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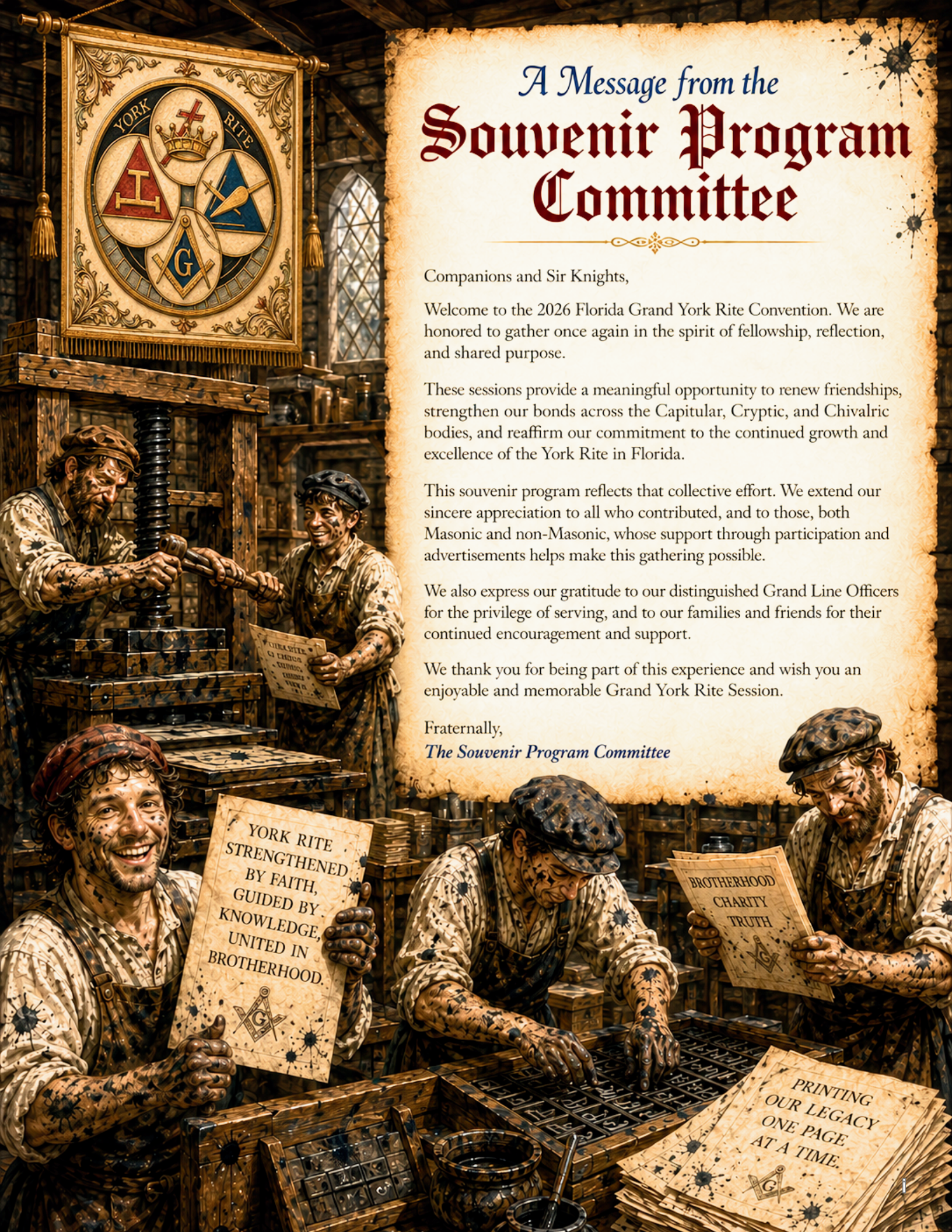

A Message from the

Souvenir Program Committee

Companions and Sir Knights,

Welcome to the 2026 Florida Grand York Rite Convention. We are honored to gather once again in the spirit of fellowship, reflection, and shared purpose.

These sessions provide a meaningful opportunity to renew friendships, strengthen our bonds across the Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric bodies, and reaffirm our commitment to the continued growth and excellence of the York Rite in Florida.

This souvenir program reflects that collective effort. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed, and to those, both Masonic and non-Masonic, whose support through participation and advertisements helps make this gathering possible.

We also express our gratitude to our distinguished Grand Line Officers for the privilege of serving, and to our families and friends for their continued encouragement and support.

We thank you for being part of this experience and wish you an enjoyable and memorable Grand York Rite Session.

Fraternally,
The Souvenir Program Committee

A Message from the M.E. Grand High Priest

Companions,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the Grand York Rite Sessions of Florida. We are especially grateful to our distinguished guests who have traveled from near and far to be with us, and I encourage all Companions to extend to them the warm hospitality for which Florida Masonry is known.

As we gather for these sessions, we do so not only to conduct the important business of our Order, but also to strengthen the bonds of our fraternity. This is a time to renew friendships, share knowledge, and reflect upon our collective efforts to advance the Royal Craft within this great jurisdiction.

May our deliberations be guided by wisdom, our actions by unity, and our fellowship by that spirit of brotherly love which defines our Order. Let us approach each day with purpose and enthusiasm, actively participating in the work before us and the fellowship that surrounds us.

It is my sincere hope that each of you finds this session both meaningful and enjoyable, and that you depart with renewed inspiration for the continued growth and success of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida.

Again, I welcome you all and wish you a productive and memorable Grand Session.

Fraternally,

Charles G. Harper, II

Charles G. Harper, II
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

A Message from the M.I. Grand Master

Companions,

It has been a true honor and privilege to serve the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity, and I give thanks to the Supreme Architect for allowing me to serve in this capacity. I also extend my sincere appreciation to my best friend and Lady Cristal for her support, and to each of you for the trust you have placed in me this year.

Our theme was achieved through the collective efforts of many dedicated Companions. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Grand Line Officers, Grand Inspector of the Arches, Grand Marshal, District Deputies, District Instructors, Committeemen, and C.M.M.R.F. representatives for their commitment and hard work.

One of the greatest highlights of this year has been the opportunity to travel throughout the state, visit our Councils, and share in the fellowship that makes our fraternity so meaningful. These experiences will remain with me always.

I am also grateful to have served alongside our York Rite leaders, whose support and cooperation have contributed greatly to a successful year.

As I conclude my term, I look forward to continuing to support and encourage those who follow. I am confident in the future of Cryptic Masonry in Florida and the leadership that will carry it forward.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you.

Fraternally,

John A. Kraniou

John A. Kraniou
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

A Message from the R.E. Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

Welcome to the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida. It is my distinct honor to greet each of you, and to extend a special welcome to our distinguished guests from our visiting jurisdictions.

This year has been a most rewarding one, filled with opportunities to travel throughout our jurisdiction, renew old friendships, and form new ones. Everywhere I have gone, I have been met with warmth, hospitality, and true fraternal spirit; experiences that I will always cherish.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, and District Instructors for their dedication and tireless efforts in strengthening Templary throughout the state. Your commitment has made this year both meaningful and successful.

As we gather for this Conclave, may each of you enjoy the fellowship that surrounds us, renewing the bonds we share and embracing the spirit of our Order. Should you need anything during your time here, please do not hesitate to ask.

Together, through unity and purpose, we can accomplish great things.

Fraternally,

Erik B. Andersen

Erik B. Andersen
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

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SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

8:00 am – Noon	St Thomas of Acon (Crusader Chapel)	Salons G&H
1:00 – 5:30 pm	Miami KYCH-RCC	Orchid Ballroom
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Council Jurisprudence	Salon F
5:00 – 7:00 pm	SRICF	Salons G&H

SUNDAY, 17 MAY 2026

8:30 – 10:30 am	Chapter Jurisprudence	Salon G
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration & Grand Office	Foyer Corner
1:00 – 2:00 pm	PGC Assoc. & Constitutional Law	Salon H
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Commandery Jurisprudence	Salon H
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Divine Service	Salons F&G
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Gr Brotherhood of Past DD	Orchid Ballroom
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Labrum Council RCC	Salon H
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Cocktail / Reception Hour	Foyer
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Grand Banquet	Salons D&E

"The true Mason labors for the good of his fellow man."
— Albert G. Mackey

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026 (CHAPTER)

7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration & Grand Office Local	Foyer Corner
7:30 – 8:00 am	Chapter Opens	Salons D&E
8:00 am – Noon	Gr Chapter Convocation	Salons D&E
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Hibiscus
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Gr Chapter Installation	Salons D&E
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Order of the Silver Trowel ($)	Orchid Ballroom
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Order of High Priesthood ($)	Salons D&E
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Past Presiding Officer's Reception	By Invite

TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026 (COUNCIL)

7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration & Grand Office	Foyer Corner
7:30 – 8:00 am	Local Council Opens	Salons D&E
8:00 am – Noon	Gr Council Assembly	Salons D&E
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Hibiscus
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Gr Council Installation	Salons D&E
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Knight Crusader of the Cross ($)	Orchid Ballroom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Research Chapter & Research Priory	Orchid Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026 (COMMANDERY)

7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration & Grand Office	Foyer Corner
7:30 – 8:00 am	Local Commandery Opens	Salons D&E
8:00 am – Noon	Gr Commandery Conclave	Salons D&E
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Gr Commandery Installation	Salons D&E

Vendors in Salon B&C – 4 tables each | Set up: Saturday | Tear down: Wednesday | ($) Denotes paid event

Royal Arch Masonry in Florida

Royal Arch Masonry in Florida began in the early nineteenth century under the authority of established jurisdictions outside the state. The earliest documented presence is the organization of Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 32 in Tallahassee in 1827, which operated under the Grand Chapter of Virginia[1]. As Masonry expanded in Florida, additional Chapters were formed, including Florida Chapter No. 1, originally chartered in 1836, demonstrating that Capitular Masonry was firmly established in the territory prior to the creation of a Grand Chapter[2]. During this period, Florida Chapters functioned under external authority, which was typical of emerging Masonic jurisdictions in the United States.

