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2007 Grand York Rite Convention Summary

by S.K. Charles Chic Cicero

The 2007 Annual Conclave of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida was held at the Orlando Marriott Hotel in Lake Mary, Florida from Sunday, May 13th through Wednesday May 16th.

On Sunday morning there was a worship service lead by Sir Knight Ideal Baldoni. Morning meetings included the Commandery Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Commandery Jurisprudence committee. After noon meetings included the MSRICF, the Chapter Jurisprudence and the Council Jurisprudence Committees. Divine services were held at 4 pm, and after the dinner hour, Sir Knights, Companions, and their ladies met for ice cream and fellowship.

The Grand Council opened on Monday, May 14. At the business meeting the following reports were read and passed: The Membership Committee Report for this Cryptic Year reported that Councils throughout the state have been encouraged to make every effort to re-instate those that have been dropped from the rolls due to non-payment of dues. They encouraged the Councils to consider conducting the Festive Table Councils which would help with contributions to the CMMRF as well as create interest in the local Councils and the York Rite. The Masonic Fraternal Relations Committee Report received no new request for recognition from other jurisdiction. The Committee on Work reported that through the efforts of R.I. Companion Carl E. Gilmore, new ritual books have been produced and are currently available through the Grand York Rite Office. It was also reported that Companion Jimmie B. Crowder of St. Petersburg Council #14 stood examination for the Blue proficiency card which was to be presented at the Grand Assembly. The Audit Committee concluded that the records of the Grand Treasurer showed that acceptable accounting practices were maintained and the records accurately reflect the financial condition of the Grand Council. A proposed amendment was passed to Article II of the Laws Rules and Regulations of the Grand Council, as well as a resolution concerning Life Membership. The Grand Representatives Committee urged all Grand Representatives to make a concentrated effort to make contact with their representatives.

The Necrology Report asked for prayers to the families of 122 Companions who have been called to the Celestial Grand Council in Heaven, including Companion Roy Milton Bobo, Most Illustrious Past .

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**Celebrate with Masonic Pride the Founding of our Country
4th of JULY - INDEPENDENCE DAY**



2007 Grand York Rite Convention Summary (continuation from page 1)

Grand Master, Companion Charles W. Warren, Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master, and Companion Robert O. Bell, Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation reported a successful year with a total of \$21,316.72 in contributions. One Gold pin with a diamond representing each \$1,000 in donations was given to Most Illustrious Keith W. Dean (two diamonds). Six plaques representing \$1,000 in donations were awarded to the following individuals: Companion James McCann, Illustrious Albert Hadigian, Most Illustrious Francis L. Dancy, Most Illustrious Richard Agster, Most Illustrious Paul W. Friend, and Right Illustrious Jack C. Maulden.

Twenty Extener bars for subsequent donations of \$1,000 or more were awarded to the following Councils: Orlando #5, Adoniram #10, Zabud #17, Ocala #22, Panama City #26, Seminole #30, Melbourne #38, Heartland #43, Tampa #8, St. Petersburg #14, Sandford #20, Lauderdale #24, Gulf #29 (two bars), Tyrian #36 (five bars), and Dade City #40. It was reported that our Grand Jurisdiction was the number one state for total donations by individuals. Later that afternoon was the Grand Council Installation, in addition to the Order of the Silver Trowel and the Knight Crusader of the Cross.

The Grand Chapter opened on Tuesday, May 15. At the business meeting the following reports were read and passed or adopted: A resolution concerning the Committee on Work, a Protocol Report to create a handbook titled Masonic Capitular Protocol that would be available to the Companions, and a Mentor's Program and accompanying manual. The Perpetual Membership Committee reported a very successful year with a 35% increase in membership overall, ending the year with a total of 339 companions enrolled in the Grand Chapter Perpetual Membership Program. Leading the way was Jericho Chapter #11 in Miami, which enrolled 100% of its membership in the program, ensuring themselves a %5 return on their investment in perpetuity. The Religious Affirmation Day Committee reported that twenty chapters and a total on one hundred eighty-three RAM members had participated in a Religious Affirmation Day.

The Audit Committee recommended that a pre-audit be done on the Financial Records of the Grand Chapter each year just prior to the preliminary budget and finance meeting to assist that committee in the preparation of the budget for the next year. The Committee on Masonic Relations reported that many of our York Rite Companions are deeply involved in the work of their blue lodges. The 2007 Souvenir Program was extremely successful and exceeded expectations—special thanks were given from the chairman of the Souvenir Program to Sir Knight and Companion David A. Aponte for his tireless dedication and work on the program. The four Florida chapters of the Social Order of the Beauceant held their annual state class and initiated a large number of candidates. Later that afternoon was the Grand Chapter Installation, in addition to the Order of the High Priesthood and the Grand Banquet.

The Grand Commandery opened on Wednesday, May 16. At the business meeting the following reports were read and accepted: the Report of the Grand Commander for the Templar Year 2006-2007, the Report of the Long and Short Range Planning Committee, the 2007 Souvenir Program Report, the budget report, and the History Committee Report. The following were adopted: a resolution on Life Membership, and an increase in per capita levy for every Commandery. It was reported that 115 Sir Knights passed on to that Eternal life during the past year, including Robert G. Weisenbarger, Right Eminent Grand Commander 1974-75. The Grand Commandery Installation took place in the afternoon. This marked the end of the Conclave.

THINK YORK RITE **THINK PETITION**
YOUR BLUE LODGE BRETHERN
ARE WAITING TO FIND THE TRUE MASTER MASON WORD.

