

**Bradentown Council No. 9**  
**of the**  
**Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida**

**Minutes Regularly Stated Assembly**

**Wednesday September 11th 2024/A:DEP:3024**

**West Coast Lodge No 409**

The Illustrious Master, illustrious Richard Coles called Bradentown Council No. 9 to order at 7:30 PM and opened in full ritualist form. All elected and appointed officers of Bradentown Council No. 9 were present as noted below.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDENCE			
<b>E. Richard Coles PIM</b>	<b>Illustrious Master</b>	<b>Hans Heidi</b>	<b>Captain Guard</b>
<b>Douglas “Dug” Dobbs</b>	<b>Deputy Master</b>	<b>Robert Leonard</b>	<b>Cond. Council</b>
<b>Justin “Judd” Broome</b>	<b>Princ. Con. Work</b>	<b>Joseph O’Donnell</b>	<b>Stewart</b>
<b>W. Allen Sorbie, PIM</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Todd Meschelle</b>	<b>Sentinel</b>
<b>John F. Wermann, PIM</b>	<b>Recorder</b>		
<b>Gene Lance</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>		
<b>Paul Ritchie, PIM</b>	<b>Marshal</b>		

There were \_\_\_ Companions present (Attendance as per sign-in book) Brian Johnsen was Capt. of Guard

Sickness and distress: louis H. Ortt passed, MWGM wife passed, a moment of silence was held, Gene Lance wife Patsy had eye surgery, Rodger Craig in rehab heart valve surgery.

**Special guest recognition**

\* Rt. Ill Richard Coles IV, Ill Grand Captain of the Guard for of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

\* M.: Ex.: John F. Wermann, CMMRF District r Representative, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, Most Excellent Grand Ambassador near Florida representing the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons international, President of the Grand Brotherhood of Past District Deputy Grand Masters. R I Grand Ambassador for the Grand Council of Royal and elect Masters of Florida near Alaska

\* M I W. Allen Sorbie, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master R&S Masters of Florida, Manasota York Rite Mason of the Year 2023, Chief Rabban Sahib Shriners in Sarasota

\* Eminent Albert “Butch” Thurman E. Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

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\* Eminent Brian Johnsen District Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida for District 2.

\* Rt Ill Jeffrey Lawrence District Deputy Grand Master Royal and Select Masters District 2

<b><u>Introduction of Special Guests York Rite 2023-2024</u></b>			
<u>2</u>	<b>KYGCH</b>	<u>6</u>	<b>Gold Key Recipients</b>
<u>4</u>	<b>KYCH</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Order of the Purple Cross</b>
<u>1</u>	<b>KTCH---</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Grand Brotherhood PDDGM's</b>
<u>5</u>	<b>All Heads of Y/R Bodies Inc. Blue Lodge</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Walter I. Stevenson</b>
<u>2</u>	<b>All Current District Deputies</b>	<u>0</u>	<b>Scottish Rite 33 degree</b>
<u>0</u>	<b>All Current District Instructors</b>	<u>3</u>	<b>S/R Knight Commander Court of Honor</b>
<u>2</u>	<b>All Grand Line Officers</b>	<u>4</u>	<b>Past Heads of Y/R Bodies not KYCH</b>
<u>1</u>	<b>Sitting Masters -Robert Leonard</b>	<u>7</u>	<b>Ishodie Awards---New</b>
<u>2</u>	<b>Cryptic Mason of the Year</b>	<u>1</u>	<b>Adult Leadership Award</b>
<u>6</u>	<b>Meritorious Service Award</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Grand Commanders Award (Signers)</b>
<u>3</u>	<b>First Responders Award</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Youth Advocate Award- Johnsen &amp; Dobb</b>
<u>1</u>	<b>Manasota Y/R Mason of the Year-W. Allen Sorbie</b>	<u>2</u>	<b>Most Illustrious Grand Masters award John Wermann, Doug Dobbs, Brian Johnsen</b>

Minutes: The minutes for our joint Assembly held May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, proposed agenda for our September 11th, 2024 Assembly were distributed electronically. This e-mail contained all the minutes, correspondence, warrants and receipts. There were no objections, alterations, addition, or deletions thus the Illustrious Master declared them approved as distributed. As always comments, suggestions and or corrections and additions are earnestly solicited.