With multiple Chapters active, the need for a sovereign governing body arose. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was established in 1847, creating an independent jurisdiction for Capitular Masonry within the state[3]. By 1849, the Grand Chapter was already holding annual convocations and publishing proceedings, confirming an organized system of governance and oversight of subordinate Chapters[4]. From that point forward, the Grand Chapter assumed responsibility for chartering new Chapters, standardizing ritual work, and regulating Capitular Masonry throughout Florida.

As the organization matured, the Grand Chapter of Florida became part of the broader national structure of Royal Arch Masonry through its affiliation with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International (G.G.C.R.A.M.I.), the governing body that provides coordination and fraternal unity among Grand Chapters in the United States and internationally[5]. Through this relationship, Florida participates in the larger Capitular Masonic system while maintaining its sovereignty over local Chapters.

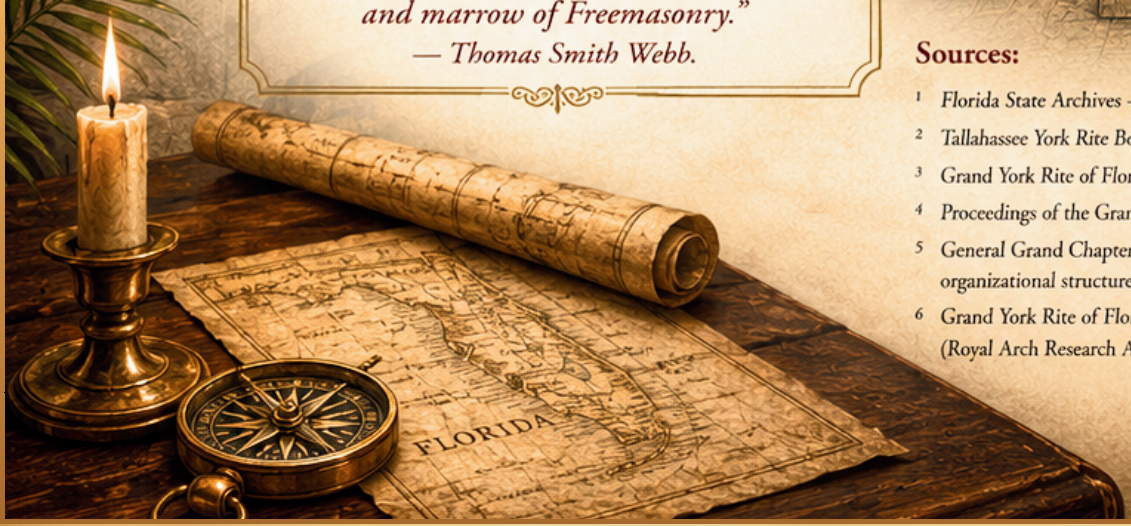
Royal Arch Masonry in Florida



Throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Royal Arch Masonry in Florida expanded steadily, with Chapters chartered across the state and regular annual convocations ensuring continuity of leadership and administration. The Grand Chapter also developed a charitable mission, most notably through its support of R.A.R.A. (Royal Arch Research Assistance), a program dedicated to research and assistance related to Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)[6]. This initiative reflects the commitment of Florida Royal Arch Masons to combine fraternal work with charitable service.

From its origins under foreign jurisdiction in the 1820s, through the chartering of early Chapters in the 1830s, and the establishment of its Grand Chapter in 1847, Royal Arch Masonry in Florida developed into a stable and enduring institution. Today, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida continues to oversee subordinate Chapters across the state, preserving its historical traditions, maintaining its organizational structure, and supporting both Masonic education and charitable endeavors.

"The Royal Arch is the root, heart, and marrow of Freemasonry."
— Thomas Smith Webb.



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2 *Tallahassee York Rite Bodies – Florida Chapter No. 1 history (chartered 1836)*
3 Grand York Rite of Florida publications (Grand Chapter established 1847)
4 *Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida (1849)*
5 General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International – organizational structure and member jurisdictions
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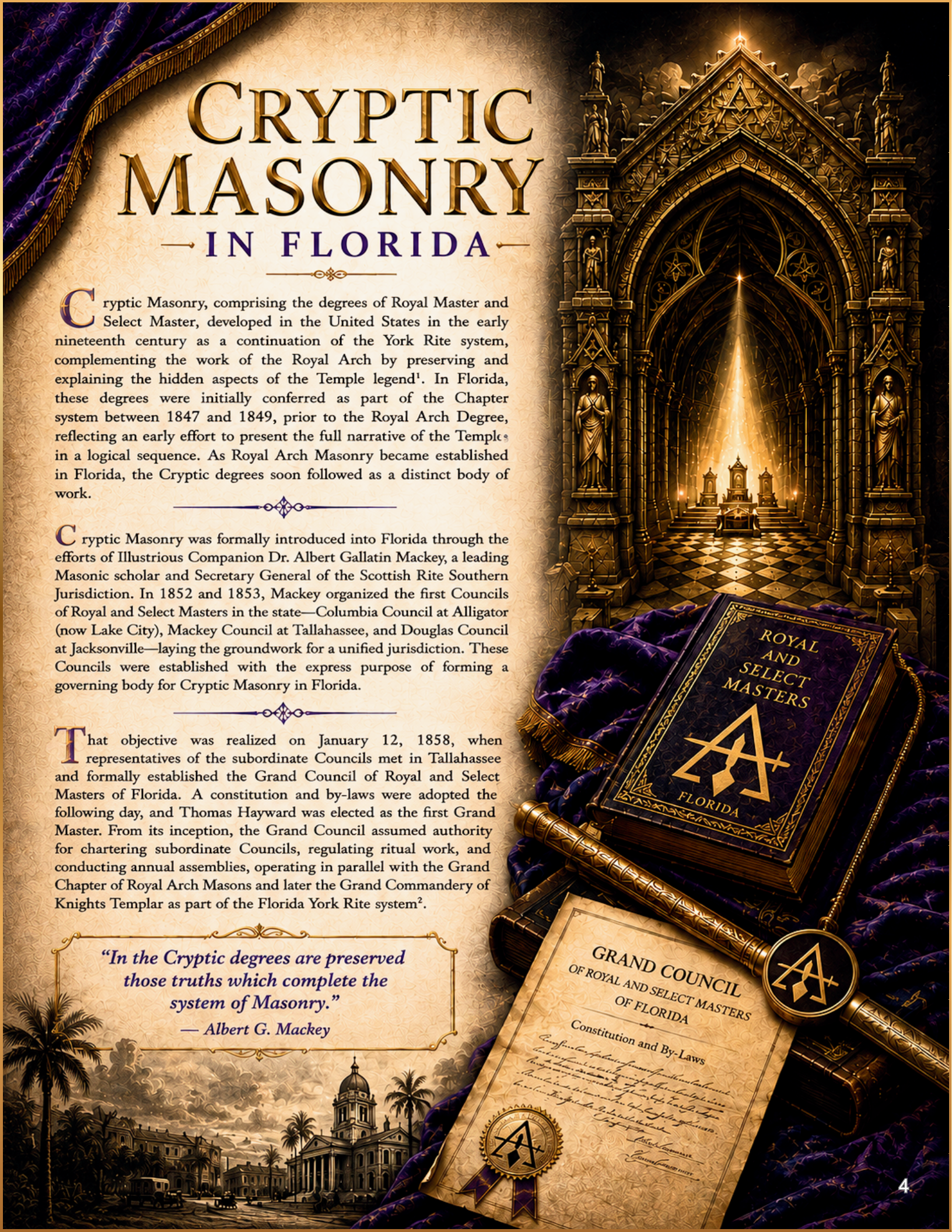
CRYPTIC MASONRY
IN FLORIDA

Cryptic Masonry, comprising the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, developed in the United States in the early nineteenth century as a continuation of the York Rite system, complementing the work of the Royal Arch by preserving and explaining the hidden aspects of the Temple legend[1]. In Florida, these degrees were initially conferred as part of the Chapter system between 1847 and 1849, prior to the Royal Arch Degree, reflecting an early effort to present the full narrative of the Temple in a logical sequence. As Royal Arch Masonry became established in Florida, the Cryptic degrees soon followed as a distinct body of work.

