

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights: Another chivalric year has begun and many challenges loom before us. With dedication, positive thinking, and 100% commitment we can meet any challenge and attain our goals.

The goal this year is to increase our membership by ten percent. This may seem like a lofty goal to some but actually it is very obtainable. The power to do this rests directly with each one of us. If every Sir Knight brought in one petition this year—just one petition—we would double the size of the brotherhood overnight. You do not have to be a four-star salesman to accomplish this—just dedicated. Next time you are in lodge and you see a mason that you think may not be a member of the York Rite; walk up to him, shake his hand, and ask him if he is a member of the York Rite. If he says no, ask him why not, and then proceed to explain the benefit of being a Knight Templar—stressing the point that every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar. Make sure that you have a petition with you and offer to help him fill it out while you have his attention. The reason that many masons are not members of the York Rite is because they have never been asked. I can say this from personal experience. I never thought about joining the York Rite until one day a good friend said to me, "Charlie, how come you don't belong to the York Rite?" I turned in my petition that same day.

Due to last year's Generalissimo dropping out of the Grand Line of Officers, the line has been amended as follows. Your Officers for 2008-2009 are:

Right Eminent Grand Commander.....SK Charles Perez
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.....SK Ideal Baldoni II
Eminent Grand Generalissimo.....SK Charles C. Cicero
Eminent Grand Captain General.....SK David A. Aponte
Eminent Grand Treasurer.....SK Richard E. Foreman
Eminent Grand Secretary/Recorder.....SK Steven Q Steele
Excellent Grand Prelate.....SK Rev. Daniel Williams.
Eminent Grand Senior Warden.....SK Arthur J. LaRose
Eminent Grand Junior Warden.....SK Henry A. Adams

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.....SK Robert G. Stearns
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer.....SK Charles R. Cooper
Eminent Grand Warder.....SK James T. Mason
Eminent Grand Sentinel.....SK Robert St. John
Eminent Grand Organist.....SK John G. Allen
Inspector General.....SK Philip S. Ware
Drill Master.....SK Ronald J. Bertie
Judge Advocate General.....SK Richard S. Agster
Chief of Staff.....SK Stephen E. Henwood

I wish to thank Sir Knight Robert E Bursleson, Right Eminent Southeastern Department Commander for being the Installing Officer, Sir Knight Daniel L Bennett Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, the Installing Marshal and Sir Knight Leonard E. Whitehead Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, the Installing Prelate.

Please plan to attend your district meeting. The schedule is:

District 1: June 21, 2008, Location: TBA
District 2: June 20, 2008, Fort Myers Tropical Lodge #56
District 3: July 19, 2008, Tampa York Rite Building
District 4: July 18, 2008, Location: TBA
District 5: August 16, 2008, Ormond Beach Lodge #326
District 6: August 15, 2008, Vero Beach Lodger #250
District 7: September 19, 2008, Location: TBA
District 8: September 20, 2008, Floral City Lodge # 133
District 9: October 18, 2008, Tallahassee Jackson Lodge # 1
District 10: October 17, 2008, Pensacola Naval Lodge # 24

The schedule for Homecomings is as follows:

M. Ex. Grand High Priest: Sept. 20, 2008 (Day of Dist. Meeting)
M. Ill. Grand Master: February 7, 2009
Rt. Em. Grand Commander: August 23, 2008

With your help I am certain we will succeed in our all our endeavors.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Charles Perez
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Encampment has a new web site located at:

www.knightstemplar.org.

The next time you are online, check out the site and let us know you visited us by signing our guest book.