



# 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

October—2019

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## Secretary's Corner

Sir Knights and Companions,  
Late dues notices will be going out in October. There are still 25% of our members who have not paid their dues for 2019. Dues were due in December of 2018 for 2019. We need you to bring your account into Good Standing so we can meet our financial obligations.

Thank you,  
Erik B Andersen  
Secretary/Recorder  
(407) 342-5623  
eba.andersen@gmail.com

## October Events

- October 5th:** Masters & Wardens at Eola 201, Breakfast 8AM, meeting 9AM
- October 5th:** Memorial Lodge, Eola Lodge No. 207, 10:00 AM
- October 10th:** Stated Assembly of Orlando Council No. 5 Royal & Select Masters, Supper at 6:30 PM, Assembly at 7:30 PM
- October 24th:** Conclave of Olivet Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar
- October 19th:** Open Books at Winter Park 239, 8:00 AM until Noon
- October 19th:** Super Excellent Master Degree , Tuscan Lodge No. 6, Bartow, FL
- October 23rd:** District School of Instruction, Eola 207 at 7:00 PM

## Templar Symbols

Like many organizations, the Templars were known to employ a variety of symbols for various purposes such as official seals, shield ornamentation, and gravestones, but there never existed a single symbol that was used during the entire existence of the medieval order.

The most common symbols used at various stages were the Red Cross, the Beauceant, Agnus Dei, and the image of two knights upon a single horse. Some lesser known symbols that were used by the Provincial Masters included the star, dove, lion, crosses, and the fleurs-de-lis. Templar graves could be seen engraved with swords and the cavalry cross. At Chinon and Domme, where the Templars were imprisoned, there was seen graffiti carved into the walls, one such carving in Chinon was a hand with a heart superimposed on its palm.

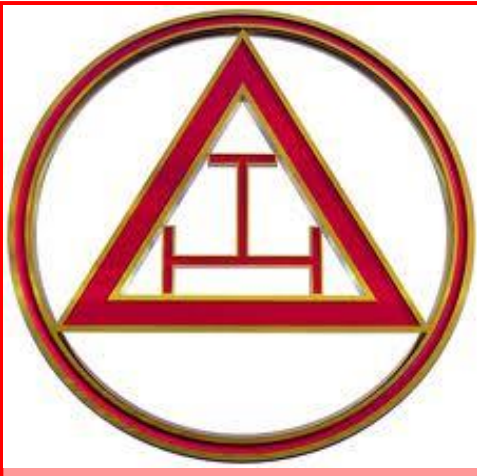


The most popular symbol image associated with the medieval Knights Templar is the image of two knights upon one horse. This symbol was used by many Grand Masters as one of their seals with minor variations through the successive line of Grand Masters; starting around 1167 and lasting until around 1298. The official seal of the Grand Master was closely guarded in the Treasury under the protection of the Commander of the Kingdom of Jerusalem, and could only be accessed by a select few.

Like many things associated with the Templars, this symbol mystifies them and since their downfall there has been many theories as to the meaning of it. Some military experts believe it is to emblematically represent what is seen as today as the "buddy system" where soldiers, or knights in their case, would operate in pairs. Some believe this symbol goes back much farther to ancient Sumeria which was thought to represent a tactical device during battle, but also symbolic of duality and balance. This may be the reason the Templars adopted it, to represent their dual function as both warriors and monks. Others theorize that it originated with the birth and initial poverty of the Templar Order, but this would fly in the face of the Rule of the Order which established the number of horses allocated to knights (according to their rank and position) and which also prohibited the sharing of the same horse.

## Eureka Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons

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



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

Companions,

The last month was quite busy for us. Our 1st Joint Orlando York Rite and Orlando Scottish Rite Bodies Golf Tournament held in September 28, 2019 at Eagle Creek was a success. The main goal of the event is to foster good working relationship between the 2 bodies and it was a good start. The event preparations went smoothly and it was fun and exciting day for all participants. I would like to thank all the volunteers who spared their time to help, all the participants, and all our sponsors. A good number of Lodges and appendant Bodies sponsored the event as well as businesses who took the opportunity to promote their services to our members.

Congratulations is also in order for the winners in the Golf Tournament. While we had this event now in our history, memories will always be there for our Recorder/Secretary, Companion Eric Andersen who had his first hole-in-one on that day.

Next month will be our 1st Shooting Competition which will be held at the Triple-N Ranch in St. Cloud on November 9, 2019. On that day, our raffle will be drawn where we feature 2 chances to win. Let us all support these endeavors as they not only serve as our fundraisers but also shows our involvement in our communities. 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

C. Craig Frazier District Deputy Grand High Priest  
 James Dickenson, Grand Chaplain  
 Harry V. Eisenberg, M. E. Grand High Priest, 2018-2019  
 Wayne Parks, M. E. Grand High Priest, 2001-2002  
 \*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

Wendell E. Tomimbang, *Illustrious Master* (407) 744-5004, [wtomimbang@msn.com](mailto:wtomimbang@msn.com)



### 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

Companions,

Tagging along my message at the Chapter Section, I would like to thank all our companions who supported our Golf Tournament as participants, volunteers or sponsors. We will be doing this again next year and I hope that we will have more participation and support from our members.

We will be participating at the Keith Dean Ritual Competition this year. This will require a lot of effort and dedication, and I hope we support this endeavor. We have many talents in our Council and I do not see any reason why we could not win this.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on October 10, 2019.