Cryptic Masonry was formally introduced into Florida through the efforts of Illustrious Companion Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey, a leading Masonic scholar and Secretary General of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. In 1852 and 1853, Mackey organized the first Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the state—Columbia Council at Alligator (now Lake City), Mackey Council at Tallahassee, and Douglas Council at Jacksonville—laying the groundwork for a unified jurisdiction. These Councils were established with the express purpose of forming a governing body for Cryptic Masonry in Florida.

That objective was realized on January 12, 1858, when representatives of the subordinate Councils met in Tallahassee and formally established the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida. A constitution and by-laws were adopted the following day, and Thomas Hayward was elected as the first Grand Master. From its inception, the Grand Council assumed authority for chartering subordinate Councils, regulating ritual work, and conducting annual assemblies, operating in parallel with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and later the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar as part of the Florida York Rite system[2].

"In the Cryptic degrees are preserved those truths which complete the system of Masonry."
— Albert G. Mackey





The early years of the Grand Council were marked by both growth and difficulty. The Civil War and its aftermath disrupted Masonic activity throughout the state, and between 1861 and 1875 the Grand Council was unable to meet regularly due to lack of quorum and active Councils. In 1877, several Councils had their charters revoked for failure to submit returns and pay dues, leaving only three active Councils in Florida. This period represented a low point for Cryptic Masonry in the jurisdiction.

Stability and long-term growth began in 1878, when George Stone Hallmark was elected Grand Master, a position he held for twenty-six years. His leadership provided continuity and revitalization, helping to reestablish the Grand Council as a functioning and enduring institution. During this period, the title of Grand Master was changed from "Most Puissant" to "Most *Illustrious*," reflecting evolving organizational standards within Cryptic Masonry.

The Grand Council of Florida is affiliated with the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International (G.G.C.C.M.I.), established in 1880, which serves as a coordinating body among Grand Councils and promotes uniformity, education, and fraternal relations across jurisdictions[3]. Through this affiliation, Florida participates in the broader national and international Cryptic Masonic system while maintaining full sovereignty over its internal governance.

In addition to its ritual and administrative responsibilities, the Grand Council supports charitable work through the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.), which funds medical research and reflects the commitment of Cryptic Masonry to service beyond the Lodge room [4].

Since its establishment in 1858, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida has remained in continuous operation, preserving the traditions, governance, and teachings of Cryptic Masonry within the state. From its early formation under the leadership of Mackey, through periods of hardship and renewal, to its present-day role within the York Rite, it continues to uphold the principles of preservation, instruction, and fraternal service that define Cryptic Masonry.

Sources:

* Early Florida History Compiled by R. I. Glenn E. Chandler, Grand Historian

1 Cryptic Masonry — historical development and purpose of Royal & Select Master degrees

2 York Rite — relationship between Chapter, Council, and Commandery

3 General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International — founding (1880) and jurisdictional structure

4 Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation — charitable mission



A HISTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN FLORIDA

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida stands as a proud and enduring institution within the greater framework of Freemasonry. As an appendant body of the York Rite, the Knights Templar represents the culminating Orders of the Christian Masonic journey, rooted in chivalric tradition, spiritual dedication, and centuries-old ritual heritage. The history of the Florida jurisdiction reflects both the enduring values of Templary and the broader development of Freemasonry in the United States.

The modern Masonic Knights Templar traces its lineage to developments in Europe during the eighteenth century, with formal organization emerging in the United States in the early nineteenth century. To provide national unity and structure, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was established in 1816, serving as the governing authority for subordinate Grand Commanderies across the country. This body laid the institutional foundation upon which state jurisdictions, including Florida, would later be organized.

Templary was introduced to Florida by early settlers and Freemasons who carried York Rite traditions southward as the state developed. The first Commanderies in Florida were chartered in the mid-nineteenth century, reflecting the steady expansion of Freemasonry throughout the region. As membership grew and additional Commanderies were established, the need for centralized governance became evident. This led to the formal organization of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida in 1895, marking the beginning of a unified structure to oversee subordinate Commanderies, maintain ritual consistency, and promote the chivalric and Christian principles of the Order.



Over the past century, the Grand Commandery of Florida has expanded to include numerous subordinate Commanderies throughout the state. Each Commandery confers the traditional Orders of the York Rite Templar system (the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple) which together represent the highest expression of Christian Freemasonry within the York Rite framework[3]. Florida Knights Templar have maintained a strong presence within both the Masonic fraternity and the broader community, participating in religious observances, civic ceremonies, and charitable initiatives.

A central component of modern Templary is its commitment to philanthropy, most notably through support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a national charitable organization dedicated to funding research and providing treatment for vision-related disorders, particularly those affecting children[4]. Through this charitable work, the Grand Commandery of Florida continues the long-standing Masonic tradition of service, combining spiritual principles with tangible contributions to society.

Today, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida continues to uphold its mission of promoting the Christian faith, fostering fellowship, and preserving the traditions of Templary. Annual Grand Conclaves bring together Sir Knights from across the state to conduct business, perform ceremonial work, and strengthen the bonds of the Order. As it moves forward, Florida Templary remains committed to its historic purpose (upholding the ideals of chivalry, faith, and service) while adapting to the needs of future generations of Freemasons.

SOURCES

1 *Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America — founding (1816) and national structure*

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3 *Knights Templar (Freemasonry) — Orders of the Red Cross, Malta, and Temple*

4 *Knights Templar Eye Foundation — charitable mission and medical research support*

REFLECTIONS OF THE YEAR















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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, incorporated in 1956, is a charity sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Since its inception, the Foundation has expended over $181 million on research, patient care, and education. Research grants totaling in excess of $41 million have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of pediatric ophthalmology and ophthalmic genetics.

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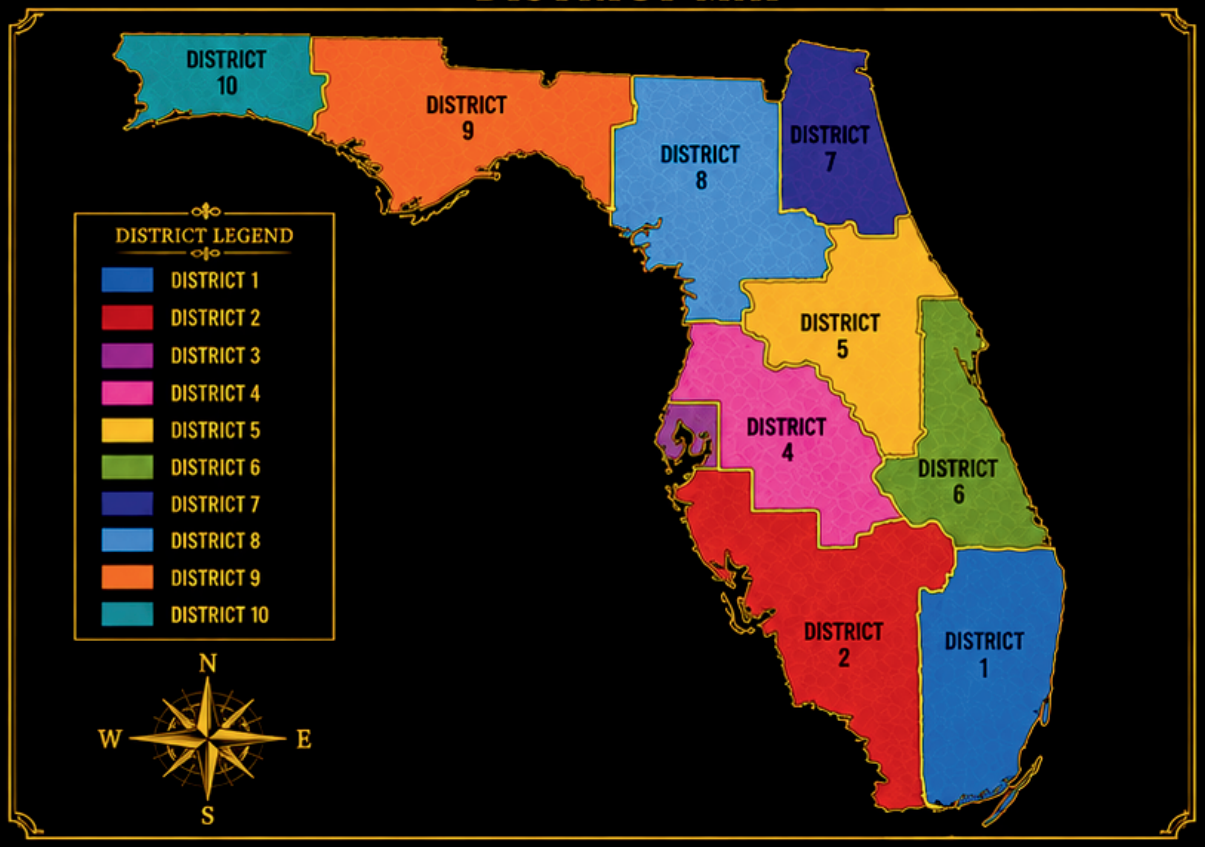
"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