Congratulations to the following 2007- 2008 Grand York Rite Elected Officers.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

M. Ex. Grand High Priest.....Daniel E. Dale
R. Ex. Grand King..... James Rudman
R. Ex. Grand ScribeDarryl A. D’Angina
R. Ex. Grand Treasurer.....Richard E. Foreman
R. Ex. Grand Secretary..... Steven Q. Steele

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

M. I. Grand MasterGeorge Malone
R. I. Deputy Grand MasterDencel R. Smith
R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of WorkCarl E. Gilmore
R. I. Grand TreasurerRichard E. Foreman
R. I. Grand RecorderSteven Q. Steele

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

R. E. Grand Commander.....Leroy E. Fackler
V. E. Deputy Grand CommanderCharles Perez
E. Grand Generalissimo..... Franklin Glenn
E. Grand Captain General..... Ideal Baldoni, II
E. Grand Treasurer.....Richard E. Foreman
E. Grand Recorder Steven Q. Steele

Resolutions Approved

Chapter

- 1) *End of paying Per Capita on Life Members after their passing.*
- 2) *Appendix E “Masonic Capitular Protocol”.*
- 3) *10 Days Written Notice to Members of Special or Called Convocation.*

Council

- 1) *End of paying Per Capita on Life Members after their passing.*
- 2) *10 Days Written Notice to Members of a Special or Called Assembly.*

Commandery

- 1) *End of paying Per Capita on Life Members after their passing.*
- 2) *Increase in the Grand Commandery’s Per Capita to \$16.00 beginning January 1, 2008.*



Celebrate with Masonic Pride

June 24th - St. John the Baptist



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Companions, these are your 2007-2008 Grand Line Officers and District Deputies for the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Grand Line

M. Ex. Grand High Priest.....	Daniel E. Dale
R. Ex. Grand King.....	James Rudman
R. Ex. Grand Scribe	Darryl A. D'Angina
R. Ex. Grand Treasurer.....	Richard E. Foreman
R. Ex. Grand Secretary.....	Steven Q. Steele
Ex. Grand Chaplain.....	Louis A. King
Ex. Grand Historian	Glenn E. Chandler
Ex. Grand Captain of the Host.....	Anthony J. Marotta, Jr.
Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner.....	Robert G. Kirkpatrick
Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain.....	Calvin A. Bonnet
Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil.....	John G. Allen
Ex. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil.....	John F. Wermann
Ex. Grand Master of the 1st Veil.....	William Jacobs
Ex Grand Sentinel.....	Richard A. Wolfe
Ex. Grand Organist	David Mead

District Deputies

NO. 1 (11, 20, 24, 65).	James H. McCray
NO. 2 (18, 35, 50)	Eric B. West
NO. 3 (3, 31, 45, 63)	Charles C. Cicero
NO. 4 (8, 16, 22, 29, 64)	John H. Paugh
NO. 5 (5, 7, 15, 33)	James D. Dickenson
NO. 6 (27, 28, 59, 66)	William G. Ellis
NO. 7 (9, 12, 17, 48, 49)	C. Robert Cooper
NO. 8 (2, 13, 38, 62)	Wayne Y. Thigpen
NO. 9 (1, 32, 39)	Dean Harwood
NO. 10 (6, 40, 57).....	Arthur J. LaRose



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Grand Chapter District Meetings

District #09: Monday Oct 8th, 7:30PM, Florida Chapter #1, Jackson Lodge Tallahassee, Dinner 6:30PM, RSVP by Oct 3rd.

District #04: Tuesday Oct 9th, 7:30PM Lakeland-Winter Haven Chapter #29, Lakeland York Rite Temple, Lakeland

District #07: Thursday Oct 11th, 7:30PM, Jacksonville Chapter #12, McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, Dinner 6:30PM

District #05: Thursday Nov 8th, 7:30PM, Eureka Chapter #7, Eola Lodge Orlando, Dinner 6:30PM – No Charge, Ladies Program

District #10: Monday Nov 12th, 7:00PM, Mount Horeb Chapter #6, York Rite Masonic Center, Pensacola

District #01: Monday Nov 19th, 7:30PM, Palm Beach Chapter #24, Harmonia Lodge, West Palm Beach, Dinner 6:30PM

District #08: Tuesday Nov 20th, 7:30PM< Gainesville Chapter #2, R.T. Schafer Lodge, Gainesville, Dinner 6:30PM

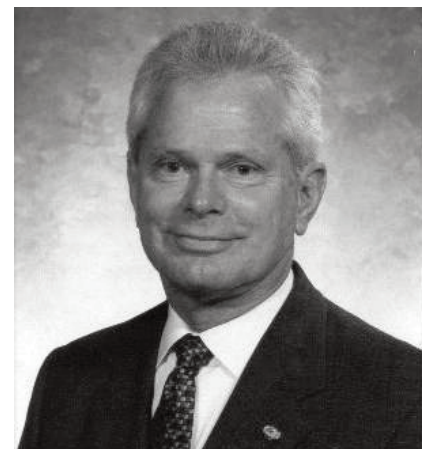
District #03: Wednesday Dec 5th, 7:30PM, Clearwater Chapter #45, Dunedin Masonic Lodge, Dunedin, Dinner 6:30PM

District #06: Thursday Dec 13th, 7:30PM, Melbourne Chapter #59, Harbor City Lodge, Melbourne

District #02: Saturday Feb 16th 2008, 1:00PM, Braidenton Lodge #99, Bradenton, Lunch 12:00 Noon, Grand High Priest Homecoming – Reception 5:00PM, Dinner 6:00PM - Sarasota

On behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies, Grand Line Officers, Companions and Sir Knights, **The Florida York Rite Mason congratulates our new Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida**

***M.: W.: Robert Harry
Grand Master 2007-2008***





Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

Companions, these are your 2007-2008 Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors for the Grand Council of Florida.

