



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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Secretary's Corner

Sir Knights and Companions,
The Commandery meeting for December has been moved to Thursday, December 29th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on our regular meeting night. We will have our election of officers for the Commandery at this meeting.

Don't forget to RSVP for our Annual Christmas Observance on December 8th! You can get a ticket from any Commandery officer. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Thank you,
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News and Events

December 8: Olivet Commandery No. 4 Annual Christmas Observance, Dinner 6:00 PM, Program 7:00 PM

December 13: Stated Assembly of Orlando Council No. 5 and elections of officers for both Chapter and Council, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

December 25: Merry Christmas!

January 10th: Orlando York Rite Bodies Installation of Officers, Dinner 6:30 PM, Installation 7:30 PM.

What is the York Rite?

The York Rite, or more correctly, the American Rite, is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700's. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 specified that the lodges were to confer only the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, all other degrees being considered spurious. However, many lodges had been conferring other degrees that they considered an integral part of Masonry, in particular that of the Royal Arch, and formed their own Grand Lodge in 1751, terming themselves the "Antients" and the other Grand Lodge members the "Moderns." With the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 into the United Grand Lodge of England, the lodges agreed that only the three accepted degrees of Masonry would be used by the lodges, but the degree of the Royal Arch would be attached to Chapters allied directly to these lodges and bearing the same number as the lodge, though as a separate body. Thus, unlike the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which claims to hold the power of conferring the first three degrees of Masonry in addition to those under its jurisdiction, those found in the York Rite have rightfully acknowledged the fact that they are considered appendant to those of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is still the practice in English Masonry that a Masonic member is not considered to be in possession of all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry until he has been exalted to the Royal Arch.

Early American Lodges operated in a similar manner until the establishment of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. For a period in US history, the Cryptic degrees were controlled by various state Grand Chapter jurisdictions, until the establishment of the General Grand Council. The Chivalric Orders have been controlled by the Grand Encampment since the early 19th century in the United States. All three bodies are technically autonomous Masonic entities, only the requirement of membership in the Royal Arch connecting the Cryptic degrees and Chivalric Orders together.

Appendant to the York Rite Bodies are several additional Masonic bodies, most of which are invitational in nature. Membership in many of them is predicated on membership in the Royal Arch, though some have memberships predicated on other bodies of the York Rite, or membership in all of the York Rite bodies. Many are found in other jurisdictions outside of the United States, but several are uniquely American in their origin.

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	Ken Mueller
Sentinel	Scott Penvose

Companions,

Our next and last meeting of 2018 for Eureka Chapter No 7 of Royal Arch Masons will be held on December 8th with Dinner/Social 6:30PM and meeting at 7:30PM. Please make every effort to attend. If you can only make the Dinner/Social, please come out as we would enjoy seeing you.

Also I wish to thank my Officers for all their support & due diligence in the stations which each of you have held. I am grateful for having the honor of serving as your Excellent High Priest for this year which is coming to a close. When call on, I hope I can assist any of next year's Officers taking the mantle of leading & serving Eureka Chapter No 7 of Royal Arch Masons.

The Religious Affirmation held at Highland church was well attended. Besides the York Rite Companions in attendance, there was several Masons attending as well. After the service the food and social was very enjoyable and also very well attended. I hope more Companions can make next year's Religious Affirmation and see what they are missing.

Some Companions may have received a late notice of the Religious Affirmation , via my personal email, due to not bring part of the "Team Reach" Smartphone app. Please let us know if you do not use a Smartphone so we have a list of emails which "Team Reach" can use for sending future notices. That way you can be aware of future "Team Reach" notices by way of emails without having or using a Smartphone,

Homecoming for Most Excellent Companion, Harry V. Eisenberg, the Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Florida, is on Saturday, December 3 at Winter Park Lodge. This is going to be a fun and great event. See our web site for details.

Yours In The Fraternity,

Companion Joseph M. Crum
Excellent High Priest

2018 COMMITTEES

CHARITY:

Joseph Crum, Chm, Wendell Tommimbang, 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 Tommimbang, 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, M. E. Grand High Priest, 2018

*See pp. 6 for list of District Deputies

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

Greetings Companions:

I hope that you have enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holliday and prepared yourself to the up-coming Christmas Celebration ,keeping in mind that sharing with your Family, Friends, and neighbors are the most important thing to do during this season.

The month of October is long gone. Thank you to All the Companions that attended last Assembly. The next Assembly is on the second Thursday of the month of December. Hope to see you come and participate in the Election of the 2019 presiding Officers for Council and Chapter. Is important for everyone to be present, please do your best to come.

Safety is extremely important when traveling especially during Holidays, please keep in mind that you are primarily responsible for your well-being. Enjoy yourself and remember that many of your brothers want to see you again next 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 let us know. Promote and support our 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.

Let fraternal love remain with Us and bless Us until We meet again.