YORK RITE BODIES OF FLORIDA

DISTRICT MAP



YORK RITE MEETING NIGHTS

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS MEETING NIGHTS

DISTRICT	CHAPTER (NO.)	MEETING INFORMATION
1	Palm Beach (24) Keystone (20) Jericho (11)	3rd Mon 7:30 (Odd) 2nd Mon 7:30 (Even) 3rd Mon 7:30 (Odd)
2	Sarasota (35) Poinciana (50)	4th Wed 7:30 (Dec/Jan–Aug) 2nd Tue 7:00 (Jan/Mar/May/Sep)
3	Tampa / Cushing (3) St. Petersburg (31) Clearwater (45)	1st Mon 7:30 (Jan/Jul–Aug) 1st Fri 7:30 (Dec/Feb–May) 1st Wed 7:30 (Oct/Jul /8, 10) Dec)
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9	Florida (1) Jackson (32) Bay County (39)	2nd Thu 7:30 (Even) 1st Thu 7:00 (Odd) 4th Mon 7:00 (Jan/Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct)
10	Surf (57) Crestview (40) Mt. Horeb (6)	1st Wed 7:00 (Odd) 3rd Tue 7:00 (Even) 2nd Mon 7:00 (Feb/May/Aug/Nov)

ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS COUNCILS MEETING NIGHTS

DISTRICT	COUNCIL (NO.)	MEETING INFORMATION
1	Everglades (24) Keystone (20) Jericho (11)	3rd Mon 7:30 (Odd) 2nd Mon 7:30 (Odd) 3rd Mon 7:30 (Odd)
2	Sarasota (35) Poinciana (50)	4th Wed 7:30 (Dec/Jan–Aug) 2nd Tue 7:00 (Jan/Mar/May/Sep)
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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES MEETING NIGHTS

DISTRICT	COMMANDERY (NO.)	MEETING INFORMATION
1	Palm Beach (24) Keystone (20) Jericho (11)	1st Tue 7:30 (Odd) 3rd Tue 7:30 (Odd) 2nd Mon 7:30 (Odd)
2	Sarasota (35) Poinciana (50)	2nd Thu 7:30 (Dec/Jan–Aug) 3rd Wed 7:00 (Jan/Mar/May/Sep)
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TRAVELING COMPANIONS GUIDE

For the convenience of Companions traveling throughout the jurisdiction

FLORIDA YORK RITE AT A GLANCE

Chapters:	31
Councils:	31
Commanderies:	31
Districts:	10
Annual Session:	May *in Lake Mary, Florida*

WHEN VISITING A CONSTITUENT BODY

- Confirm meeting time in advance
- Arrive early for fellowship
- Proper attire recommended
- Contact host body with questions
- Check for seasonal "dark" months

HELPFUL NOTES

- Some bodies adjust schedules seasonally
- Meals may precede stated meeting time
- Locations may vary—verify beforehand



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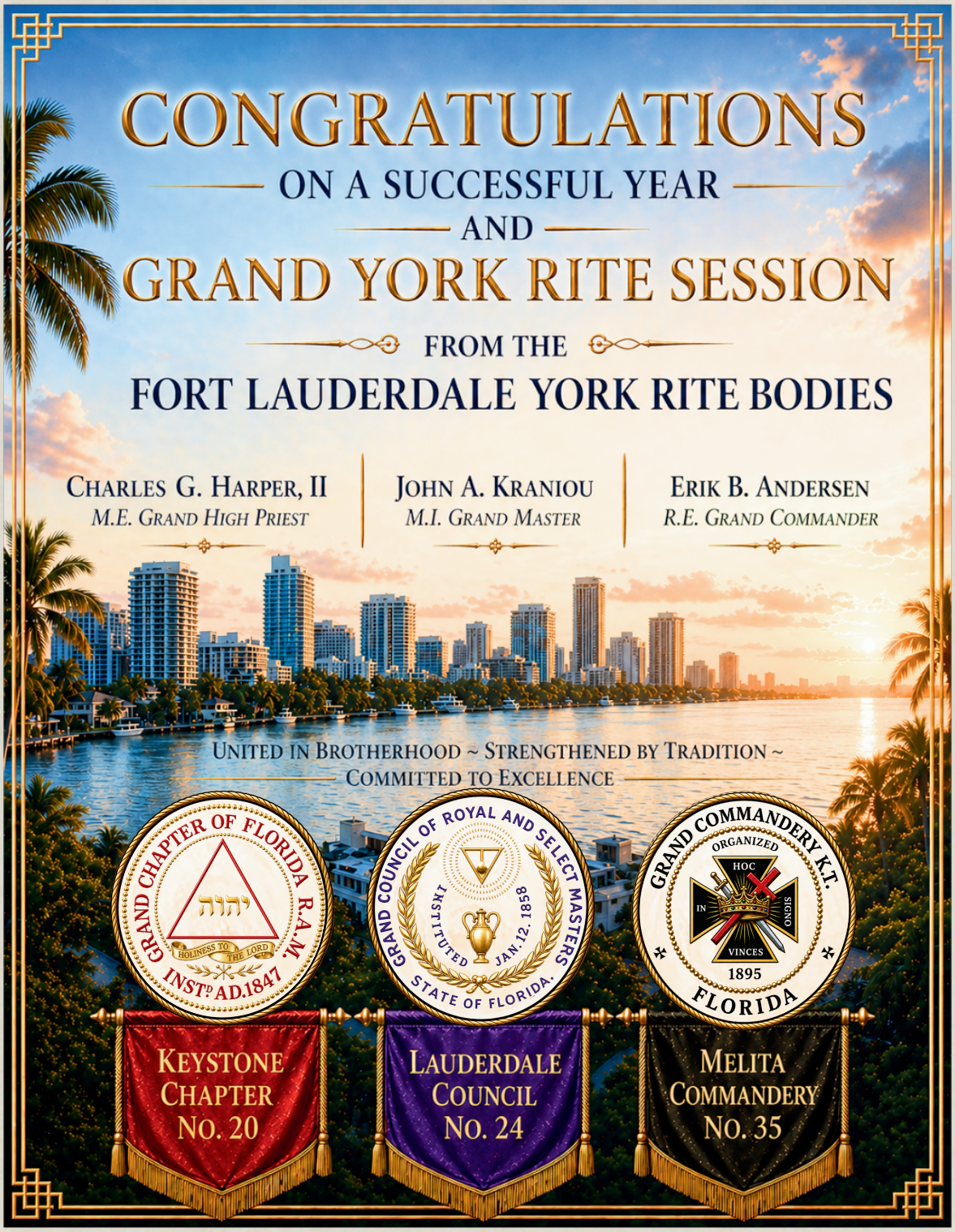
- Emory Raines Rt. Rev.
- Eric Cole
- Jeannie Jacobs
- Jeff Meister
- Jessica Taylor
- Jim Billberry
- Larry Rogers
- Nivaldo Bosia
- Richard Ayers
- Steve Meserve
- William Jacobs, MEPGHP


CONGRATULATIONS
ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR
AND
GRAND YORK RITE SESSION
FROM THE
FORT LAUDERDALE YORK RITE BODIES
CHARLES G. HARPER, II
M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JOHN A. KRANIOU
M.I. GRAND MASTER
ERIK B. ANDERSEN
R.E. GRAND COMMANDER
UNITED IN BROTHERHOOD ~ STRENGTHENED BY TRADITION ~
COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA R.A.M.
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HOLINESS TO THE LORD
INSTD AD.1847
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
INSTITUTED JAN. 12. 1858
STATE OF FLORIDA.
GRAND COMMANDERY K.T.
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1895
FLORIDA
KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 20
LAUDERDALE COUNCIL NO. 24
MELITA COMMANDERY NO. 35