Grand Line

M. I. Grand Master	George Malone
R. I. Deputy Grand Master	Dencil R. Smith
R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work.....	Carl E. Gilmore
R. I. Grand Treasurer	Richard E. Foreman
R. I. Grand Recorder	Steven Q. Steele
I. Grand Chaplain	Ron Blaisdell
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Howard H. Gardner
I. Grand Conductor of the Council.....	M. Daniel Fullwood
I. Grand Marshall	Ernest Randy Spradling
I. Grand Steward.....	Larry Gillespie
I. Grand Sentinel.....	Dayle L. Schrock
I. Grand Organist.....	Albert Hadigia

District Deputies

No. 1 (10, 17, 24, 44)	John Allen
No. 2 (9, 25, 41)	Jim Record
No. 3 (8, 14, 34)	Vernon Clark
No. 4 (4, 11, 40, 42, 43)	Robert G. Brigman
No. 5 (1, 5, 20, 28, 37)	Gordon Anderson
No. 6 (13, 36, 38)	Richard Wolfe
No. 7 (3, 15, 18)	Samuel D. Reasor
No. 8 (22, 27, 35, 39).....	Steed Salls
No. 9 (26, 30, 31)	Roy Rhodes
No. 10 (7, 29, 33).....	James A. Durham

District Instructors

No. 1 District Instructor	Jay T. Glover
No. 2 District Instructor	John F. Wermann
No. 3 District Instructor	Edward M. Sutton
No. 4 District Instructor	Robert Hubbard
No. 5 District Instructor	Warren Shippee
No. 6 District Instructor	Charles L. Hollinger
No. 7 District Instructor	A. Gene Yarborough
No. 8 District Instructor	W. Ronald Taylor
No. 9 District Instructor	Richard E. Foreman
No. 10 District Instructor	Edward E. Bush



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Sir Knights, these are your 2007-2008 Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors for the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Grand Line

R. E. Grand Commander.....Leroy E. Fackler
 V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.....Charles Perez
 E. Grand Generalissimo.....Franklin Glenn
 E. Grand Captain General.....Ideal Baldoni, II
 E. Grand Treasurer.....Richard E. Foreman
 E. Grand Recorder.....Steven Q. Steele
 E. Grand Prelate.....Rev. Daniel Williams
 E. Grand Senior Warden.....Charles C. Cicero
 E. Grand Junior Warden.....David A. Aponte
 E. Grand Standard Bearer.....Dean Harwood
 E. Grand Sword Bearer.....Henry A. Adams
 E. Grand Sentinel.....Billy Collier
 E. Grand Organist.....John G. Allen
 Inspector General.....James T. Mason
 The Drill Master General.....Ronald J. Bertie
 Judge Advocate General.....Richard S. Agster, Esq.

District Deputies

No. 1- (13, 18 & 35)James P. Seachord
 No. 2 - (16 & 32)Lewis F. Fish
 No. 3 - (8, 20, 40)..... Phillip S. Ware
 No. 4 - (6, 15 & 21) Benjamin J. Holland
 No. 5 - (4, 9, 28, 36, 38).....Robert M. Morris
 No. 6 - (17, 24 & 41) Theodore Free
 No. 7 - (2, 5 & 10)Charles E. Middleton
 No. 8 - (7, 19, 39 & 43)Robert Gurney Atwell
 No. 9 - (12, 22 & 29)Stephen E. Henwood
 No. 10 - (1, 25 & 42).....Charles T. LeCroy

District Instructors

No. 1 - (13, 18 & 35)Blas Pellon
 No. 2 - (16 & 32)Stephen Yarborough
 No. 3 - (8, 20 & 40)Harry J. Klaus
 No. 4 - (6, 15 & 21)Joe Ken West
 No. 5 - (4, 9, 28, 36 & 38)William (Bill) Schuck
 No. 6 - (17, 24 & 41)Virgil P. Brown
 No. 7 - (2, 5 & 10)Charles R. Cooper
 No. 8 - (7, 19, 39 & 43)Francisco T. Camacho
 No. 9 - (12, 22 & 29)John C. Babski
 No. 10 - (1, 25 & 42).....William R. Jacobs



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Grand Commander's Message - June 2007

Sir Knights, I want to first thank each and every one of you for electing me to be your Grand Commander for the coming year. This is without a doubt, one of the highest honors that I, or anyone else could possibly receive. I know that many Great Sir Knights have gone before me, but with the help of each and every Sir Knight in Florida, I am sure that this can be a great year for the Florida Grand Commandery.

I have made many good and great friends throughout the state, and now call on each and every one for your help and support. This is not a one-man job, but with the Grand Officer, District Deputy Grand Commanders, and District Instructors, we are off to a running start. I will be calling on many of the Past Grand Officers for their help and guidance.

We have discussed many plans for the coming year, and we want to be sure to move the Grand Commandery forward to a new era. This can and will be done with everyone's help. We want to try and get back to the basics of Knight Templar, and this is the year to start. Our membership is starting to turn around, and some of our Commanderies have new and young officers in line. This is a start, but we still have a long and hard road ahead. We need your prayers and your helping hand to move forward. We cannot do it by ourselves.

