



# **Grand Chapter of Florida**

## **2025 Convocation**

### **Reports & Resolutions**

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

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# The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

## JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date November 12, 2024

Originating Body(s) Gainesville Chapter No. 2

City/State/Zip Gainesville, FL 32635

Officer(s) R.:E.: Comp. Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr., District Instructor (District 8)

TO: Grand Chapter X Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter **13.03 Committee on Work - section A.**

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

A. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint five (5) qualified Companions to act as the Committee on Work. The Committee on Work shall issue card certificates of proficiency to qualified Royal Arch Masons in good standing in a constituent Chapter when in the judgment of the committee the proficiency of said Companion is such as to meet the standards as set forth in this section and as further defined by said Committee.

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Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter (amended language in bold)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

NEW LANGUAGE

A. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint five (5) qualified Companions to act as the Committee on Work. The Committee on Work shall issue card certificates of proficiency to qualified Royal Arch Masons in good standing in a constituent Chapter when in the judgment of the committee the proficiency of said Companion is such as to meet the standards as set forth in this section and as further defined by said Committee.

***Esoteric proficiency for each degree shall include, at a minimum: the obligations, the manner***

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*Resolution 2025-01 Chapter*

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Grand Chapter 13.03 Committee on Work - sections C through F; inserting new section G.

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

C. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with one white stripe to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Mark Master Degree and the lecture.

D. The Committee on Work shall issue a Blue card certificate of proficiency with two white stripes to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Past Master Degree and the lecture.

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Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter (amended and new sections in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold**)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

NEW LANGUAGE

C. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with one white stripe to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Mark Master Degree and the lecture.

D. The Committee on Work shall issue a Blue card certificate of proficiency with two white stripes to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Past Master Degree and the lecture.

E. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with three white stripes to

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## LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED

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E. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with three white stripes to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Most Excellent Master Degree and the lecture.

F. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with four white stripes to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Royal Arch Degree and the lecture.

G. The Committee on Work shall issue a purple card certificate of proficiency to a Royal Arch Mason when he has demonstrated his proficiency in giving the Key and Apron lectures.

## NEW LANGUAGE

*(continued from front)*

a. Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Most Excellent Master Degree and the lecture.

F. The Committee on Work shall issue a Red card certificate of proficiency with four white stripes to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in the esoteric work of the Royal Arch Degree and the lecture.

**G. The Committee on Work shall issue a Silver card certificate of proficiency, with additional stripe(s) of the corresponding color(s), to a Royal Arch Mason when proficient in each lecture of the four Degrees:**

**a. Mark Master: Copper stripe**

**b. (Virtual) Past Master: Blue stripe**

**c. Most Excellent Master: Gold stripe**

**d. Royal Arch: Red stripe**

H. The Committee on Work shall issue a purple card certificate of proficiency to a Royal Arch Mason when he has demonstrated his proficiency in giving the Key and Apron lectures.

*...(relabels further section letters accordingly)*

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\*\*\*EXPLANATION\*\*\*

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Grand Chapter **13.03 Committee on Work - inserting new section I.**

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

H. The Committee on Work shall issue a blue, purple, red, and white card certificate

(Colors of the Veils) of proficiency...

I. The Committee on Work shall issue a Gold card certificate of proficiency...

J. The Grand High Priest is authorized to appoint one District Instructor for each ...

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Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter (new section in **bold**)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

NEW LANGUAGE

H. The Committee on Work shall issue a blue, purple, red, and white card certificate...

***I. The Committee on Work shall issue a Tan-brown card certificate of proficiency with one red stripe to a Royal Arch Mason when he has demonstrated his proficiency in giving the work of the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree.***

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*Resolution 2025-03 Chapter*



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*This inserts language to create a proficiency card for a qualifying Companion who has learned the work of the Principal Sojourner in the first and sections of the Royal Arch Degree.*

*While this part is nearly all monitorial, the scope of what is required to be committed to memory equals or exceeds the that for the other proficiency cards. As such, it should be recognized and provided as an incentive to those Companions willing to undertake that commitment.*

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Grand Chapter 13.03 Committee on Work - section K.

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

K. All proficiency cards are good for three years from date of issue except for the gold card  
with one red stripe, it is good for life.

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Grand Chapter (amended language in bold)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

NEW LANGUAGE

[removes section K.]

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\*\*\*EXPLANATION: The removal of expiration for proficiency cards is done at the request of the current Grand High Priest and Committee on Work.

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TO: Grand Chapter X Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter **30.01 Annual Returns - section C.**

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

C. A Companion who has been a Royal Arch Mason in good standing for a period of forty or more years, and who has not been disciplined, suspended nor expelled for an offence involving moral turpitude, and if twenty-five years of such service have been in a Florida Chapter or Chapters, shall be exempt from fifty per cent (50%) Grand Chapter annual per capita tax, dues, and assessments. [Effective Dec. 28, 2010]

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Grand Chapter (amended language in **bold**)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

NEW LANGUAGE

[removes section C. and replaces/renames with the current section D.]

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\*\*\*EXPLANATION: The Chapter is the only body with this requirement in its Constitution. The removal of this section will allow the budget for the operations of Grand Chapter to increase and not be unfairly limited when compared to the income of the other two Grand bodies.

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