

York Rite Bodies of Ft. Myers  
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## Degree Schedule Starts a New Cycle

**April 14 — Mark Master**

**April 28 — Past Master/Most Excellent Master**

**May 12 — Royal Arch Degree**

**Royal Arch opens up York Rite Masonry. We have 3 Petitioners at the moment and we understand 3 others are coming. It is an exciting time to be part of the Ft. Myers York Rite Bodies. If you know of others, get the petitions in soon.**

# FORT MYERS YORK RITE BODIES

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**Regular Communications**  
**2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7:00 PM**

**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. Please verify meeting dates on the calendar and announcement pages of our website**

**April 2009**

**Visitors welcome / Members are urged to attend**

***From the High Priest:***

The relocation of the York Rite Bodies to Tropical Lodge has gone very smoothly, thanks largely to the coordination efforts of Eminent Commander Randy Spradling and the thorough publicity effort of Companion Recorder Ted Connally. Attendance at the York Rite meetings for the first three months of the year seem normal so we apparently have no Brothers who can't find us.

Our York Rite degree work is also on schedule as we continue for the second year the practice of conferring one degree each month. While this obviously slows down the process, it has made it possible for the Fort Myers York Rite Bodies to conduct these ceremonies largely with our own members - rather than having to recruit volunteers from elsewhere about the state as in the past. And I am pleased to note that many of our new Companions are getting involved immediately by assuming roles with the degree teams. This sort of interest and activity augurs well for our Fraternity's future.

If you haven't been to a Chapter, Council or Commandery meeting recently, you are encouraged to pay us a visit soon. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised; we know you'll be welcomed back.

Fraternally and with warmest regards,  
*Dick Nelson*, High Priest

***From the Illustrious Master:***

*As we all know, Lew Fish is not only our illustrious Master of Ft. Myers Council R&SM, he is also out representative for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.*

From chairman of Commandery #32 KTEF — SK's Its not to late to send in your contribution for the KTEF. This is your charity, You just asked me to collect it.  
Fraternally

*Lewis Fish* #32 KTEF CP

**The Following Announcement is being made at the request of the Eminent Commander:**

**Easter Sunrise Service** has been scheduled for 6:30 AM at the new home of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Winkler Avenue near the new construction and not far from the right hand curve toward Colonial Ave intersection. You can't miss it on the South side of Winkler. We have been invited to attend the outdoor service beside their lake and then join them for Breakfast in the Second Annual Sunrise Service for Freemasons and Friends. **Attention Sir Knights:** this will be an Official Religious Observance and Full Dress Uniform WITHOUT SWORDS is the order of the day.

**RELOCATION OF OUR CHARTERS**

Poinciana Chapter No 50 RAM has voted in the affirmative on final vote. Council 25 R&SM will vote in April as will Commandery 32.

**Address , Phone Number and email updates are needed.** We have been able to clean up our records. However, in the process, we have lost touch with over 30 of our Sir Knights and Companions. Although most are not members, they have been in touch with us for many years and we suspect several are snow birds. If you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletters, or if you have had problems with receiving mail from us, please let the Secretary/Recorder know immediately.

**YORK RITE DEGREE WORK**

- 4/14.....Mark Master
- 4/28.....Past Master and Most Excellent Master
- 5/12.....Royal Arch
- 5/26..... Grand Lodge Communication
- 6/9.....Royal Master
- 6/23.....Select Master
- 9/22.....Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta
- 10/27.....Order of Knights Templar
- 11/24.....Elections for 2010