It gives me great pleasure to announce your Grand Officers for 2007-2008:

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander S.K. Charles Perez
Eminent Grand Generalissimo S.K. Franklin Glenn
Eminent Grand Captain General S.K. Ideal Baldoni, II
Eminent Grand Treasurer S.K. Duane B. Young
Eminent Grand Recorder S.K. Steven Q. Steele
Eminent Grand Prelate S.K. Rev. Daniel Williams
Eminent Grand Senior Warden S.K. Charles C. Cicero
Eminent Grand Junior Warden S.K. David A. Aponte
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer S.K. Dean F. Hardwood
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer S.K. Henry A. Adams
Eminent Grand Warder S.K. Robert G. Stearns
Eminent Grand Sentinel S.K. Billy Collier
Eminent Grand Organist S.K. John G. Allen
Inspector General S.K. James T. Mason
The Drill Master General S.K. Ronald J. Bertie
Judge Advocate General S.K. Richard S. Agster, Esq.

Remember, we cannot move forward without the help of every Sir Knight out there. Please step forward. Thank you!

Courteously and Fraternally,
Leroy Fackler
Right Eminent Grand Commander



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Grand Commander's Message - July 2007

I wish to say that the Grand Commandery is off and running. My wife and I left the Grand Conclave on Wednesday afternoon May 16th and spent the night in Cocoa, Florida. The next day we went to the St. Lucie Hospice House located on Midway and Dunn Road in Ft. Pierce for the Grand Lodge cornerstone laying. There were ten Sir Knights in uniform for the honor guard. Afterward we went back to Ft. Pierce Lodge #87 for lunch.

After lunch we drove down to the Martin County Sheriff's Office in Stuart, Florida at the Public Safety Complex for another cornerstone laying, again by the Grand Lodge officers. Here we had nine Sir Knights in uniform for an honor guard. We were well received by everyone there. I wish to thank Sir Knight Paul Friend for all his work in setting these honor guards up. Afterward we went to Acacia Lodge #163 and had a great Barbeque rib dinner with all the works. This was wonderful fellowship and all the Sir Knights present had a great time.

On May 27th we went back to Orlando for the Grand Lodge Convention. The Grand York Rite officers were all received with honors by the Grand Lodge. On Tuesday afternoon, the DeMolay initiated four young men. Afterwards, they conferred the Senior DeMolay Degree on several Masons that had never been a DeMolay. I have the great honor of stating that I am a Senior DeMolay. Grand Master Robert Goldsmith was the Exemplar and we had thirteen Sir Knights in uniform to provide an honor guard and cross swords during his obligation. Many young men in the DeMolay came up to me after the meeting and wanted to know how they could get to wear one of the Commandery uniforms.

Like I said, we have been busy, but we have also had a great deal of fun. This is getting York Rite Masons out to the public. And this is something each and every one of us needs to do.

In the 1950s, 57% of all Americans knew or recognized Masonry, 43% knew or recognized the Commandery. Today those figures are 22% and 14% respectively. This is an incredible drop over a short period of time. We need to get out the word about York Rite Masonry in general and the Commandery in particular in order to change these numbers for the better.

With a positive attitude displayed by all, I anticipate a very busy and productive year, and encourage each Sir Knight to keep the lines of communication open with all of the Grand Line officers so we may be able to serve you better and offer any required assistance.

The District Deputy Grand Commanders are the Grand Commander's personal representative in your district and our first line of communication. Please help keep us aware of what is going on in your Commandery by working closely with the District Deputies.

I encourage all officers of the constituent bodies to attend the meeting in their district. These meetings are to help the local York Rite Bodies with any questions and problems they may have. Please assist the Grand Line officers by attending these meetings and expressing your thoughts and concerns. Assisting you is the primary reason we serve. We can only help you if you communicate with us. We would like to hear what you have to say. We cannot solve or assist with your concerns if we do not know what they are or understand them; and they will not get any better with age. We need to solve problems as they arise and not wait for them to fester and become greater problems. Not discussing problems and solving them quickly may be one of the reasons we are losing good members. Therefore, attend your district meeting and discuss your concerns.

We're off to a great start. Let's keep the momentum going. Thank you all.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Leroy Fackler
Right Eminent Grand Commander

**"Immanuel" - A small note on Christian doctrine
by Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchens
Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Master, Arizona**

This important word in Templar ritual is Hebrew and gives the sense of "God with us." It is found in Isaiah (7:14; 8:8,10), where the prophet seems to predict the birth of a child from the tribe of Judah who would choose good and reject evil. The time frame is about the eighth century B.C., and the name is clearly symbolic. It became significant in Christian doctrine primarily because of two factors: 1.) The entire verse in the KJV reads, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This is precisely the verse that resulted in the doctrine of the virgin birth finding its way into Christian theology.

The actual translation of this verse and particularly the word translated as "virgin" has been the source of many scholarly disputes for the entire history of Christianity. One does not need to be an expert in either Hebrew or Greek to understand the essential controversy. The Hebrew word is *almah* and is generally translated as "maiden" or "young maiden," not necessarily denoting virginity, for which the Hebrew is *betulah* and could be further defined to avoid ambiguity, such as in Gen. 24:16. When the Book of Isaiah was translated into Greek, the word *parthenos* was chosen to translate the Hebrew word *almah*. *Parthenos* specifically means "virgin," and it was this Greek version that was the one available and used by the writers of the New Testament.