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Wendell E. Tomimbang, *Illustrious Master*

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- 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



C. Craig Frazier, Eminent Commander (913) 957-7651, [craig.frazier@outlook.com](mailto:craig.frazier@outlook.com)

Greetings Sir Knights,

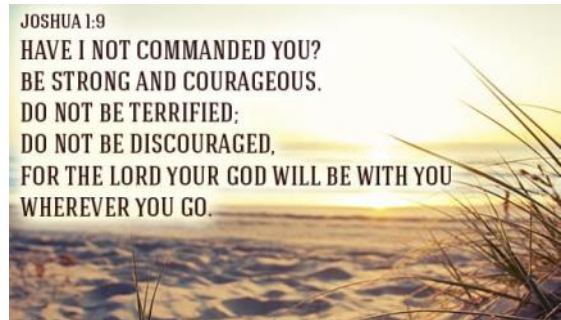
As my year as Commander winds down, I take a moment to reflect on the goals and ideas that we had at the beginning of the year. One of our goals was to get all of the Sir Knights in line armored with new uniforms, swords, belts, and chapeaus. With the help of S.K. Tomimbang and R.E.S.K. Andersen, we were able to accomplish this goal. I beam with delight at the crisp officer line at our stated conclaves.

Another goal was to practice twice a month and compete for the Carr Award. It proved extremely difficult to find 2 nights a month where all 12 officers were available to practice. Even though we aren't ready to compete this year, I am confident that the advancing line will be in a great position to compete and win this award next year. I am proud of each Sir Knight's dedication to our Commandery.

We have been involved in several fundraisers this year in conjunction with our Chapter and Council Companions which have been more fruitful than the past several years. The quality of our officer lines in all the York Rite Bodies leaves no doubt that the foreseeable future will continue to be prosperous for Orlando. We are doing the right things to be a viable, competitive, and successful organization. We are visiting our Blue Lodges and recruiting regularly, we are learning parts of the ritual for conferring the degrees and orders, we are providing further light and education at our meetings for the benefit of our new members as well as ourselves.

We are returning the York Rite to its former stature as the pinnacle of and higher learning, making it a beacon of Masonic light for the Master Mason. For all of this, I thank you!

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



## 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

## 2019 COMMITTEES

### CHARITY:

C. Craig Frazier (Chairman), Wendell Tomimbang, Manuel E. Lozada

### FINANCE:

Arvin Meyer (Chairman), Phillip E. Moffses, Erik B. Andersen

### VISITATION:

G. Frank Woods, Chm, James Dickenson, Jose A. Fernandez

### ENTERTAINMENT:

Steven Czerniejewski, Chm

### VIGILANCE:

Francisco Lopez (Chairman), J. Mark Kirkley, Wendell Tomimbang

### DELINQUENCY:

Erik B. Andersen (Chairman), Joseph M. Crum

### AUDITING:

Chester A. King (Chairman), Phillip E. Moffses, Erik B. Andersen

### K.T.E.F.:

Harry V. Eisenberg, MEGHP

## GRAND COMMANDERY

Erik B. Andersem, Grand Sword bearer 2019

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

\*See pp. 6 for list of District Deputies

### GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR USA

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

## **SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE**

OCTOBER 19, 2019

6:30 PM

Tuscan Lodge #6

320 South Florida Avenue

Bartow



The tradition continues in the conferral of the degree in the Central Florida area, so bring your candidates.

The Ladies of Polk Council will provide the dinner, at 5:30 PM, but it is necessary that you contact Fred Gerdom by October 12, 2019, if you plan to eat.

Cost for the dinner is \$10.00 Contact information is at the bottom of the notice.

Candidate registration from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the rear of the dining room. Bring your dues card.

Please provide us with the number of candidates as well as others who will be attending by October 5.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Fred Gerdom, Recorder Polk Council #11

3704 Verna Court

Lakeland, FL 33812

863-669-6755, email [fgerdom@yahoo.com](mailto:fgerdom@yahoo.com)



# Orlando York Rite Bodies

ANNUAL



**Saturday, November 9th, 2019**

**Triple N Ranch Shooting Range**

595 Donovan Crews Road, St. Cloud, FL 34773

Registration—8 AM | Competition—10 AM

**\*\*Iron Sights only\*\*** 10 Rounds each entry

Handgun (up to 45 caliber) (7/15/25/50 yds)

Rifle (up to .32 caliber) (50/75/100/150 yds)

Tic-Tac-Toe (handgun only) (25 yds)

Turkey Shoot

Fee: \$75.00 (Includes lunch, non-alcoholic beverages, targets, prizes)

Sponsors: \$100.00 (signs, gifts, prizes, printing on paper targets)

Contact:

Wendell Tomimbang 407-744-5004, Erik Andersen 407-342-5623, Craig Frazier 913-957-7651, or Frank Lopez 407-435-9198

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**By Order of His Highness, King Solomon,  
you are hereby summoned to a  
benefit for Royal Arch Research Assistance**

**Location:**

Lake County Shrine Club  
424 N Duncan Drive (SR-19)  
Tavares, FL 32778

**RSVP by  
February 1st, 2020!!!**

**King Solomon will be  
hosting a Royal Feast to honor  
M.E. Jim Green  
Grand High Priest on  
February 15th, 2020  
beginning at 6:00pm.**

**His Highness has ordered the  
finest entertainers, a gift for  
all who attend to show his  
appreciation and will  
provide a meal fit for a King.**

**He asks for a tribute of \$25.00  
per person to benefit RARA.  
Respond by February 1st, 2020.**

To acknowledge your attendance please contact:

E. David Rosenthal, HP - 954-263-1110 - theoshaguy@gmail.com

M.E. Harry Eisenberg PGHP - 407-448-2065 - heisenberg@cfl.rr.com

Make Checks payable to:

York Rite Charities, Inc.

6441 S. Chickasaw Trail, Suite 116

Orlando, FL 32829

## 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, CO 2001-02, 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	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