



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

December—2019

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December Events

December 12th: York Rite Council, Eola Lodge, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Meeting (Elections)
December 14th: York Rite College, Eola Lodge, 9:00 AM Registration
December 21st: Masters & Wardens, South Seminole Lodge #364, Breakfast 8 AM, Meeting 9 AM
December 21st: Memorial Lodge, following Masters & Wardens at South Seminole Lodge #364
December 21st: Ormazd Grotto Installation of Officers, Brunch at 11 AM, Installation at Noon.
December 25th: Merry Christmas
December 27th: Orange 36 Installation of Officers & St. John's Day, 7 PM Dinner, 8 PM Installation
December 28th: Winter Park Installation of Officers, Breakfast at 8 AM, Installation at 9 AM
December 28th: Winter Garden Installation of Officers, Lunch at Noon, Installation at 1 PM
December 28th: Mokanna Installation of Officers, Dinner at 5 PM, Installation at 6 PM
January 4th: South Seminole Installation of Officers, Breakfast at 8 AM, Installation at 9 AM
January 4th: Pine Castle Installation of Officers, Lunch at 11:30 AM, Installation at 12:30 PM
January 4th: Orange Blossom 80 Installation of Officers, Dinner at 7 PM, Installation at 7 PM
January 7th: Eola Installation of Officers, dinner 6:30 PM, Closed Installation 7:30 PM
January 9th: Hiram's Daylight Lodge Installation of Officers, 10:30 AM Closed installation

The Color Purple

While blue is the color most associated with Ancient Craft Masonry, the color purple comes up right behind. Purple epitomizes royalty, and particularly King Solomon and Hiram of Tyre who are central in the legend of Ancient Craft Masonry which includes the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, and why it is used by Grand Lodge officers in their collars and aprons.

The color purple is the intermediate between the colors blue and red, and is sometimes called violet or mauve. It is the major color that occurs the least frequently in nature and was the first color to be synthesized. Purple is also the most powerful wavelength of the visible wavelengths of electromagnetic energy and is the hardest color for the eye to discriminate.

The color purple is associated monarchs because it was so rare and so expensive to produce that only rulers could afford to purchase it; it is also associated with wisdom, dignity, grandeur, rarity, romance, penitence, magic, the feminine, mystery, and piety as well as vanity, decadence, and extravagance.

The original dye used to make purple came from the city of Tyre, which is now in modern-day Lebanon, sometime around 1900 BC. The dye was made from small mollusks, called the spiny dye-murex snail, that were found in the Tyrian region of the Mediterranean. It took 9,000 or more of these mollusks to produce one gram of Tyrian purple. The snail's shell would be cracked open, the snail removed and soaked, a tiny gland removed, and the gland's juices extracted and then left in the sun. The sun would turn the juice to white then to yellow-green then green then violet and then dark red. The process had to be stopped just right to get the desired purple color. In recent years, the process was recreated and to make an ounce would cost over \$2,000.

Early on, the color purple was worn by the rulers of Rome, Greece, Egypt, and Persia. Because these leaders were often deified by their subjects, the color purple came to represent divinity and holiness. After the fall of the Roman Empire, it was used by the Byzantine Empire and the Holy Roman Empire then to other dynasties and kingdoms. It is also used by Bishops in a number of Christian churches and by professors of European universities.

The use of purple by royalty waned after the Byzantine Empire fell in 1453, but was still used by some monarchs. During Elizabethan England, the color was regulated so much that only the Royal Family could wear it. In 1856, an English chemist named William Henry Perkin created, by accident, a synthetic purple compound while attempting to create an anti-malaria drug. He patented the dye and made a fortune from it.

