



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,
If you haven't made your dues payment yet, please do so as soon as possible.

I have bow ties, rituals, gloves, etc. Either call or email me if you need my assistance with anything.

Thank you,
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Secretary/Recorder
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News and Events

March 9th: Capitular and Cryptic Degrees at Eola Lodge, 7 AM Breakfast, 8 AM Degrees

Mar. 10th: Eureka Chapter No. 7 Virtual Practice, via Google Hangouts, 7:00 PM

Mar. 13th: 100 Master Mason Night at Winter Garden Lodge, 6:30 PM

Mar. 14th: Eureka Chapter No. 7 Stated Convocation, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Visitation by The Grand High Priest.

Mar. 16th: Orders of the Temple at Eola Lodge, 7 AM Breakfast, 8 AM Orders

Mar. 18th: Olivet Commandery No. 4 Practice, 7:00 PM at Ormazd Grotto

Feb. 28th: Olivet Commandery No.4 stated Conclave, Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

900th Anniversary of the Founding of the Knights Templar



This year marks the 900th anniversary since the founding of the medieval Knights Templar. While the exact date is debated to this day, it is believed that sometime in 1119 (most likely toward the end), Hugh de Payens and a contingent of knights established the Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, also known as the Knights Templar; according to William, Archbishop of Tyre, it was nine knights while Michael the Syrian, Patriarch of Antioch, spoke of thirty knights. The Templar first received recognition from Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, and Warmund, Patriarch of Jerusalem, which would occur in January of 1120 at the Council of Nablus. At the Council of Nablus in 1120, Warmund donated some land to the Knights Templar and the King gave the knights the Stables of Solomon as their residence as well as some villages.

The Templar order wouldn't receive papal recognition for a decade, by Pope Honorius II, and then, in 1139, Pope Innocent II issued Omne Datum Optimum, Latin for "Every Good Gift." This papal bull allowed the Templars to keep their spoils of war, placing donations directly under papal protection, and exempting

them from paying tithes. This proclamation added a priest class to the hierarchy as well as making the members of order answerable to the Grand Master.

The Order was governed by what is known as "The Rule" which was written by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, nephew of Andre de Montbard who was one of the founding knights and future Grand Masters. The Rule covered all aspects of the life of the Knights Templar. The Rule included topics such as knight renouncing his former life and property, dress, eating, prayers, the hierarchy of the order, penalties, conventional life, penitence, and the manner of his reception into the order.

The Order became very popular among the European nobility and would exponentially grow in numbers and wealth with a presence across Europe and the Levant. The Templars would become known for their protection of pilgrims to the Holy Land while also being known for their impact during military operations. They would be mythologized by their financial acumen as well as their downfall in the 14th century culminating in the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay. Even today there are many theories and myths about the order before and after their suppression by the French king, Philip. The Templars became associated with the rise of Freemasonry, the Holy Grail, alternative theories on Christ, and occultism.

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



Wendell E. Tomimbang, *Excellent High Priest, - Elect (407) 744-5004, wtomimbang@msn.com*

My Companions,

Thanks to all our officers for diligently working on their rituals. We have not had our first meeting yet, and still weeks ahead but everyone is already prepared and ready. Practice makes perfection - we will not look back and instead continue on improving ourselves with York Rite works. Our plans for the year will be laid out and announced at the upcoming meeting on March 14, 2019.

Companions, your officers are working hard to make our organization one that Brothers would be looking up to be part of. We are gathering all our acts together before even looking into membership development for which we have long range planning in the making.

The Grand Convention is coming up and we will be opening the Grand Chapter to honor our very own, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Harry Eisenberg.

If you have not been attending our meetings, come meet your new officers, explore and see all the changes that are going on with your Chapter and the other bodies. Take part in the process of building this noble organization into what it rightfully deserves to be.

Note: Join us for dinner at 6:30 PM, family members are welcome.

Fraternally,
Wendell E. Tomimbang, Excellent High Priest

2018 OFFICERS

Excellent High Priest	Wendell Tomimbang
King	Francisco Lopez
Scribe	Manuel E. Lozada
Treasurer	Arvin Meyer
Secretary	Erik B. Andersen
Captain of the Host	Jerry Clark, Sr
Principal Sojourner	G. Frank Woods
Royal Arch Captain	Jose A. Fernandez
Chaplain	Michael Griffin
Master of the 3rd Veil	Kenneth J. Mueller
Master of the 2nd Veil	Jamie M. Cebollero
Master of the 1st Veil	J. Mark Kirkley
Sentinel	Steven Czerniejewski

2019 COMMITTEES

Long-Range Planning - Wendell Tomimbang
Charity & Fundraising - Frank Lopez
Technology - Manny Lozada
Property - Arvin Meyer
Finance - Frank Lopez
Visitation - Frank Woods
Vigilance - Manny Lozada
Entertainment - Manny Lozada
Masonic Education - Mark Kirkley
Delinquency - Erik Andersen
Audit - Phil Moffses
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



2018 OFFICERS	
Illustrious Master	Wendell Tomimbang
Deputy Master	Joseph M. Crum
Princ. Cond. of the Work	Manuel E. Lozada
Treasurer	Arvin Meyer
Recorder	Erik B. Andersen
Captain of the Guard	Francisco Lopez
Cond. Of the Council	J. Mark Kirkley
Steward	Jose A. Fernandez
Chaplain	G. Frank Woods
Sentinel	Steven Czerniejewski

Wendell E. Tomimbang, *Illustrious Master*, - Elect (407) 744-5004, wtomimbang@msn.com

My Companions,

We just had our first meeting with the Council and I appreciate all the officers' efforts in memorizing and working on their opening and closing rituals. You all did very well and made your Council proud. For many, it was a surprise and it was actually just a glimpse of what we have planned to do to turn things for the better with York Rite.

