

Louisiana Supplement

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Louisiana York Rite Calendar

January 7, 2012	York Rite Festival, Leesville, LA
January 21, 2012	York Rite Workshop, Alexandria, LA
Feb 3 – 5, 2012	Louisiana Grand Lodge Marriott, Baton Rouge, LA
March 10 – 13, 2012	Grand Chapter, Council & Commandery Holiday Inn, Shreveport West, LA

Attend the Louisiana York Rite Workshop Jan 21, 2012!

Please attend our gathering in Alexandria on January 21, 2012 for the Louisiana York Rite Workshop, which will detail programs and ideas for the coming year. Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are welcomed and needed. If we are to be a Team in 2012, all members must be involved and participate. Be present and participate. We especially encourage officers of local York Rite Bodies for 2012 to attend.

Each Louisiana Chapter, Council, and Commandery must have clearly defined goals to effectively grow and prosper. "In the absence of clearly defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily acts of trivia."

Some membership Growth Ideas from past workshops -

- Each body should have an action plan to grow membership
- Stop Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) losses
- Create interest and assign jobs to all members
- Present York Rite Awareness programs
- Participate and create a York Rite presence in every Louisiana Blue Lodge
- Present available awards for those gaining new members
- Actively show concern for new members
- Create an internet communication presence for your York Rite Bodies
- Support and communicate about all York Rite Charities
- Involve and communicate to our Families in our programs
- Remember the 5 P's: Perfect Planning Prevents Poor Performance!



Keith and Bill

Left: William Keith Powell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana, and William B. "Bill" Powell, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana

In 2011-2012, both the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana and the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Louisiana have their fathers serving in their Grand Lines! Congratulations to Tim Riley, Jr., MIGM and his father Time Riley, Sr. PMIGM and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of the State of Louisiana.

From REGC Keith Powell

My Dad, William B. "Bill" Powell, or "Pops" as many of you refer to him has been a wonderful Sir Knight and Brother on my travels throughout the State of Louisiana and the many out of State travels we both have attended. My Dad belongs to the York and Scottish Rites along with being a Shriner. The LORD has allowed him to see his son rise within the Masonic bodies and to become the Grand Commander of Knights Templar State of Louisiana. I do believe he had nothing but pride in his eyes as I knelt at the Holy Altar of Masonry in April 1976 as he presided as Master over the first important Masonic degree, never thinking that a Masonic grand office would be obtained by his son. William E. Powell, my Grandfather, was there to see me initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason. "Pops" has shaken many hands of prominent Masons throughout our travels and all the Brethren have had a great time discussing many topics of interest with him. I had no better friend to travel with. The many discussions we had about varied topics of interest were a special time my Dad and I had together. Our bond became stronger as father and son. This short article is just a reminder to Dad of my pleasure of having him there during an important time of my life. Thank you for the honorable up-bringing that allowed me to follow the Masonic direction you provided.

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