



# FORT MYERS YORK RITE BODIES

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*NEWSLETTER - November 25 2008*

**From the Commander:** This year has been a challenging and transitional year for the York Rite Bodies of Fort Myers. Changes to the traditional manner in which we conduct our meetings and in our degree-conferring procedures have been successfully implemented with a minimum of upheaval and confusion. It has been an honor and a privilege to assist in this conversion and I am indebted to all those Sir Knights who actively participated and aided the East in these efforts. Progress has been made but even more and greater challenges lie ahead. All Knights Templar are urged to get involved to help meet these challenges with not only your dues but your attendance and participation as well.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Dick Nelson, Commander 2008  
Fort Myers Commandery #32

## **Immediately Important Dates:**

The Annual Commandery Christmas Party will take place on December 7th, 1:00 PM. As usual, we will meet at Noah Lodge for a traditional festivity including our customary service. And again this year, we will have live entertainment. Dan Tuder, who played for us last year, will join us once again—back by popular demand. This more than Holiday Party—it is one of the most significant events in the year for a Templar Knight and his family. As has been our custom, we will be inviting Commandery Widows to join with us.

The Commandery Christmas Observance is a ceremony of about 25 minutes, in honor of the birth of the Christ-Child, over 2000 years ago, and the ministry he lived, which is the foundation of the Christian religion, and is the cornerstone of our belief, as members of a Commandery of Knights Templar. For this ceremony, we ask that **all who have a uniform, please wear it.** The uniform will consist of coat, belt, chapeaux, white gloves if you have them, but **no swords.**

It is very important that you phone our Recorder, Ted Connally at 357-1263 or email him at [ted@tcftm.com](mailto:ted@tcftm.com) and confirm your attendance no later than Wednesday, December 3rd. We MUST have a head count for meal preparation. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for each person who attends, to help defray the cost of the dinner. This can be paid at the door, but make sure you **make a reservation in advance.**

## **Election Results for Commandery 32**

Randy Spradling has been elected Commander, Sheldon Arpad Generalissimo, Jim Record Capt. General, Larry Spriggs Prelate, and of course Jim Hogg as Treasurer, Ted Connally Recorder. We wish them well for the coming year.

<http://www.yorkriteftm.org/index.html>

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Stated Meeting December 9th Chapter and Council Elections**

**Stated Meeting Commandery December 23 cancelled as usual**

**Installation of officers January 3 at 3:00 PM. This will be an Open Installation—Family Members are invited to attend at Noah Lodge.**

**Jan 13 Council Degree work at Chapter — Royal Master**

**January 27 Council Degree work at Commandery — Select Master**

**These last 2 represent a significant change. The decision has been made to concentrate harder on doing the Degree work so that we can be more responsive to Brothers who wish to join. By doing Degree work at each meeting, we will be able to move immediately into the Chivalric Orders in February.**

**We are off to another exciting year in 2009.**

**TO ALL OF OUR COMPANIONS AND SIR  
KNIGHTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
WE EXTEND OUR MOST SINCERE  
FRATERNAL WISHES FOR A JOYIOUS  
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US AND  
ALL WHO PROTECT AND SERVE US AT  
HOME AND ABROAD.**

*Dues Notices are going out. Prompt payment will be sincerely appreciated.*



**Ft. Myers York Rite Bodies  
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**York Rite Bodies of Fort Myers meet at Noah Lodge No. 357, 41 Willis Road, North Ft. Myers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month January through November. December meetings are subject to schedule adjustments. Chapter and Council alternate 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays. Commandery meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. The months of July and August may be Dark.**