I encourage individual improvement of our members in our Masonic works. You get equitable result in what you put into anything you do. York Rite is for advancement of Masons and we need to harness our skills and acquire more knowledge so we can share them to our less informed Brethren. This year, our officers and members will get a chance to take part in researching specific subjects of high importance in the York Rite and Freemasonry in general, which they will present and share to the membership.

Coming from the Blue Lodges, brothers get used to be fed with Masonic information which are available in public media if only everyone spend time to research. York Rite is for higher learning, and we will do just that so we can share knowledge to the craft.

Conferral of the York Rite Degrees is scheduled on March 9 and 16, 2019. Come and join us and take part in the degrees, or even refresh your memory to what you have gone through when you first joined the York Rite. We look forward to seeing you there.

Note: Join us for dinner at 6:30 PM, family members are welcome.

Fraternally,
Wendell E. Tomimbang, *Illustrious Master*

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- Charity & Fundraising** - Frank Lopez
- Technology** - Manny Lozada
- Property** - Arvin Meyer
- Finance** - Frank Lopez
- Visitation** - Frank Woods
- Vigilance** - Manny Lozada
- Entertainment** - Manny Lozada
- Masonic Education** - Mark Kirkley
- Delinquency** - Erik Andersen
- Audit** - Phil 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	C. Craig Frazier
Generalissimo	Wendell Tomimbang
Captain General	Manuel E. Lozada
Treasurer	Arvin Meyer
Recorder	Erik B. Andersen
Prelate	G. Frank Woods
Senior Warden	Joseph M. Crum
Junior Warden	Jose A. Fernandez
Standard Bearer	Steven Czerniejewski
Sword Bearer	Francisco Lopez
Warder	J. Mark Kirkley
Sentinel	Kenneth J. Mueller

C. Craig Frazier, Eminent Commander—Elect, (913) 957-7651, craig.frazier@outlook.com

Greetings Sir Knights,

We Did okay at our first meeting in February, but we still have a lot of work to do. The only way we will be successful is to continue to practice as often as we can. We have been extremely busy getting up to speed on the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees Which will be conferred on March 9th. We will confer the Orders of the Temple on March 16th. All of this extra memory work on top of the officers regular positions is overwhelming and I applaud the officer lines in all three bodies for their diligence in learning these new roles. We will continue to practice twice a month, and we will schedule these according to every one's availability. Officers, watch your emails and text messages for updates on practice schedule. I would like to visit Triangle Commandery in Leesburg on the 27th. According to John Gray, Inspector General, this is the Commandery to observe.

"Let us look to the circumstances under which the Son of God entered into this lower world, till we learn to despise the vain honors of this world, when compared with piety and holiness. The mystery of Christ's becoming man is to be adored, not curiously inquired into. It was so ordered that Christ should partake of our nature, yet that he should be pure from the defilement of original sin, which has been communicated to all the race of Adam. Observe, it is the thoughtful, not the unthinking, whom God will guide. God's time to come with instruction to his people, is when they are at a loss. Divine comforts most delight the soul when under the pressure of perplexed thoughts. Joseph is told that Mary should bring forth the Savior of the world. He was to call his name Jesus, a Savior. Jesus is the same name with Joshua. And the reason of that name is clear, for those whom Christ saves, he saves from their sins; from the guilt of sin by the merit of his death, and from the power of sin by the Spirit of his grace. In saving them from sin, he saves them from wrath and the curse, and all misery, here and hereafter. Christ came to save his people, not in their sins, but from their sins; and so to redeem them from among men, to himself, who is separate from sinners. Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, speedily, without delay, and cheerfully, without dispute. By applying the general rules of the written word, we should in all the steps of our lives, particularly the great turns of them, take direction from God, and we shall find this safe and comfortable."

Commentary by Matthew Henry, 1710.

Yours in Christ,
Sir Knight C. Craig Frazier, Eminent Commander

2019 COMMITTEES	GRAND COMMANDERY
<p>CHARITY: C. Craig Frazier (Chairman), Wendell Tomimbang, Manuel E. Lozada</p> <p>FINANCE: Arvin Meyer (Chairman), Phillip E. Moffses, Erik B. Andersen</p> <p>VISITATION: G. Frank Woods, Chm, James Dickenson, Jose A. Fernandez</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT: Steven Czerniejewski, Chm</p> <p>VIGILANCE: Francisco Lopez (Chairman), J. Mark Kirkley, Wendell Tomimbang</p> <p>DELINQUENCY: Erik B. Andersen (Chairman), Joseph M. Crum</p> <p>AUDITING: Chester A. King (Chairman), Phillip E. Moffses, Erik B. Andersen</p> <p>K.T.E.F.: Harry V. Eisenberg, MEGHP</p>	<p>Robert E. Burluson, R.E. Past Grand Commander, 2002/03</p> <p>Erik B. Andersen, R.E. Grand Sentinel 2018/19</p> <p><i>*See pp. 6 for list of District Deputies</i></p> <p>GRAND ENCAMMEMNT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR USA</p> <p>Robert E. Burluson, R.E. Past Southeastern Department Commander. 2006-2009</p>

LIVING PAST PRESIDING OFFICERS

NAME	HONORS	CHAPTER	COUNCIL	COMMANDERY	DISTRICT DEPUTY
Phillip E. Moffsas +	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 M. Crum		2018			

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