It is safe to say that they probably could not have even read the Hebrew original. Further, Hebrew present and future tenses tend to be ambiguous, and the passage could be translated with "has become pregnant" as easily as "will become pregnant." (See Gen. 16:11, where "thou art with child" is the same Hebrew grammatical construction as Isaiah 7:14).

2.) The second factor that led to the importance of this word to Christians is its presumed messianic character and the

belief that Jesus was in fact the predicted Hebrew Messiah. Thus he was "Immanuel." This is specifically stated in the New Testament (Matthew 1:23): "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (KJV). Here we see Matthew applying Isaiah 7:14 to Jesus just as he does other events that happened in Israel's history. (See especially Matt. 2:15, 18; 4:15-16; 10:35-36; 12:40; 13:35; 15:8-9). In the first example, Matthew is attempting to relate a passage from Hosea 11:1 as a prophecy related to Jesus when the clear intent of Hosea is simply to remind his audience that God delivered Israel from Egypt at the Exodus. Matthew does not commonly give translations of Hebrew names; his purpose in doing so in the case of "Emmanuel" clearly indicates that he wanted to stress the miraculous birth of Jesus and that Isaiah's words were specifically applicable to him. Some have seen a recapitulation of the meaning of the name (God with us) in Christ's words "I am with you" that are Jesus' last words in Matthew's Gospel. This might lead us logically to the translation and origin of the name "Jesus," but that is for another article.

Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchens, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona and Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, is a member of Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson, Arizona. He resides at 4678 Coachlight Lane, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Knights Templar at Jacksonville Beach Easter Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery No. 2 of Jacksonville joined with the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Florida and other Masons, audience, families and friends for the 57th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Jacksonville Beach.

The Sir Knights of Jacksonville, and Masons of Ribault Lodge No. 272 arrived early at about 5 PM to set up coffee and donuts for the brothers and the public coming out to join together and witness the ecumenical public observance at the beach. Sir Knight Jerry R. Morgan, R. E. Grand Commander, and his traveling aide, S.K. Stanley Stenhaus, PC, arrived about 4:45 A.M. to help celebrate the happy event. There were eight uniformed Knights Templar in attendance. The Sir Knights assisted in greeting the holiday worshippers, and in taking up the collection. The service, which began at about 6:30 A.M. and concluded as the sun was coming up over the beach, included a choir and four different ministers from four different churches. After the service a breakfast was served at Ribault Lodge for those who wished to have a full breakfast at the Lodge.

Pictured above were seven of the Sir Knights who assembled early for the service. Shown left to right, were: William H. McClean, PC; Corbin P. Elliott, PC; Stanley Stenhaus, PC; Billy Collier, PC, Chief-of-Staff for the Grand Commander; Jerry R. Morgan, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K.T. of Florida; Leland E. Stanford, III, Commander of Damascus Commandery; and Lewis E. Duffey, Sr., S.W. of Damascus Commandery, No. 2.

Although the temperature was "nippy," the weather was dry and the sunrise beautiful.



Twenty - Seven New York Rite Masons

Pensacola York Rite Bodies held their 2007 Spring Festival on Saturday April 14 and Saturday April 21 2007. Twenty seven (27) candidates representing Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Marianna and Panama City received the Degrees and Orders. Photograph of Candidates and Order of the Temple Degree Team below.



Grand Commandery Officers and St. Luice Commandery Assist in Cornerstone Laying

Pictured below are the Sir Knights in full uniform that assisted the Grand Lodge in the laying of the cornerstones in Ft. Pierce and Stuart, Florida. In the far left, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Leroy Fackler. For more information on this event see the Grand Commander's message for July 2007.





N. E. FLORIDA YORK RITE COLLEGE NO. 114 ORDER OF YORK

Northeast Florida York Rite College No. 114 met in the Jacksonville York Rite Temple on February 17, 2007 and conferred the Order Knight of York on new Companion Knight Melvin Harvey from Palatka, Florida.

Pictured above were a number of the N. E. Florida York Rite College No. 114 officers and cast assembled with new Companion Knight Harvey after the Order. Shown, left to right in the first row, were: Quinnie R. Williams, Sr.; Companion Knight Melvin Harvey; Burt Maguire; Walter M. Hammond, Governor of N. E. Florida York Rite College No. 114; Edwin B. Moore, III, Grand Governor of Florida for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; Frederick L. Piasecki, PGC of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Florida; Hardin A. Goff; Albert B. Russ, Jr.; and Bernard J. Magary, Jr.

Seen, left to right in the back rows were: Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP; David Wilkinson, MEPGHP; Darryl A. D'Angina, E. Grand R.A.C. of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida; Charles Robert Cooper, DDGC; Robert E. Hendren, III, DDGHP; Secretary, N.E. Florida Y.R. College No. 114; Daniel Somma; Clarence N. Gruber, E. Grand Historian, Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida; and William E. Darden, Jr., Deputy Grand Governor for Florida of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Father and Son Knighted in One Day Grand York Rite Class

A father and son duo went through the Chapter and Council degrees, and were knighted in a Commandery of Knights Templar at the One Day Grand York Rite Rite Class held in honor of M.W. Robert D. Trump, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge,

F. & A. M. of Florida in Palatka, on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Some forty-seven Blue Lodge brothers received the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, and the three Commandery Orders, culminating in the Order of the Temple, all in one day.

The father and son were William DeLoatch and Robert W. DeLoatch. New Sir Knight William DeLoatch is a 50 Year Florida Mason, who just recently received his 50-year Blue Lodge pin. His son, new Sir Knight Robert DeLoatch, is a Past Master who recently completed his term as Master of Kadosh of Jacksonville Consistory in the Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville.