The Miami York Rite Bodies Congratulate

Grand Chapter
Charles G. Harper II - Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Jericho Chapter No. 11
Damian Vargas - Excellent High Priest

Grand Council
John Kraniou - Most Illustrious Grand Master

Adoniram Council No. 10
Ruben Ovalle - Illustrious Master

Grand Commandery
Erik B. Andersen - Right Eminent Grand Commander

Miami Commandery No. 13
Vaughan Mason III - Eminent Commander



District 1


KYCH
KNIGHTS YORK CROSS OF HONOR
CONGRATULATES
THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF
CHARLES G. HARPER, II
M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JOHN A. KRANIOU
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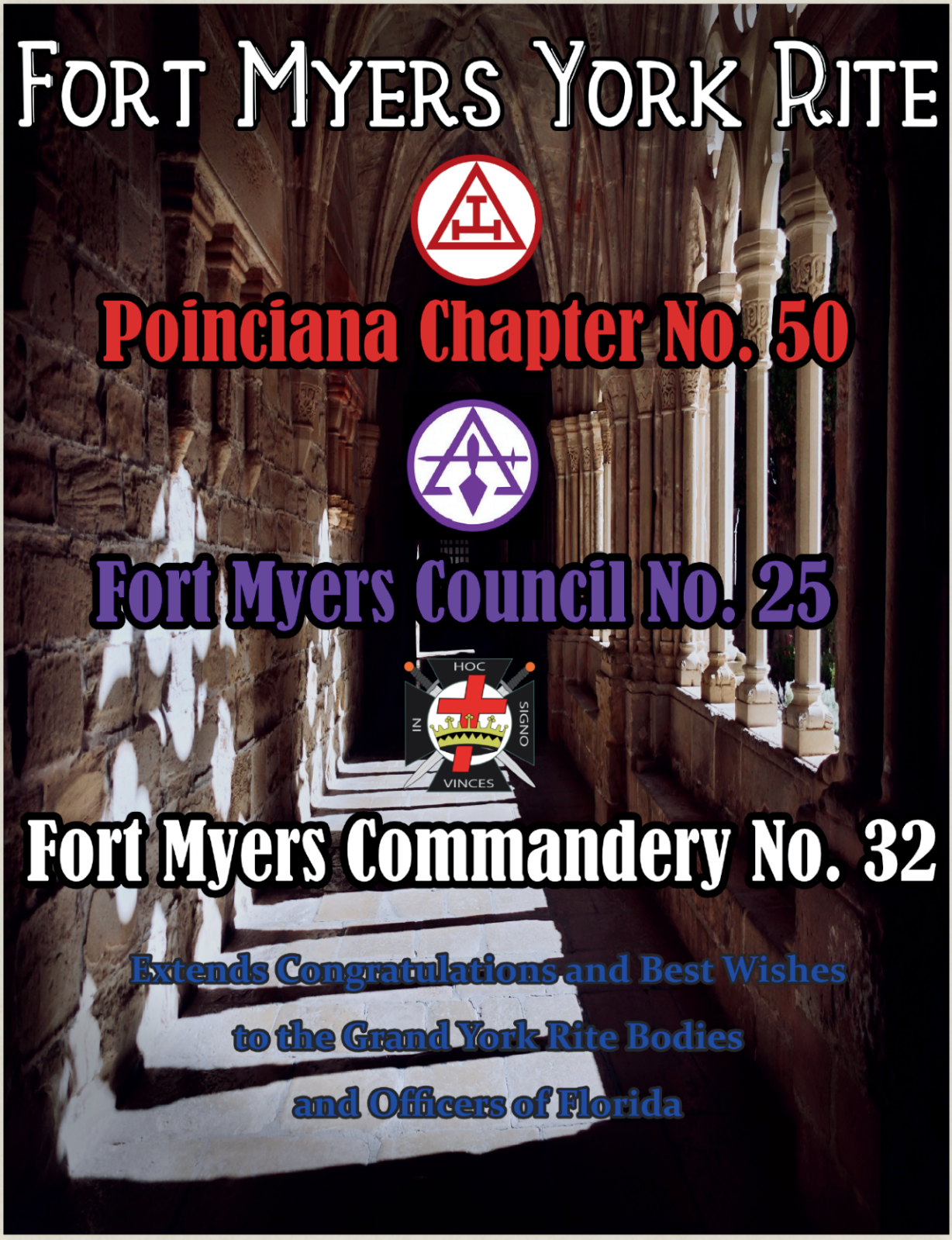
FORT MYERS YORK RITE
Poinciana Chapter No. 50
Fort Myers Council No. 25
IN HOC SIGNO VINCES
Fort Myers Commandery No. 32
Extends Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the Grand York Rite Bodies
and Officers of Florida

District 2

Braidentown Council No. 9

Grand Council of
Royal and Select Masters of Florida

Illustrious Master	Justin "Judd" Broome
Deputy Master	Hans Heidi
Principal Conductor	Robert Leonard
Treasurer	W. Allen Sorbie, PIM
PIM Recorder-	John F. Wermann
Chaplain	Gene Lance
Marshal	Douglas "Doug" Dobbs
Captain of the Guard	Joseph O'Donnell
Conductor of the Council	E. Richard Coles IV
Steward	Dan Luna
Sentinel	Todd Meschelle

Sarasota Chapter No 35

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

High Priest	Justin "Judd" Broome
King	Albert "Butch" Thurman
Scribe	Brian Johnsen
Treasurer	W. Allen Sorbie
Secretary	John F. Wermann
Chaplain	Gene Lance
Captain of Host	Hans Heidi
Principle Sojourner	Robert Leonard
Royal Arch Captain	Joseph O'Donnell
Masters 3rd Veil	Todd Meschelle
Masters 2nd Veil	Dan Luna
Masters 1st Veil	Arthur Southwell
Sentinel	E. Richard Coles IV

Trinity Commandery No. 16

Knights Templar

Eminent Commander	Jeffrey T. Lawrence
Generalissimo	Douglas "Doug" Dobbs
Captain General	Justin "Judd" Broome
Treasurer	William Allen Sorbie
Recorder	John F. Wermann
Senior Warden	Brian Johnsen
Junior Warden	Robert Leonard
Prelate	Dan Luna
Standard Bearer	Joseph Odonnell
Sword Bearer	E. Richard Coles IV
Warder	Albert "Butch" Thurman
Sentinel	David Singer



Thank you to the 2025 Leadership for a strong year of service, and warm congratulations to the 2026 Leadership as you begin the year ahead.

ST. PETERSBURG YORK RITE

St. Petersburg Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 31.

- HIGH PRIEST: Jim Charette
- KING: Charles Bailey
- SCRIBE: Jeff Snyder
- TREASURER: Robert Kirkpatrick
- SECRETARY: Bill Sundquist

St. Petersburg Royal and Select Masters Council No. 14

- ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: Dean Seaver
- DEPUTY MASTER: Jeff Snyder
- PRINCIPLE CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK: Jim Charette
- TREASURER: Robert Kirkpatrick
- RECORDER: Bill Sundquist

Sunshine Commandry Knights Templar No. 20

- EMMINENT COMMANDER: Jeff Snyder
- GENERALISSIMO: Bruce Ward
- CAPTAIN GENERAL: James Rocha
- TREASURER: Robert Kirtpatrick
- RECORDER: Bill Sundquist

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Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3
E.C. Anthony "Tony" Sauls, Excellent High Priest