Fraternally
Companion Nelson Bonet
Illustrious Master

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	Bart Patria
Chaplain	G. Frank Woods
Sentinel	Jose Fernandez

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

*See pp. 6 for list of District Deputies

Olivet Commandery No. 4 Knights Templar

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



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	Bart Patria
Sentinel	Frank Lopez

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

Greetings Sir Knights:

During the month of November, we had the election of Officers and unless you have been informed by another Companion you must know that Sir Knight Craig Frazier got elected to be the Eminent Commander for Olivet Commandery #4 for the year 2019, Sir Knight Wendell Tomimbang, Generalissimo and Sir Knight Manuel Lozada Captain General. Please take a moment to congratulate the new elected Officers. In this month we did not have any visitors.

In the month of November, we had poor attendance and hope that December, become the month of unity and be able to see all Sir Knight's at the Christmas Observance on Saturday, December 8, at 6 pm in Eola Lodge.

Please do your best to come to Elect the upcoming Officers to Preside over Council and Chapter. Elections will be in the 1st meeting of December. On Saturday, December 8 is the Christmas Observance; Suggested donation \$10 or a new toy for Nathaniel's Hope for Special Needs Children Monetary donations will benefit the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation.

Keep in your Prayers Sir Knight David Colvin the musician who still working on his health issues.

Please look at Calendar for future activities like Installations in the 1st meeting of January 2019. I encourage All of you to please help promote and support the York Rite, without you, we would cease to exist. Help us while 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 by faith, we will be saved.

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 Tommimbang, Bart Patria
- K.T.E.F.:**
Harry Eisenberg

GRAND COMMANDERY

Robert E. Burlson, R. E. Past Grand Commander, 2002/03
 Erik B. Andersen, R.E. Grand Sentinel 2018/19
 *See pp. 6 for list of District Deputies

GRAND ENCAMMEMNT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR USA

Robert E. Burlson, R.E. Past Southeastern Department Commander. 2006-2009

From The Secretary's Desk

Companions and Sir Knights.

You will soon be receiving via USPS your dues notice for 2019. Please take notice of the center section where it asks for your donation to our charities. Orlando York Rite Bodies is struggling to raise funds for these charities which directly affects our ability to contribute. RARA and CMMRF, the Chapter and Council's charities largely goes towards providing grant money for various medical research areas. A short list is blood research, hearing research, diabetes research and a long list of other diverse areas. Without our grant money, private researchers and research universities are unable to work to provide the information and criteria necessary to apply for the larger government and private medical and or pharmaceutical grants. This research is vital in our ability to find the cure these diseases.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's mission is "to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care." The Foundation annually invites eligible investigators to submit applications for pediatric ophthalmology research grants to be awarded.

Please be as generous as you can with your donations. Charity is one of the corner stones of Masonry.

Be sure to fill out the bottom section of your dues notice even if you are a life, perpetual, 50 year or emeritus member and do not owe any dues and return it to me in the return envelope provided. This will assist me in keeping our records up to date. We are going almost exclusively to an email system with our monthly Legend and other notifications to save money. I need your email address so we can keep you informed. For the few members who do not have an email address let me know and we can continue to use USPS mail. Your dues notices and dues cards will still be mailed.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Fruitful New Year.

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"Help thy Brother's boat across and thine own has reached the shore."



Orlando York Rite Bodies

Olivet Commandery No. 4

133rd Annual

Christmas Observance

Saturday, December 8th—6:00 PM

Eola Masonic Lodge Hall

3200 East Grant Street, Orlando, FL

A Christmas Around the World Dinner

A Christmas message from local clergy

A selection of Christmas carols performed by a local church choir

Suggested donation \$10 or a new toy for Nathaniel's Hope for Special Needs Children

Monetary donations will benefit the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation

Please RSVP before November 30th at (913) 957-7651 or craig.frazier@outlook.com



**OLIVET COMMANDERY NO. 4
CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD DINNER**

December 8th- 4 courses -

SOUP

LEEK AND POTATO - FRANCE

SALAD

GREEK SALAD

ENTREE

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH WITH SPATZLE - HUNGARIAN

BEET AND POTATO VEGETABLE COMBO - RUSSIAN

DESSERT

BAKLAVA - MIDDLE EAST

CATERED BY JIM AND SANDRA JUDOVITS

580 E. GRANT STREET
ORLANDO, FL. 32806
\$10 donation excepted



LIVING PAST PRESIDING OFFICERS

NAME	HONORS	CHAPTER	COUNCIL	COMMANDERY	DISTRICT DEPUTY
Phillip E. Moffses	KYCH, Treas Em	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	KYGCH, MEGHP	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	CH 2018
William J Miller		2015	2017	2016	
Nelson Bonet		2016	2018	2018	
Craig Frazier		2017	2016		
Ervin Janssen				2017	
Joseph Crum		2018			

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