The father and son are pictured with Sir Knight Albert B. Russ, Jr., P.C., acting Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 2 K.T., which conferred of the Order of the Temple with assistance of other Sir Knights, on the class of new Sir Knights. Sir Knight Albert B. Russ, Jr., P.C., is a personal friend and was top line signer on the petitions for Sir Knights William and Robert DeLoatch.

Shown left to right, were: Sir Knights William DeLoatch, Albert B. Russ, Jr., PC, and Robert W. DeLoatch, after the Order of the Temple and closing of the Commandery.

An enjoyable and inspiring day was reported by the new Sir Knights speaking for the class.



**York Rite
The Continuation
of Blue Lodge**



Charles Warren

Right Illustrious Companion Charlie Warren, DDGM for the 5th Cryptic District, and Degree Master for all his local York Rite Bodies, besides being Treasurer for all Three bodies, and a PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER for the Proud! 17th District F&AM, has passed on in service to the Grand Architect, March 23, 2007.

Robert Weisenbarger

Sir Knight Robert George Weisenbarger, Past Grand Commander (1974-75) passed away March 30, 2007. He was a member of Eureka Chapter #7, Orlando Council #5, Olivet Commandery #4

A BIG THANK YOU

To all the Companions and Sir Knights that contacted me by e-mail, letter and phone to express their condolences on the passing of my mother.

Due to this family emergency, I missed the Grand Convention and the fellowship. But your words and prayers have strengthen that bond of fellowship and lifted up my spirit in a moment of despair.

The family and I are beginning to normalize our lives again. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. I must stress that prayers do miracles when least expected. As I did the eulogy at the church service, I had the strength to do and finish it. I felt as many invisible hands were supporting me.

Again, thank you my Companions and Sir Knights.

David A. Aponte, Grand Junior Warden

ROBERT O. BELL

Robert O. Bell, 93, passed away Saturday, April 7, 2007. There will be a private family memorial service to celebrate his life. Culley's Meadow-wood Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (850-877-8191).

Robert was born June 18, 1913, in Indianapolis, Marion, IN. He was the first of 3 children of Charles G. Bell and Florence M. Clark Bell. He lived in Indianapolis and Connersville, IN, Montgomery, AL, Miami, St. Cloud, and Tallahassee, FL. He was a devoted husband and father, a Boy Scout Leader, and will be remembered for his guidance, leadership, interest in sports and photography, and love of family and friends. He was a student of Christian Science. Robert was a successful salesman for McQuay Norris in IN, and AL, owned his own sound system business in Miami, FL, was an audiologist in Miami for Bel-tone, and owned Bell's Hearing Aid Service in St. Cloud, FL.

Robert was a Master Mason F. & A. M. for 71 years, having served as Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge #15, F. & A.M. in Connersville, IN, and Distinguished Past Master and Secretary of St. Cloud Lodge No. 221 F. & A. M. in St. Cloud, FL; a 33rd degree Inspector General Honorary member and perpetual member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A.; a member of Miami York Rite Bodies: Past High Priest of Jericho Chapter #11, R.A.M., Past Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council #10, R. & S. M. and Past Commander of Miami Commandery #13, K.T.; a member of Miami Priory KYCH and Miami Conclave RCC; and a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 46, St. Cloud, FL. In 1971-72 he served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida. Robert was a member of the Exchange Club in Miami, FL, and Past State Secretary for the Exchange Club of FL.

Remember You Are the Mirror of York Rite Masonry... Teach by Example

St. Lucie Commandery Assisted in Cornerstone Laying

The Sir Knights of St Lucie Commandery No. 17 assisted, the Grand Lodge of Florida, the Grand Commandery of Florida and Brethern from Ft. Pierce and Acacia Lodges, the Laying of two Cornerstones on Thursday May 17, 2007. The first one was at "Treasure Coast Hospice" at their site on Midway/Dunn Road in Fort Pierce at High Noon. A luncheon was served at Fort Pierce Lodge after the ceremony. The second one was at the Sheriff's new Facility in Stuart Florida at 4:00 P.M. A rib dinner was served at Acacia Lodge following the dedication.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 Honors Their Past High Priests

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 honored their Past High Priests at their last meeting. The Past High Priests are pictured below.



Jacksonville York Rite Bodies will be celebrating an Open House Carnival Saturday, June 23rd from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. They will have their traditional dunking tank again. Rumors have it that R. Exc. Wilmer Atwell has agreed to be dunked if \$100 is raised. Come one, come All.

Ten Lessons from the Resurrection I Corinthians 15

by
Rev. Dan Williams
(Excerpt from the sermon given at the Sunrise Service at Sebring)

- Lesson #1: (v.4) The resurrection of Christ was prophesied in the Old Testament
- Lesson #2: (v.5-8) The risen Christ appeared to over five hundred witnesses, incl Paul
- Lesson #3: The Resurrection is central to the gospel message. (v. 14,15)
- Lesson #4: If Jesus is not risen, we are still in our sins.....(v. 17)
- Lesson #5: Jesus' resurrection is designed to show us what is ahead for us after death.
- Lesson #6: This dead, physical body WILL be resurrected. (v. 42) See also v. 41....
- Lesson #7: At our resurrection, we will once again be both a physical AND a spiritual body. (in this life, we are a living soul.) At death, the physical and the spiritual are separated. At our resurrection, the physical and the spiritual will be reunited.
- Lesson #8: All of this power is represented in Jesus. Jesus says of himself that he IS the resurrection and the Life.....John 11:25.
- Lesson #9: Our physical body will be altered for Life beyond the grave
- Lesson #10: Our resurrection will take place when Jesus returns. (I Thess 4:13-18)

Win-Win Negotiation Finding a fair compromise

Effective negotiation helps you to resolve situations where what you want conflicts with what someone else wants. The aim of win-win negotiation is to find a solution that is acceptable to both parties, and leaves both parties feeling that they've won, in some way, after the event.