Tampa Council No. 8
I.C. Jeffrey "Jeff" Agan, Illustrious Master

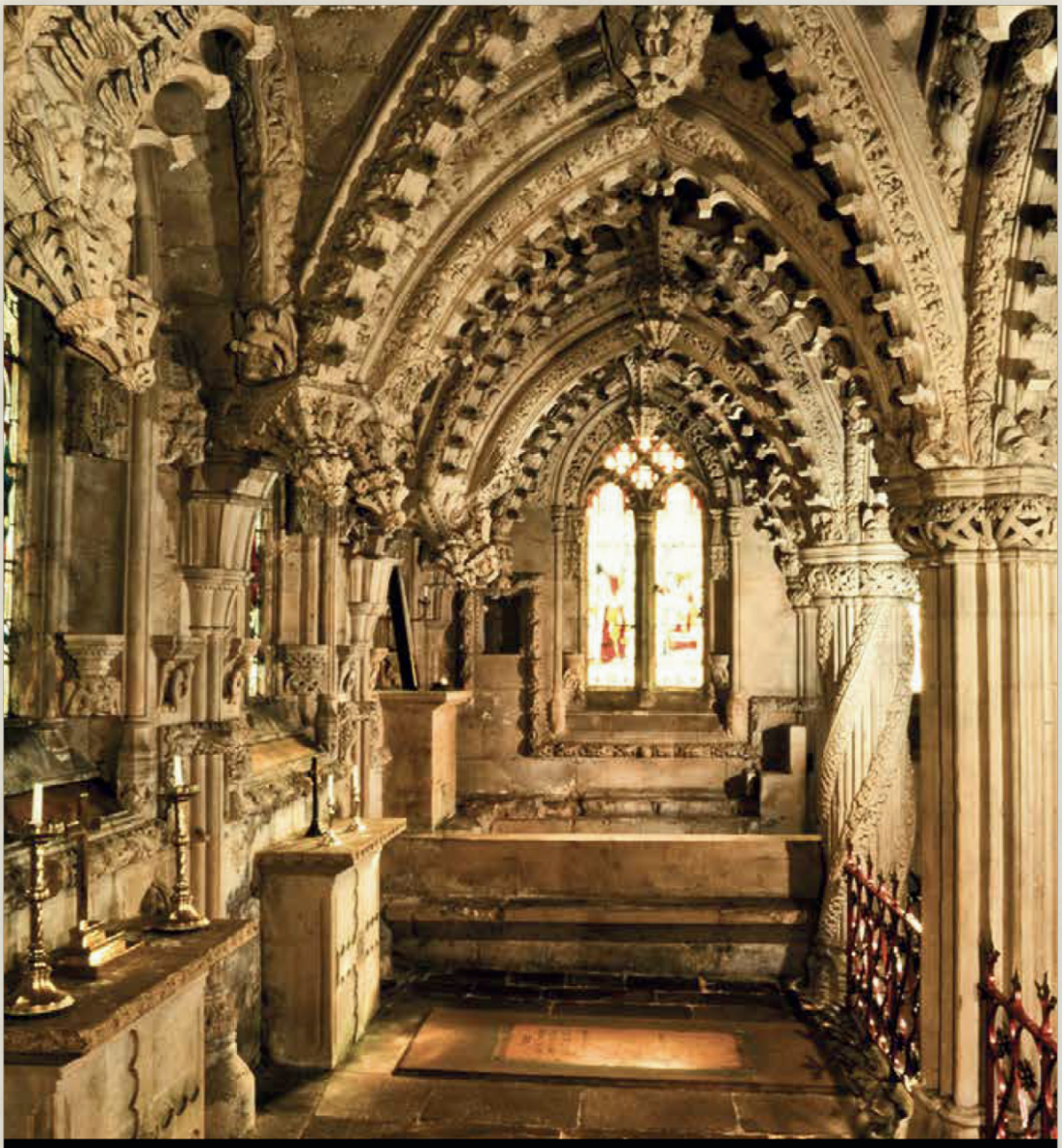
Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
S.K. Jeffrey "Jeff" Agan, Eminent Commander

We congratulate the Grand York Rite Officers on a good term during 2025-2026 and wish the best to the incoming officers for the 2026-2027 term.

Chapter and Council meet on the first Monday of each month.
Commandery meets on the fourth Friday of each month.
We are dark July and August. Covered dish meal at 6:30 PM. Meetings at 7:30 PM.
4210 W. Oklahoma Ave., Tampa, Florida

tampa_york_rite_bodies@flgyr.org **http://www.tampayorkritebodies.org**

District 3



Be without fear in the face of your enemies. Be brave and upright that God may love thee.
Speak the truth always, even if it leads to your death. Safeguard the helpless and do no wrong.

Clearwater York Rite ~ Tarpon Springs, Florida ~ *yorkriteclw.org*

Clearwater Chapter No. 45

EHP	Gary R. Roane
King	Jeff Mutz
Scribe	John E. Drewett

Clearwater Council No. 34

IM	Jeff Mutz
DM	Gary R. Roane
PCW	John E. Drewett

Springtime Commandery No. 40

EC	Gary R. Roane
Gm	John E. Drewett
CG	Jeff Mutz

Recorder/ Secretary - Cory Underwood *Treasurer - V. Kirk Hinote*

Lakeland
YORK RITE BODIES
Congratulates:

ME Charles G. Harper, II, MEGHP

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

MI John Kraniou, MIGM

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

ME Erik B. Anderson, REGC

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

2026 Officers:

Lakeland Chapter No 29, R.A.M.
Jeffery Odinkirk, EHP
Tom Romanishin, King
Pearce Dreadin, Scribe

Polk Council No 11, R.&S.M.
Tom Romanishin, IM
Pearce Dreadin, DM
Greg Riddell, PCW

Lakeland Commandery No 21, K.T
Jeff Green, EC
Tom Romanishin, Gen
Jefferey Odinkirk, CG

Congratulations To
The 'New' Grand York Rite Officers
And
'A Job Well Done'
To
The 'Old' Grand York Rite Officers
From

The York Rite Bodies of Hillsbourgh

"Supporting Freemasons, Everywhere."

Congratulations to our membership

M. : W. : James W. Ford,
Past Grand Master Of The Grand Lodge of Florida
Past Grand Patron Order Of The Eastern Star

M. : E. : James "Robby" Robertson, Past Most Excellent Grand King
R. : E. : Larry Gillespie, Right Excellent Secretary
R. : E. : Jeff Sklet, Right Excellent Grand Scribe
E. : Ken Tutor, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter RAM of Florida

R. : P. : Larry R. Gillespie, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
Ambassador for the General Grand Council, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
R. : I. : Rick Vogt Past District Deputy Grand Master
Royal & Select Masters of Florida

S. K. Rick Vogt, District Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Larry Gillespie, Eminent Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of Florida

VERITAS-PC Chapter No. 16, Royal Arch Masons
Denis Monefeldt, High Priest

Tyler Council No. 4, Royal & Select Masters
Denis Monefeldt, Illustrious Master

FIDELITAS-PC Commandery No. 6
SK Richard Vogt, Eminent Commander

Secretary/Recorder
M. : I. : Larry Gillespie, KYGCH

Chapter & Council meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Commandery meets the 1st Monday at 7:00 pm
At J. F. Swartsel Lodge No 251, Everyone is welcome

HIGHLANDS YORK RITE BODIES

Congratulates:

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The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

MI John Kraniou, MIGM

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

ME Erik B. Anderson, REGC

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

2026 Officers:

Highlands Chapter No 64, R.A.M.
EHP Dave Wheaton, EHP
Richard Anderson, King
James Cannon, Scribe

Heartland Council No 43, R.&S.M.
IC Richard C. Anderson, IM
James W. Cannon, DM
Gregory Eppy, PCW

Bartow Commandery No 15, K.T.
EC Dave Wheaton, Commander
SK Richard Anderson, Gen.
REPGC Steven Steele, CG

On behalf of the Orlando York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry

Eureka Chapter No. 7
Royal Arch Masons
Franklin M. Suco
Excellent High Priest

Orlando Council No. 5
Royal & Select Masters
Iván A. Becerra
Illustrious Master

Olivet Commandery No. 4
Knights Templar
Iván A. Becerra
Eminent Commander

Congratulations on a successful year and Grand York Rite session.

Charles G. Harper, II
M.E. Grand High Priest

John Kraniou
M.I. Grand Master

Erik B. Andersen
R.E. Grand Commander

District 5







Lake/Sumter York Rite

Eustis Chapter No 33
Odd Months, 1st Wednesday, 7pm

Golden Triangle Council No 28
Even Months, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Triangle Commandery No 38
4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Wildwood, Florida



Fort Pierce York Rite Bodies



Meeting in Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87, Fort Pierce, Florida~ 2nd & 4th Tuesdays:

Joppa Chapter No. 28, Royal Arch Masons

Excellent High Priest	Larry Johnson
King	Shawn P. Day
Scribe	James Michael Hafling
Treasurer (all three bodies)	O. Ben Geiger II
Secretary Recorder (all three bodies)	Paul W. Friend

Tyrian Council No. 36, Royal & Select Masters

Illustrious Master	Preston Croslyn
Deputy Master	Larry Johnson
Principal Conductor of the Work	James Michael Hafling

St. Lucie Commandery No.17, Knights Templar

Eminent Commander	Julio Sanchez
Generalissimo	Shawn P. Day
Captain General	Joseph Schoonover

Present Grand Officers :

E:. Frank E Kiefer, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
I:. Stephen C. Nelson, Grand Stewart
I:. Landon Friend, Grand Musician
R:. E:. Paul W. Friend, KCT, (SE Dept CMDR for the Grand Encampment of USA)

District Deputies :

R:. E:.DDGHP Julio Sanchez
R:. I:.DDGM Mathew Green
R:. E:. DDGC Stephen C Nelson

Proud of our Past Grand Officers:

M:. W:. Jim Harris, Past Grand Master of F&AM of Florida
M:. E:. James A. Green, Past Grand High Priest, RAM of Florida
M:. I:. John D. Pickford, Past Grand Master, R&SM of Florida
M:. I:. O. Ben Geiger II, Past Grand Master, R&SM of Florida
M:. I:. Paul W. Friend, Past Grand Master, R&SM of Florida &
Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Florida

