crum, Chm, Wendell Tomimbang, Francisco Lopez

FINANCE:
Michael Hatcher, Chm, Erik Andersen, Manuel Lozada

VISITATION AND SICKNESS:
Frank Woods, Chm, James Dickenson, Jose Fernandez

ENTERTAINMENT:
Erik Andersen, Chm, Wendell Tomimbang, Bart Patria

VIGILANCE:
James Dickenson, Chm, Harry Eisenberg, Gerald Favor

DELINQUENCY:
Jose Fernandez, Chm, Manuel Lozada, Craig Frazier

CAPITULAR MASONRY:
Edward Smallwood, Chm, Erik Andersen, Francis Lopez.

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

Phillip E Moffses, Treasurer Emeritus

Grand Illustrious Master's Message

Illustrious Master, Members of Orlando Council No. 5, and visitors,

Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you this evening. I will start by saying how honored I am to be allowed to serve as your Grand Master this year. I and all my officers are available to assist you in strengthening your Council. I was installed in formal Scottish attire: Masonic Tartan kilt, Prince Charlie Jacket and fly plaid. A couple of our MIPGMs complimented me on my appearance, but then reminded me that this is the York Rite and not the Scottish Rite! Fortunately, I'm Grand Master and can do what I want (within certain bounds), so I will wear my Scottish Glengarry and the Masonic Tartan bowtie for my term. I'm also aware that the Scottish Rite is based on French Masonic work, so the York Rite is actually closer to Scotland.



As you know, the District Deputy for District Five this term is Right Illustrious Companion, David Rosenthal. I did not assign any District Instructors this term. It is my hope that you will continue the practice stressed by my predecessors, Most Illustrious John Horne, and Most Illustrious Ben Holland, of having some time dedicated to education at each Council Assembly. You have the Mentors Manual and the Instructors Manual as education tools as well as many well qualified Companions who could teach about a small portion of our rituals. It is my firm belief that if we spent time sharing the why's and how's of our ritual, we would have more committed members and a real reason to attend our Assemblies.

My working career was spent in the Air Force and with American Airlines. As a military officer, I was instilled with respect for structure and ritual; as a pilot, my training focused on repetition, checklists and responding to the unexpected. Thus, I like organization and structure; so, this year, I'm working closely with the officers following me in the Grand Line to provide a framework on which they can build their term. I've shared many of my planning documents, and will be continuing to work on this throughout the year. I hope that we can also instill this idea of passing along knowledge within the local Councils so that each incoming Illustrious Master doesn't need to start from scratch as he builds his program. I'm sure many of you have been through the chairs of a lodge and know how that system is structured to train you as you progress; that's what I want to see happen in our Councils.

I am asking for your support of CMMRF. As you may know, Florida has been the top state in donations for many years. This year, New Jersey was well ahead of us due to a large bequest from an estate; but with a strong finish in December we retained the top spot. Please consider a donation (it will count toward Glenn Chandler's year) and get it to Ill. PGM Dayle Schrock.

Before I close, I want to share a story. I read an article recently where the Brother writing hypothesized that one reason our fraternity is shrinking, is that we don't live the life-style we preach. It is not the Grand Officers or even the Constituent Officers who keep members, it is the companions on the sidelines. In our closing prayer, we are reminded that our mission as Royal and Select Masters is to preserve the lessons and the moral principles of our fraternity. My theme is "Ask the Right Question", so let me pose one for your reflection: What is that moral principle, are we preserving it and are we living as it directs? Let's make sure the questions we ask are the foundation of education and support. Additionally, make it your duty to insure companions on the sideline feel welcome and valued.

If you haven't done so already, get your annual reports and per capita payment to the Grand Recorder promptly. Thank you for your hospitality and support this evening. Be safe on your way home.

Robert St. John, Jr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida

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



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

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

Greetings Companions:

At our January meeting we received Most Illustrious Companion Robert St. John, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of Florida. M.I. St John assisted us by installing our Steward, Bart Patria. Afterwards he gave us a short personal history and then presented his message. I have attached his message on the following page for the benefit of the Companions who were not able to attend. It was an excellent meeting and were all glad to host M.I.C.M. Robert St. John.

Companions, we need help with fund raising ideas or projects. Currently we are working on a Table Council and will need your assistance and participation to make this event a successful one. I will keep you informed as we progress.