There are different styles of negotiation, depending on circumstances.

Where you do not expect to deal with people ever again and you do not need their goodwill, then it may be appropriate to "play hardball", seeking to win a negotiation while the other person loses out. Many people go through this when they buy or sell a house – this is why house-buying can be such a confrontational and unpleasant experience. Similarly, where there is a great deal at stake in a negotiation, then it may be appropriate to prepare in detail and legitimate "gamesmanship" to gain advantage. Anyone who has been involved with large sales negotiations will be familiar with this.

Neither of these approaches is usually much good for resolving disputes with people with whom you have an ongoing relationship: If one person plays hardball, then this disadvantages the other person – this may, quite fairly, lead to reprisal later. Similarly, using tricks and manipulation during a negotiation can undermine trust and damage teamwork. While a manipulative person may not get caught out if negotiation is infrequent, this is not the case when people work together routinely. Here, honesty and openness are almost always the best policies.

Preparing for a successful negotiation...

Depending on the scale of the disagreement, some preparation may be appropriate for conducting a successful negotiation. For small disagreements, excessive preparation can be counter-productive because it takes time that is better used elsewhere. It can also be seen as manipulative because, just as it strengthens your position, it can weaken the other person's.

However, if you need to resolve a major disagreement, then make sure you prepare thoroughly. Think through the following points before you start negotiating:

- **Goals:** what do you want to get out of the negotiation? What do you think the other person wants?
- **Trades:** What do you and the other person have that you can trade? What do you each have that the other wants? What are you each comfortable giving away?
- **Alternatives:** if you don't reach agreement with the other person, what alternatives do you have? Are these good or bad? How much does it matter if you do not reach agreement? Does failure to reach an agreement cut you out of future opportunities? And what alternatives might the other person have?
- **Relationships:** what is the history of the relationship? Could or should this history impact the negotiation? Will there be any hidden issues that may influence the negotiation? How will you handle these?
- **Expected outcomes:** what outcome will people be expecting from this negotiation? What has the outcome been in the past, and what precedents have been set?
- **The consequences:** what are the consequences for you of winning or losing this negotiation? What are the consequences for the other person?

- Power: who has what power in the relationship? Who controls resources? Who stands to lose the most if agreement isn't reached? What power does the other person have to deliver what you hope for?
- Possible solutions: based on all of the considerations, what possible compromises might there be?

Style is critical...

For a negotiation to be 'win-win', both parties should feel positive about the negotiation once it's over. This helps people keep good working relationships afterwards. This governs the style of the negotiation – histrionics and displays of emotion are clearly inappropriate because they undermine the rational basis of the negotiation and because they bring a manipulative aspect to them. Despite this, emotion can be an important subject of discussion because people's emotional needs must fairly be met. If emotion is not discussed where it needs to be, then the agreement reached can be unsatisfactory and temporary. Be as detached as possible when discussing your own emotions – perhaps discuss them as if they belong to someone else.

Negotiating successfully

The negotiation itself is a careful exploration of your position and the other person's position, with the goal of finding a mutually acceptable compromise that gives you both as much of what you want as possible. People's positions are rarely as fundamentally opposed as they may initially appear - the other person may have very different goals from the ones you expect!

In an ideal situation, you will find that the other person wants what you are prepared to trade, and that you are prepared to give what the other person wants. If this is not the case and one person must give way, then it is fair for this person to try to negotiate some form of compensation for doing so – the scale of this compensation will often depend on the many of the factors we discussed above. Ultimately, both sides should feel comfortable with the final solution if the agreement is to be considered win-win.

Only consider win-lose negotiation if you don't need to have an ongoing relationship with the other party as, having lost, they are unlikely to want to work with you again. Equally, you should expect that if they need to fulfill some part of a deal in which you have "won," they may be uncooperative and legalistic about the way they do this.

Do You Need to Be Right? By Dianna Podmoroff

Is being right more important to you than reaching agreements, or getting along with others? In a world where knowledge and education are valuable commodities, it's easy to get caught up in wanting to be right all the time. You're smart and educated, so why shouldn't what you say be right?

Think about this – even if you ARE right, if asserting that fact results in damaged relationships, failures to reach agreement, or excessive time wasted arguing, is being right really worth it? When you allow others to be right, you open yourself up to other perspectives, and you are perceived as a person who is willing to negotiate and reach agreements; not just argue to the death. When you are experiencing conflict try saying, "You are right." Watch how the dynamic of the conversation changes. Certainly there are times when being right is the only path to pursue: But when being right becomes your mantra on every point, every time, that's when you need to step back and ask yourself why it is so important. Try finding ways in which the other person is right: It's a great starting place for negotiating your win-win solution!

MASONIC ESSAY

The Five Points of Fellowship - from the Grand Lodge of Texas

The central bonds that hold Freemasonry together are found in the obligations we have taken and the commitment to which we honor them. The word fraternity has its origins in the Latin word "Frater," which means "Brother." Thus, our Fraternity is a Brotherhood, or sacred band of Brothers, committed to mutual support, understanding, and affection. The symbol which best communicates our commitment is the Five Pointed Star, presented in the Master Mason's Degree. Each point of the star represents a point of fellowship and reminds us of our obligations to each other. As a group of equals, the Five Pointed Star should guide our actions toward one another.