Correspondence The minutes and Agendas of our Assemblies were distributed via e-mail. Reports were received from Carlton, our investment company, and have been turned over to our Treasurer. Communication from Companion and Sir Knight Robert Strader who relocated to Sarasota from Wisconsin will be attending some of our meetings.

Bills: Warrant Numbered No 203922 Ink, stamps & Paper \$59.09, 203923 Y/R of year \$49.22 & name badge 3.21, envelopes \$7.00 Total \$59.43

Receipts: Cash Receipts No. 203922 New member & Dues \$190.00 deposited 73/2024

Treasurers Report: Will be presented by our Treasurer M.I. W. Allen Sorbie at our next meeting.

Presentations: Manasota York Rite Mason of the Year was presented to Ill. Paul Ritchie by W> William Allen Sorbie PMIGM. The Thomas Olsen Grand Masters Award was presented to Paul Ritchie by John W.

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Petitions: The Illustrious Master ordered a ballot be spread for the John Higgins and Jayson Quinn to receive the Royal Arch Chapter Degrees and the Council of R&S Master. The Ballott was clear. The Recorder was directed to send out letters of invitation to Brothers Higgins and Quinn.

Old Business; \* A change of date for our fund raiser fish fry too October 19<sup>th</sup> at Sarasota Lodge No 147. A Fried fish dinner will be available for sale at the cost of \$10.00. The time will be from noon to 4PM.

- We need a date to be set for the next order of Zanzibar Degree. Ft Meyers will identify the location after which details will be finalized. Ill. Richard to call Ft Meyers.
- A joint Council meeting will be held with Ft Meyers Council at Venice Lodge Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.
- Need to reschedule longevity Awards presentations.
- The October 5<sup>th</sup> Tampa degree casts have been finalized. Notice will be sent out by Recorder.

New Business:.

- Practice for the “Peculiar Stone” to be announced.
- Our Council Charter was reframed. It looks GREAT. Our Illustrious Master, trough his daughter got the Council a 60% discount
- Phoenix Lodge No 346 hosting a golf tournament on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Manasota York Rite to sponsor a hole. \$50.00 each body
- R.: W.: Justin Broome is selling challenge coins as a fund raiser for District 23 Blue Lodges

Masonic Education: was presented by Allen Sorbie and was well received

Announcements:

- The next Assembly of Bradentown Council No. 9 will be held on October 8th, 2024 at Venice Lodge No 301 6:30 Fellowship 7:30 meeting. We will be meeting jointly with Ft Meyers Council.
- The next meeting of Sarasota Chapter No 35 will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024-Sarasota 147
- The Next Grotto Meeting to be held on September 19th, 2024 for at 6:30 PM at Scottish Rite Sar
- Trinity Commandery No. 16<sup>th</sup> will meet in Venice Lodge No 301 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024,
- Master Mason Assoc. September 26th, 2024 at Manatee Lodge No 31 Lodge 6:45 PM
- GMOV Sept 27 at Shrine, Tampa Festival 10/5, Summer Splash at Shrine 9/28,
- February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, will be the Potentate’s Ball. Our own Allen Sorbie will be hosting as Potentate of Sahib Shrine. Trinity Commandery will be presenting the colors and many members of the York Rite will be in attendance to help Allen celebrate.

With all business having been regularly brought before the Council and proper action taken. The ill. Master, Ill. E. Richard Coles IV closed Bradentown Council No 9 in full ritualistic form at 910 PM.

Peace and Harmony prevailed!

Most Zealously and Most Fraternaly Submitted

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John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC  
Recorder

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Ill. E. Richard Coles IV  
Illustrious Master