

# Ocala York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry

TO THE OFFICERS  
AND MEMBERS OF  
Please Checkmark the  
Bodies you want to  
belong to.  
The total at the end of  
each line is the combina-  
tion of Fees for the degrees  
and Annual Dues for that  
body.

	Fees	Dues	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Ocala Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$ 74.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ocala Council No. 22, Royal & Select Masters	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$ 74.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ocala Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar	\$75.00	\$33.00	\$108.00
Knights Templar Eye Foundation		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Totals	\$175.00	\$82.00 =	\$257.00

**Make Check Payable To: Ocala York Rite Bodies and Submit with this Petition**

## PETITION FOR YORK RITE DEGREES AND ORDERS

I, whose full name and signature are affixed below, do hereby affirm that I am a member in Good Standing in the Lodge identified below and do now petition to receive the York Rite Degrees and/or Orders, as marked above, and become a member of the Ocala York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry.

**1. Identification of Petitioner - Please provide all requested information. (Please Print)**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date of Birth
Home Street Address		City	Zip Code
Home Phone			
Mailing Address	City	Zip Code	Business Phone
Occupation	Employed By	Employer's Address	City, State, Zip Code

How long have you resided at this address?  E-Mail Address

Are you Married? YES  NO  Wife's Name

Wife's Date of Birth  Date of Anniversary

**2. Present Masonic Membership**

Blue Lodge Name & Number

Complete Mailing Address

Highest Office Held in Lodge (if any) & Year

Date Raised and What Lodge?

Have You ever previously applied for any York Rite Degrees? YES  NO

If so, provide Date, Place and York Rite Bodies to which applied

**3. Affirmation**

- a. If accepted, I promise cheerful compliance with all the laws, regulations ancient usages and customs of the Ocala York Rite Bodies and the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida.
- b. Please check  This affirmation only applies to those applying for Knights Templar. Knights Templar are firm believers in the Christian Religion. I do hereby affirm that I am a firm believer in the Christian Religion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Petitioner (No Initials)

Recomended by	Full Name (Please Print)	Signature
1.		
2.		

**O**n your journey through the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and as you have learned the proficiency lecture for each degree, no doubt many questions have arisen concerning the meaning of the ritualistic ceremonies, the historical implications and the ‘why’ of the legends of Freemasonry. Although many erudite brethren have delved into the history and mysteries of Freemasonry no one has as yet determined the exact time the fraternity originated or where it first came into being.

**M**any believe the Sublime Degree of Master Mason to be the ultimate degree of Freemasonry and that all others are added and explanatory. Most students of Freemasonry agree that the story of the Craft as presented in the three degrees is incomplete and that the degrees offered in the York Rite of Freemasonry complete the story and answer many of the questions in the mind of the newly made Master Mason. In Royal Arch Masonry is found the essentials of symbolism and philosophy necessary for a Master Mason to understand that which he has received only in part. On the union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, a part of the compact of union read, “Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, namely, those of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason including the Holy Royal Arch.”

**T**he York Rite consists of the degrees of the Royal Arch, the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the orders of the Commandery of Knights Templar. In none of these is any memorization required to advance from one degree to another. There are many easily learned parts that any interested Mason may acquire and participate in the conferring of the work. In the York Rite, most of the work is by a cast of characters made up to portray more vividly the message and the cast is robed to add to the impressiveness of the lessons. Requirement to become a York Rite Mason is **to be a Blue Lodge Member in Good Standing**. In addition, you will be an integral part of our Misison Statement.

**O**cala York Rite Masons will be recognized as an active, relevant and respected Fraternity attracting and retaining men of high quality, who are committed to self-improvement, leadership and to making a difference within our fraternity and community.

## Committee Report

Acceptance  Rejection

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance  Rejection

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance  Rejection

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected  Rejected

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Secretary / Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Master  
Past Master  
Most Excellent Master  
Royal Arch Mason

Royal Master  
Select Master

Order of the Red Cross  
Order of Malta  
Order of the Temple

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# Ocala York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry

Meeting Place  
Bellevue Lodge  
5871 S.E. Baseline Road, Bellevue, FL

Meeting Dates  
2nd Wednesday of the Month  
Ocala Chapter #13 & Ocala Council #22  
4th Wednesday of the Month  
Ocala Commandery #19  
All Meetings begin at 7:30 PM

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 292 Lecanto, FL 34460

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