With the first point of fellowship, we are instructed to go by foot to answer the needs of others, but more especially that of a Brother Freemason. This is not to say we ignore others in our benevolent acts, but rather that we look carefully not to ignore our Brothers in need. Beyond helping with Masonic instruction and guarding a Brother's fidelity, we should strive to insure our Brethren reach their potential and serve the Order to the fullest. Helping them to improve themselves helps us be better Freemasons. Within the second point of fellowship, we find the power of prayer, especially prayer directed for the benefit of a fallen Brother. When we kneel to pray, we call upon the most powerful force to bring about good. Acknowledging our dependence upon The Most High can lead to the wisdom to see His path, the courage to choose that path above all others, and the strength to carry out His will. Clarity of action and concern for the welfare of our Brethren makes Freemasonry a stronger Fraternity.

With the third point of fellowship, we are reminded of the responsibility of trust. Holding in our heart the secrets of our Brother Freemason is a sacred responsibility. We do have some discretion with those secrets, but our honor requires treating them with the utmost respect. When communicated to us confidentially, a Brother's words are to be securely guarded, as we would wish our own words to be properly guarded. We earn the trust of others by giving trust, and our Brother is our most trusted friend.

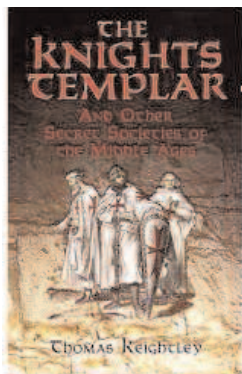
In the fourth point of fellowship, we are charged to support the character of our Brother, either before his face or behind his back. In an age when people eagerly seize rumors concerning the conduct of others, we must guard the character and integrity of our Brethren on all occasions. As Freemasons we are charged to erect our Masonic edifices, not tear them down, and a careless word can do more harm than good.

With fifth point of fellowship, we are encouraged to give wise counsel to our Brother Freemason and to support him in his time of need. In Ancient Craft Masonry, the hand symbolized the support, while the whispered counsel, if found worthy, was equally common. The key is to see the responsibility of communicating good advice and providing support and help in implementing that advice. No matter who we are, we will need some help at some time, and, as Freemasons, we should strive to be available to offer our assistance to others when needed.

Thus the Five Pointed Star reminds us to extend love and affection to our Brother Freemasons, doing for each of them as we would wish done for each of us. Each point carries an important lesson and responsibility found within the teachings of the Third Degree. Never forget that five-pointed ritual and the bonds that unite us into a sacred band of friend and brothers who strive to emulate the love of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe.

The Knights Templar and Other Secret Societies of the Middle Ages

By Thomas Keightley



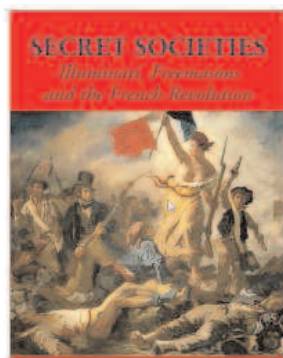
Book Description

This groundbreaking study examines the far-reaching history of three very different medieval organizations: the Assassins of the Middle East, the Knights Templar of Europe, and the Secret Tribunals of Westphalia. So sophisticated and widely used, it provides insights into such modern secret societies as the Freemasons and Illuminati

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Secret Societies Illuminati, Freemasons, and the French Revolution

By Una Birch



This book is an invitation to the secret world behind the veil of daily events. In its pages you will meet the legendary Cagliostro and the Comte de Saint-Germain as they travel through the royal courts and Masonic lodges of eighteenth-century Europe, fomenting Revolution and working to overturn the social order of their day. Alchemists, magicians, Illuminati adepts, mystics, and Freemasons joined forces with politicians, journalists, scientists, writers, philosophers and libertines in a movement that forever altered the cultural landscape of Western civilization. Inaugurating two centuries of revolution and upheaval, the French Revolution of 1789 put an end to the concept of the divine right of kings, led to the formal separation of church and state, destroyed the remnants of medieval feudalism, and heralded the values of the Enlightenment as the triumphant banner under which the modern world would be born. Yet it was accompanied by a level of violence whose ferocity spoke more of an exorcism than a political restructuring. What lessons does the Revolution hold for us today? Do the forces of secret societies and silent conspiracies continue to influence the world? Historian Una Birch's classic account was originally published in 1911. Her proximity to and sympathy with the events offer a unique perspective. Secret society expert James Wasserman has made this work accessible to the modern reader with extensive annotations, a history of the Revolution, an introduction that places the Illuminati in context, and biographical sketches of the main participants.

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We invite and encourage any York Rite or Blue Lodge Mason that wants to write a Book review, please send your article to daponte1@tampabay.rr.com. Review must be on a book related to Freemasonry. Thank You.

Table Council for Conch Council #44




DATE: Saturday, June 30, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: **Letos Restaurant**
610 Greene Street
Key West

PRICE: \$12/person *(spaghetti & meatballs)*
Cost will be passed more than once for the Council charity.

Beachfront Accommodations: Key Ambassador 
3755 S Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, Florida 33040-5255

Rate: \$99 *(king bed w/queen sofa)*
This is an excellent rate *(close to half price for Masons & family*
- speak with contact names only for this special rate)

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