



RITE NOTES

15 January 2025

Successful Recruiting Results in Securing Petitions LEADERSHIP NEEDED

Companions and Sir Knights,

Experience has shown that in most cases it is wise to have team members go in pairs to interview each prospective candidate. Each member of the team should know the answer as to fees. The solicitation should be kept on a professional level and with dignity at all times. It must be remembered that some prospective members are quick to respond, while others need time to think it over. Of course, it is much better to obtain a petition on the first call, **but patience is a virtue that may be required to get results.**

Our invitation should come to the prospect in a very personal, face-to-face basis. As a matter of fact, the whole approach must be based upon seeking out the Mason as an individual, and not as part of a mass-production effort.

Of course, if the prospective candidate inquires as to what good deeds we are doing, each York Rite Member must be familiar with the great philanthropies of the York Rite. Obtain and familiarize yourself with up-to-date brochures on our charities, the Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, RARA and CMMRF etc. Take copies with you to present to the prospective member. While most York Rite members never boast of the numerous charities, it is of prime importance in selling our York Rite. Prospects are entitled to know that that we are daily **practicing what we profess.**

It is not difficult to sell the York Rite. When we are really inspired, do you think for a moment we would doubt our ability to Asell@ our magnificent degrees and Orders of Knighthood a world that needs everything we stand for? To any timid soul who shrinks from the task, let us assure him that the prospective candidate will thank him over and over again for his perseverance. After being knighted, he will acknowledge it as an inspiration of a lifetime!

Careful attention to election of qualified leaders all along the line of our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, could result in excellent improvements in our performance. The Grand East in each of the Bodies as well as the High Priest, Illustrious Master and the Eminent Commander should be the type of leader who will see to it that Membership Committees function. Too much time is demanded from an executive of a local body upon ritualistic and tactical matters, whereas if a cast of specially trained and expert ritualists is on hand to confer the degrees and Orders, the officers can devote more time to Arunning the show@.

The number one duty of a leader is to do everything possible to increase membership and build the manpower of his organization. He should make this his first duty - and follow it up **constantly!** Just to appoint a Membership Committee is not enough, they must work hard and bring in petitions! **Leadership is the number one quality** to be looked for in any new Executive officer, and the leader must devote the major part of his time to the executive functions for which he is qualified.

The Fall festivals are over and, we are now preparing for the Spring festivals. The success of our festivals has been excellent in that we knighted 79 new knights, this year. WE have had this past year reduction in our total, with a total of 79 or 90 fewer last year. Now we need to put them to work and keep them.

We can now begin planning for our Spring festivals. Let's continue our efforts and began the process of bringing new brothers into our bodies. Allow them to take a seat and participate in the leadership of the body. If all seats are filled, encourage them to get involved in the ritual work as part of a degree team, but let them know that they are needed.

As you can see, most excuses are smoke screens. They're covering up the real issue, which is "I'm afraid to talk." Next month, we will show you how to gain the confidence you need to become a true Masonic Ambassador

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Membership and Retention is everyone's business.

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA CHAPTER FIFTEEN – RELATIONS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

15.01 Statement of Policy.

Consistent with the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, it is the Policy of this Grand Chapter to maintain fraternal accord with all regular Grand Jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masons, agreeable to requirements of the General Grand Chapter and the Ancient Usages of Capitular Masonry.

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Membership by District for 2024:

DIST	LOCATION	#	DIST	LOCATION	#
1	Palm Beach		6	Cocoa	
	Ft Lauderdale			Melbourne	
	Miami			Fort Pierce	
2	Manatee/Bradenton/Trinity		7	Jacksonville	
	Sarasota/Venice/Trinity			Fernandina	
	Fort Myers			St Augustine	
				Palatka	
3	Tampa (Ivanhoe)		8	Lake City	
	St. Petersburg (Sunshine)			Middleburg	
	Clearwater (Springtime)			Gainesville	
4	Lakeland		9	Tallahassee	
	Plant City			Marianna	
	Sebring (Highlands)			Panama City	
5	Daytona (Halifax)		10	Fort Walton Beach	
	Lake Sumter			Crestview	
	Sanford			Pensacola	
	Orlando				

REMINDER: MASONIC MEMBERSHIP SOLUTIONS (MMS) RULES STATE THAT NEW COMPANIONS AND SIR KNIGHTS NEED TO BE PLACED IN MMS WITHIN 15 DAYS. If this is not done, the magazine will not be sent automatically. The Secretary will have to contact Grand Encampment.

MMS IS NOW ON GOOGLE CHROME

New Membership by York Rite Body 2024:

DIST	DATE	LOCATION	KNIGHTED
1			
2			
3	1 & 8 Mar	Tampa	
4			
5			
6	28-29 Mar 14-15 Sep 24	Stuart	
7	8 & 15 Feb	Palatka	
8			
9	Feb/Mar	Tallahassee Panama City	
10			
TOTAL 2025 KNIGHTINGS			
TOTAL 2024 KNIGHTINGS			79

Also, as soon as your area determines the dates for the Spring Festival, **PLEASE** let me know so they may be included.

Fraternally,

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HENRY A. ADAMS, KYGCH

Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"

Some excerpts, from the Grand Commanders Handbook, published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, reprint from Aug 2009, intro. and Grand Commandery of Florida, Beaderstadt, Jon L. " Making Members" pp 73-75, and from the Grand Commanders Handbook given to the Grand Line Officers. Membership Development, Grand Encampment, 2003-2006

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