We will be meeting for practice this Wednesday of the off-week, February 28, 2018 at Orlando. We will be the Royal Arch opening ritual and receiving the DDGHP, and if time allows parts of the Commandery opening ritual. Please make every effort to attend these practices as a good ritual opening is the difference between a good and an a boring meeting.

The Annual York Rite Spring Festival upon us, the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of March. We need your help for some minor parts, set and costume changes. Call me if you can help. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**.

The Grand Convention is May 19th thru the 24th. The Grand Council meets Wednesday, 5/24/2018. Opening is at 8:00 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Almost everything you need information wise is available on the internet today. The Grand Web site is <http://flgyr.org> and our Orlando web site is <http://orlandoyorkrite.org>. You can find the Grand calendar and events and information on the Grand web site and on the Orlando site you can find petition forms, pictures of past events, our calendar and future events. Take the time to visit these sites. If you cannot find what you need, contact our Secretary / Recorder.

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

I am calling upon all the Companions to come and join us again to see what you have been missing. If you are unable to attend, due to distance or health reasons, contact myself or another Companion for assistance. Helps 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 activity.

Fraternally
Companion Nelson Bonet
Illustrious Master

2018 COMMITTEES

FINANCE:

Nelson Michael Hatcher, Chm, Craig Frazier, Erik Andersen

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

Erik Andersen, Chm, Craig Frazier, Ed Smallwood

VIGILANCE:

Many Lozada, Chm, Joseph Crumb, Wendell Tommimbang

FELLOWSHIP: (sickness & distress)

Joseph Crumb, Chm, Francisco Lopez, G. Frank Woods

CRYPTIC MASONARY:

Erik Andersen, Chm, Craig Frazier, Phillip Moffses

CMMRF:

Harry Eisenberg

GRAND COUNCIL

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

Phillip E. Moffses, Treasurer Emeritus

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

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

Greetings Sir Knights:

I want to thank all the S.K.s who attended the February conclave. This time of the year we always have absentees due to cold / Flu season, and our busy schedules starting a new year. Please stay healthy We need all of you.

The Spring Festival is just a few weeks away. The Orders of the Temple (Commandery) will be conferred on the 3rd Saturday (the 17th) of March. This will be at Eola Lodge in Orlando. Breakfast at 7:00 AM and the Orders begin at 8:00 AM. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR. Invite all Sir Knights to come observe as sideliners and / or to help with set and costume changes.

The Grand York Rite Convention this year is the 19th thru the 24th of May. The Commandery Concave will be held Monday the 21st, opening is at 8:00 AM. I encourage you attend and see what York Rite is doing in Florida and to meet Sir Knights from the all the Florida Commanderies. On Sunday the 20th of May at 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the afternoon will be the Commandery Divine Service. Please attend in your class A uniform if you have one. I hope to see you all there to help support and defend the Cristian religion and our Faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Sir Knights, talk up the York Rite in your Lodges, let others know we are here to teach and assist our Brothers how to attain more light in Masonry and to assist them in building their own Temple. York Rite is where the heart of Masonry is found.

March 14, 2018 we will hold a practice at Orlando 69 starting a 7:00 PM to work on the Opening Ritual for the Commandery.

Feel free to contact me by phone or email. I am at your service.

Fraternally;

Sir Knight Nelson Bonet

Eminent Commander

2018 COMMITTEES

CHARITY:

Nelson Bonet, Chm, Ervin Janssen, William Miller

FINANCE:

Michael Hatcher, Chm, Erik Andersen, Craig Frazier

VISITATION:

G. Frank Woods, Chm, Ervin Janssen, Jim Dickenson

ENTERTAINMENT:

Erik Andersen, Chm, Wendell Tommimbang, Joseph Crumb

VIGILANCE:

Wendell Tommimbang, Chm, Joseph Crumb, Many Lozada

DELINQUENCY:

Jose Fernandez, Chm, Manuel Lozada, Wendell Tomimbang, Bart Patria

K.T.E.F.:

Harry Eisenberg

GRAND COMMANDERY

Robert E. Burleson, R. E. Past Grand Commander, 2002/03

Erik B. Andersen, R.E. District Deputy Eminent Commander 2017/18

Phillip E. Moffses, Treasurer Emeritus

GRAND ENCAMMEMNT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR USA

Robert E. Burleson, Right Eminent Past Southeastern

Department Commander. 2006-2009

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