Melbourne Chapter No. 59
Melbourne Council No. 38
Melbourne Commandery No. 41

presents

Certificate of Excellence

In recognition of the commitment to achieve
Professional Excellence, this certifies that

Charles Harper
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
6th District Grand Officers
Frank E. Keiefer, Gr Mof the 2nd Veil
Julio Sanchez, DDGC
Joe Schoonover, DI

John Kraniou
Most Illustrious Grand Master
6th District Grand Officers
Stephen C Nelson, Grand Steward
Matt Green, DDGM
Ravi Sonny, DI

Erik Andersen
Right Eminent Grand Commander
6th District Grand Officers
Paul W Friend, SE Department Commander
Stephen Nelson, DDGC
Mike Hafling , DI

They have all successfully performed with Excellence
Certified Florida Grand York Rite
Conducted from May 2025 to May 2026
For the State of Florida
Their performance was grade A+
Given under the seal of the Melbourne York Rite Bodies

2025 Officers

Ravi Sonny
Excellent High Priest

Matt Green
Illustrious Master

David Speer
Eminent Commander

Active Members

Charles L Hollinger
Al Zabel
Joe Crum
Ernie Quick
Christopher Durie
John Paniccia

Dayle L Schrock
Wade A Atchison
J Michael Tomme, Sr
Craig Boettcher
Stephen Butalla
Ben Schwartz

Henry A Adams
Thomas L Moore
David M Rosenthal
Kevin Smithwick
Matt Hankes
Todd M Forschino

Congratulations



The York Rite Masonic Bodies of Jacksonville Florida

Extend Congratulations and Warmest Wishes to

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida

Hallmark Council No. 03
R. & S. M.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12
RAM

Damascus Commandery
No. 02 Knights Templar

Charles G. Harper, II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Erik B. Andersen, Right Eminent Grand Commander

The Companions and Sir Knights of Jacksonville additionally extend their gratitude to the following for their faithful service and leadership:

Grand Council

M. Daniel Fullwood, MIPGM
Glenn E. Chandler, Sr., MIPGM
Thomas A. Olsen, MIPGM
Brian R. Poole, IG Conductor of the Council

Stephen Meserve, DDGM-7

Todd M. Connor, DI-7

Grand Chapter

Glenn E. Chandler, Sr., MEPGHP
Darryl A. D'Angina, MEPGHP
Corey A. Kosciuszko, MEPGHP
Eric "Rick" Cole, E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Todd M. Connor, E. Grand Historian
Thomas A. Olsen, RARA

Thomas A. Olsen, DDGHP-7

Stephen Meserve, DI-7

Grand Commandery

Todd M. Connor, E. Grand Prelate
Michael Leebove, E. Grand Warder

Edward L. Smallwood, DDGC-7

Joel T. Burkley, DI-7

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GNV YORK RITE

PILGRIM NO 7 KT COMMANDERY
GAINESVILLE FLORIDA

Congratulations on a great year!

CHARLES G. HARPER, II
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

JOHN A. KRANIOU
MOST ILLUTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

ERIC B. ANDERSEN
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER



EHP Albert L. Kimball
KING Eric F. Evangelista
SCRIBE Hillary Cowart
TREASURER Adam M. Bryan
SECRETARY Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr.

ILL. MASTER Albert L. Kimball
DEPUTY MASTER Hillary Cowart
PCW William A. Rohan III
TREASURER Adam M. Bryan
RECORDER Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr.





EC Kurt M. Morauer Sr.
GEN. William A. Rohan III
CAPT. GEN. Albert L. Kimball
TREASURER Adam M. Bryan
RECORDER Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr.



Mighty Middleburg



Middleburg York Rite Bodies and N. Central Fla Council No 423 AMD

Send their warmest congratulations to all the incoming Grand Line Officers.

We look forward to a great year!



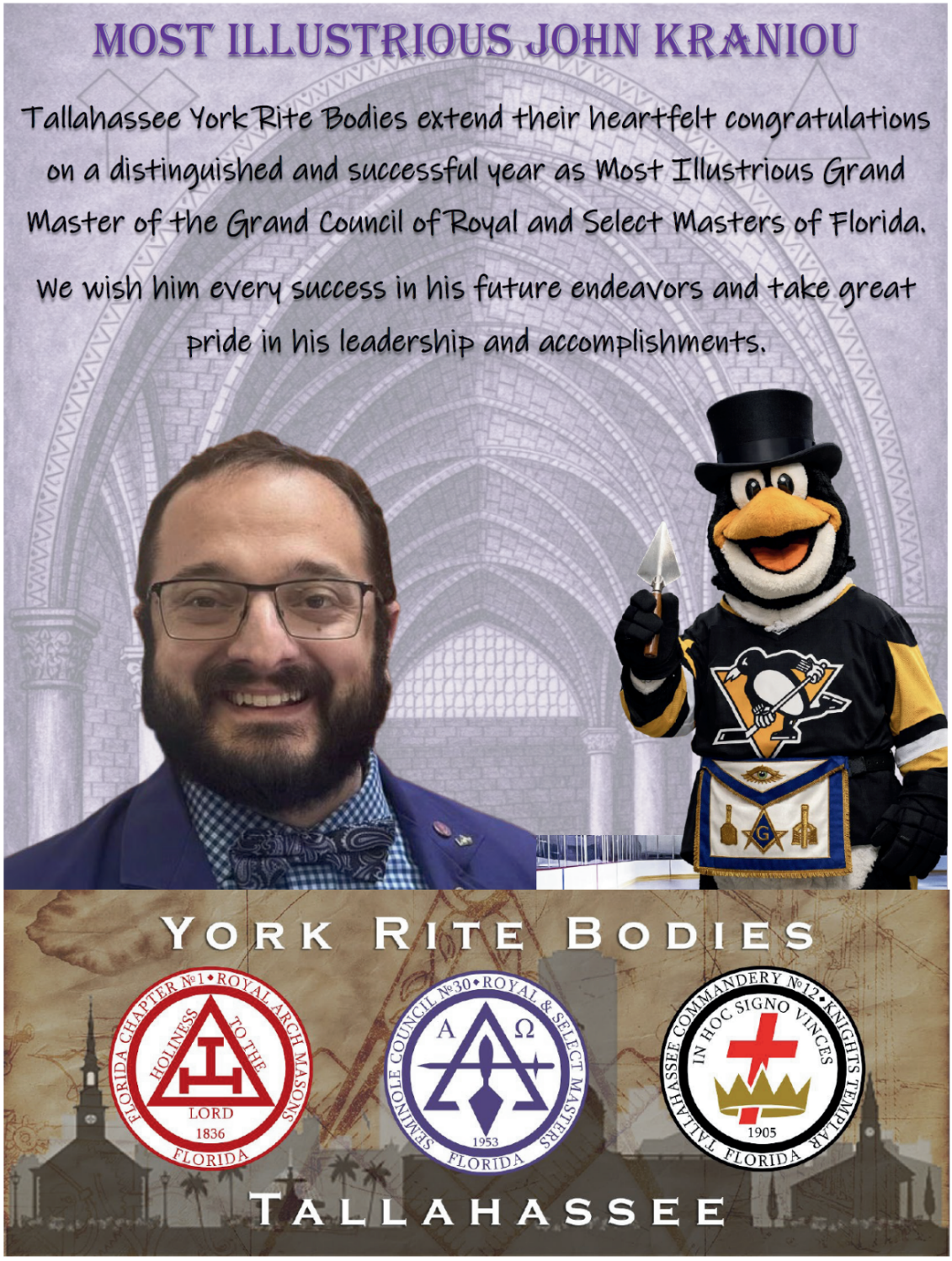


Congratulations to the Elected and Appointed Grand York Rite Officers for the ensuing year. May it be very successful!

Panama City York Rite Bodies



We may not be very pretty, but we are nice people.


MOST ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN KRANIOU
Tallahassee York Rite Bodies extend their heartfelt congratulations on a distinguished and successful year as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.
We wish him every success in his future endeavors and take great pride in his leadership and accomplishments.
YORK RITE BODIES
FLORIDA CHAPTER №1 • ROYAL ARCH MASONS • HOLINESS TO THE LORD 1836 FLORIDA
SEMINOLE COUNCIL №30 • ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS • A Ω 1953 FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE COMMANDERY №12 • KNIGHTS TEMPLAR • IN HOC SIGNO VINCES 1905 FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE



Surf Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Excellent High Priest Richard B. Bradley.