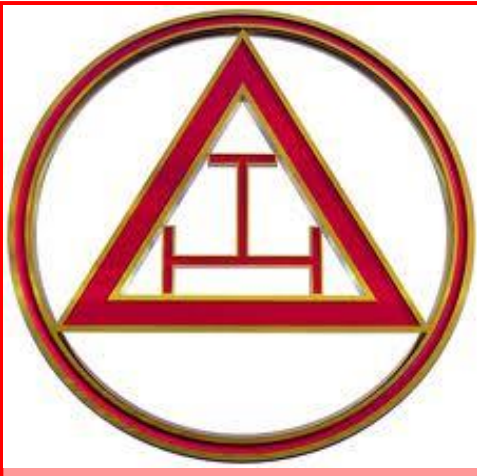
Secretary's Corner

Sir Knights and Companions,
There are still members who have not paid their dues for 2019 which were due in December of 2018. 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
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Eureka Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons

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



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

Companions,

This being the last month of my tenure as your Excellent High Priest, it is timely that I thank all of you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you and our Chapter this year. I sincerely hope that I was able to meet your expectations.

I would like to thank all of our officers and members for the support in all the programs we have initiated this year, in helping with our re-building process and most of all, for your efforts in learning your parts enabling us to perform our rituals the way they should be. I commend you all for a job well done!

This year, we have started fundraising activities with raffles, golf and shooting competition. We did not expect much from these but we were able to raise a decent amount that benefits our York Rite Bodies to support our charitable contributions as well as some of the basic needs of our organization in our re-building efforts. More importantly, they were intended to create awareness of our presence in the community and kindle our relationship with members of particular lodges and appendant bodies in our area. The Golf and Shoot-fest initiated this year are meant/ intended to be held annually moving forward.

We will be holding our elections on the next Council meeting on December 12, 2019. We hope to elect our new leaders for the next year and everyone is invited to participate.

In closing, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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



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,

I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you and our Council as your Illustrious Master this year. I sincerely hope that I was able to meet your expectations.

Thanks to all of our officers and members for the support you have extended me. I sincerely appreciate our officers' efforts in learning their parts that enabled us to perform our rituals the way they should be – job well done and you made your Council proud. It is my hope that this is just the beginning of a continuous effort to make our Council better year after year.

We will be holding our elections on our next meeting on December 12, 2019. We hope to elect our new leaders for the next year and everyone is invited to participate. In closing, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Note: Join us for dinner at 6:30 PM, family members are welcome.

Fraternally,
Wendell E. Tomimbang, Illustrious Master

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
- 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

Put yourself last!

—That's How to be Truly Happy

Putting yourself last is a key to happiness. I hear you say, "Put myself last? Are you crazy? Put myself last! Ha! You are crazy!" No I'm not. People who put themselves first are not happy people. The idea of achieving happiness by putting yourself last seems paradoxical. But it is true wisdom from God.

1 Put Jesus First

Give to Jesus the pre-eminence or first place in everything

"He is also the head of the body, the church; and he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that he might come to have first place in everything" (Colossians 1:18).

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things [food and clothing] will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

2 Put Others Second

Make sacrifices for others humbly putting their needs before your own.

"With humility of mind... esteem others as more important than yourself" (Philippians 2:3-6).

"Do nothing from selfish or empty conceit, but with humility of mind... esteem others as more important than yourself. Don't look out just for your own interests, but also for the needs of others. Have this attitude in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:3-5).

"Husbands love your wives as Christ also loved his church and gave himself up for her... So husbands should love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself" (Ephesians 5:22-28).

"Love does not seek its own" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

You are subject to the one you love, self-sacrificing, putting that person's interests before your own.

3 Put Yourself Last

This was the attitude of Christ who emptied himself taking the form of a servant.

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus. Although he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God something to cling to. He emptied himself, taking the form of a bondservant, made in the likeness of men... He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

Jesus said, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last... Whoever wishes to be first among you, shall be your slave. Be like the Son of Man who did not come to be served, but to serve; and to give his soul a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:16,27-28).

Summary

Jesus, Others, Yourself.

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. Andersen, Grand Sword bearer 2019/20

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

***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	2019	CH 2019
Ervin Janssen				2017	
Joseph M. Crum		2018			

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