Gulf Council No. 29
of Royal and Select Masters

Illustrious Master, Timothey Kennedy





Saint Elmo Commandery No. 42 KT

Eminent Commander,
Andrew R. Fuss

Grand York Rite of Florida

Thank you for your leadership and support

Charles G. Harper, II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter
John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council
Erik B. Anderson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery

Fort Walton Beach York Rite Bodies
Meets at Alpha Lodge No. 172

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Pensacola York Rite Masonic Bodies

189 W. Airport Blvd.
Pensacola, Florida 32505-2245

2026 OFFICERS

Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons

Comp. Dwight A. Wilson, Excellent High Priest
Comp. Otto E. Thiergart, King
Comp. Arthur A. Hagg, Scribe

Union Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters

Comp. Alan B. Cox, Illustrious Master
Comp. Dwight A. Wilson, Deputy Master
Comp. Arthur A. Hagg, Principle Conductor of Work

Coeur De Lion Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar

S.K. Scott F. "Doc" Wallach, Eminent Commander
S.K. Robert A. Ritchie, Generalissimo
S.K. Harris Epstein, Captain General

And Serving All Three Bodies As Officers Are:

Comp/S.K. Ronald L. Parks, KYGCH, KCT, OPC Treasurer
Comp/S.K. William R. Jacobs, KYGCH, OPC, Secretary/Recorder

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT YEAR 2025-2026!

Companion Charles G. Harper, II, Most Ex. Grand High Priest
Companion John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Sir Knight Erik B. Andersen, Right Eminent Grand Commander

District 10

Thank you For Your Leadership and Support
From your
District 10 District Deputies

Companion Charles G. Harper II,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Of the Grand Chapter of Florida RAM
Comp Jerry J. Miller, R. Ex DDGHP

Companion John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Master
Of the Grand Council of Florida, R&SM
Comp Robert L. Taylor, R.I. DDGM

Sir Knight Erik B. Andersen,
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Of the Grand Commandery of Florida, KT
S.K. Wiley M. Willoughby II, Em. DDGC

DREXEL P. CALDWELL COUNCIL NO. 108

of

KNIGHT MASONS USA

PENSACOLA, CRESTVIEW, AND FT. WALTON BEACH

The Emerald Coast of Florida

EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE GRAND YORK RITE CONVENTION

And the

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE OF FLORIDA



2026 Officers:

Excellent Chief: Daniel L. Parks, KYCH

Senior Knight: Stephen D. Piner, KYCH
Junior Knight: Richard B. Bradley
Scribe: John M. Lewis, KYCH
Treasurer: Roger D. White
Senior Warden: Jerry J. Miller, KYCH

Junior Warden: Joshua W. Schutts, KYCH
Director of Ceremonies: James D. Snow
Priest: David H. Gaillard
Steward: John D. White, KYCH
Sentinel: Andrew R. Fuss
Tyler: Wiley M. Willoughby II, KYCH

Degree Masters:
Knight of the Sword: Alan B. Cox
Knight of the East: Robert L. Taylor, KYCH
Knight of the East and West: Dennis A. Barbarisi, KYCH

Meetings:
Niceville, 4th Saturday in February; Crestview; 22nd May (2026 only); Pensacola, 2nd Saturday in December
All meetings at 10 am

Northeast Florida York Rite College No. 114



Extend Congratulations and Warmest Wishes
To
The Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of Florida

John Bridges Phelps

York Rite College No. 31

ORLANDO FLORIDA



Chartered July 9, 1996

BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2026 GRAND YORK RITE CONVENTION

Joseph M. Crum *Governor*

Charles Harper II
Deputy Governor

Stephen Nelson
Chancellor

Larry Duff
Treasurer

Erik B. Andersen
Secretary

Lou Abreu
Primate

Michael Hafling
Preceptor

Frank Kiefer
Seneschal

Manuel Lozada
Marshall

Eric Klienbach
Sentinel

SPIRIT OF TRUTH TABERNACLE NO. LXXI
Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest

Congratulations on a Great Year
2025 - 2026

From the Officers and Members of Spirit of Truth Tabernacle No. LXXI



Comp. Charles G. Harper, II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Comp. John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Grand Master
S. K. Erik B. Andersen, Right Eminent Grand Commander

We appreciate the leadership and support
Provided by our Grand York Rite Officers.

Charles G. Harper, II,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Of the Grand Chapter of Florida

John A. Kraniou,
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Of the Grand Council of Florida

Erik B. Anderson,
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Of the Grand Commandery of Florida

KYCH

Panama City Priory No. 72
Knights of the York Cross of Honour



Priory Officers 2026 – 2027

Robert L. Taylor, Eminent Prior

Kenneth K. Eichorn, Knight Deputy Prior
Neils H. Hesse, Knight Warder
Ronald L. Parks, PP, Knight Registrar/Treasurer
Jeffrey W. Meister, Knight Prelate
Jerry J. Miller, Knight Orator
Daniel R. Parks, Knight Herald

Knight York Cross of Honor Priory No. 60

Congratulations to the 2026 Grand Officers

From All Of Us



To All Of You

May we all remain united in support of Masonry,
Our Military, Our Flag & Our Country.

2025-2026 Officers

Eminent Prior	Albert Thurman
Deputy Prior	Larry Gillespie
Warder	Alan Sorbie
Registrar / Treasurer	Erik B. Andersen
Prelate	Ben Gieger
Orator	Charles Harper II
Herald	Larry Duff
Blue Lodge Lecturer	Eric Klienbach
Chapter Lecturer	Todd Mischelle
Council Lecturer	Edward Mayfield
Commandery Lecturer	Charles Bailey
Sentinel	Manuel Lozada

SAINT SEBASTIAN CONCLAVE

Red Cross of Constantine

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SINCERE BEST WISHES TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF FLORIDA:

CHUCK HARPER: MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JOHN KRANIOU: MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ERIK ANDERSEN: RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

TODD A. MESCHELLE
PUISSANT SOVEREIGN

CHARLES C. OSBORNE
EMINENT VICEROY

ROBERT G. KIRKPATRICK, P.P.S., P.I.G.
TREASURER

W. ALLEN SORBIE, P.P.S.
RECORDER

JAMES T. BLUM
SENIOR GENERAL

JEFFREY T. SKLET
JUNIOR GENERAL

CHARLES R. BAILEY
RT. REVEREND PRELATE

R. JODY MEGUIAR
PREFECT

JAMES R. ROCHA
STANDARD BEARER

JOHN D. HALTER
HERALD

CHARLES R. JORDAN
SENTINEL

Pentagon
York Rite College
No. 62



We Congratulate Our Brothers:

M.E.C. Chuck Harper
Grand High Priest

M.I.C. John Kraniou
Grand Master

S.K. Erik Andersen
R.E. Grand Commander

Preeminent Sovereign: Jeffrey Sklet
Secretary: Butch Thurman, PPS
Honor College 2025

Emerald Coast Council No. 443
Allied Masonic Degrees
Crestview, Florida

Extend Best Wishes to the Officers and Members of the
Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies of Florida
2026 - 2027

Wiley M. Willoughby
Senior Warden

William Benham
Sovereign Master

Donald Rice
Junior Warden

Jeffrey Teasdale
Senior Deacon

Carl G. Kirtley
Secretary/Treasurer
(850) 748-8254
amd443secretary@gmail.com

John D. White
Junior Deacon

Daniel R. Parks
Tyler

Stephen Piner
Chaplain

With Thanks For Your Service To Our Craft And Congratulations To Our Presiding Officers

Charles G. Harper II

John A. Kraniou

Erik B. Anderson

Charles G. Harper II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

John A. Kraniou, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Erik B. Anderson, Right Eminent Grand Commander



Sir Knight Dennis A. Barbarisi
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
KYCH

Leo Calef, USN



At 97 years young, S.K. Leo Calef remains very active with the Ft. Walton Beach York Rite. He rarely misses a meeting, memorizes his part and is eager to participate. Happy Birthday

An extraordinary man and Mason with a heart of gold, unmatched dedication, and loved by all.

Greetings Companions and Sir Knights

Please support our Florida York Rite Charities

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Individually we can matter.

Collectively we can make a difference.

R:. I:. Jerry Miller, KYCH

Fort Walton Beach York Rite

Best Wishes and Congratulations To the Grand York of Florida.

Another Great Year of outstanding leadership and support from our Grand Presiding Officers.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles G. Harper, II

Most Illustrious Grand Master
John A. Kraniou

Right eminent Grand Commander
Erik B. Anderson

And our Grand York Rite Sec/Rec office

John Lewis, KYCH
Secretary and Recorder
Fort Walton Beach York Rite Bodies

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Congratulations To the Grand York Rite of Florida On a Successful Year

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles G. Harper, II

Most Illustrious Grand Master
John A. Kraniou

Right eminent Grand Commander
Erik B. Anderson

Dennis A. Barbarisi, KYCH
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
--
Fort Walton Beach York Rite Bodies

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE GRAND OFFICERS 2025-2026

For another Great Year.

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