

Sarasota Chapter No 35 of The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida



2024

Minutes Stated Convocation held on November 27th, 2024 A:I: 2554
at Sarasota Lodge No. 147

Excellent High Priest Douglas “Doug” Dobbs called the meeting of Sarasota Chapter No 35 to order at 7:30 PM. He then proceeded to open Sarasota Chapter No. 35 in full ritualistic form. All elected and appointed officers were in their stations except as noted below:

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE			
Douglas “Doug” Dobbs	High Priest	Albert “Butch” Thurman PHP	Principle Soj
Paul Ritchie	King	Hans Heidi Brian Johnsen	Royal Arc Cpt.
Brian Johnsen	Scribe-	Todd Meschelle, PDDGHP Joseph O’Donnell	Mast 3rd Veil
W. Allen Sorbie-At Masonic function	Treasurer	E. Richard Coles PHP	Mast 2nd Veil
John Wermann	Secretary	Robert Leonard-John Wermann	Mast 1st Veil
Gene Lance-	Chaplain	Joseph O’Donnell	Sentinel
Justin Judd Broome	Capt. of Host		

There were 12 Companions present (Attendance as per sign-in book) sidelines Arthur Southwell, Tom Davie, John Higgins

SPECIAL RECOGNITION			
<u>1</u>	KYGCH	<u>4</u>	Gold Key Recipients
<u>3</u>	KYCH	<u>1</u>	Order of the Purple Cross
<u>1</u>	KTCH---New	<u>1</u>	Grand Brotherhood PDDGM’s
<u>0</u>	All Heads of Y/R Bodies Inc. Blue Lodge	<u>2</u>	Walter I. Stevenson-New
<u>1</u>	All Current District Deputies	<u>0</u>	Scottish Rite 33 degree
<u>1</u>	All Current District Instructors	<u>2</u>	S/R Knight Commander Court of Honor
<u>2</u>	All Grand Line Officers	<u>3</u>	Past Heads of Y/R Bodies not KYCH
<u>0</u>	Sitting Masters -	<u>5</u>	Ishodi awar
<u>1</u>	Adult leadership Award	<u>2</u>	Cryptic Mason of the Year
<u>2</u>	Meritorious Award ---New	<u>1</u>	Youth Advocate Award-Council
<u>1</u>	Grand Masters Award-Commandery	<u>2</u>	1First Responders Award
<u>1</u>	Manasota York Rite Mason of the Year	<u>4</u>	Grand Master Cryptic award

(Grand Master’s Cryptic Award: Doug Dobbs, Brian Johnsen and John Wermann and Pul Ritchie)

Special guests: Special Recognition York Rite 2024-2025

* 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

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

* Most Illustrious Gene Lance, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of R & S Masters of Florida

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

The Excellent High Priest welcomed all in attendance.

Sickness and Distress: Dan "Soxx" Tibbetts service at Shrine December 11th 11 AM, Don Harriott Passed, Hans and his wife are sick, his siter in New York had a stroke, Arthur Southwell in attendance and recovering for surgery, Shawn McMurry passed away

Minutes: A proposed agenda for our Convocation to be held November 27th, 2024 were distributed electronically (plus Robo Calls) These contained all the minutes, correspondence, warrants and receipts. There being no objection, alterations, additions, or deletions the Excellent High Priest declared them approved as distributed. As always comments, suggestions and or corrections and additions are earnestly solicited. PASSED

Correspondence: Distribution of minutes and agenda of meetings have been electronically distributed Correspondence between Treasurer and Secretary has taken place...Received Calton Communications turned over to Treasure, Letters of invitation mailed to Jayson Quinn and John Higgins 9/17/2024. Both of whom responded with petitions and fees paid..Jayson was unable to attend degrees he to receive the degrees when we start conferrals in February. John Received the Chapter and Council Degrees, Commandery Orders were not offered at this Festival. Letters of invitation mailed to Mickey Mullins and Dan Luna 11/15/2024

Receipts: Cash Receipts No 124778 \$630.00 Deposited 11/25/2024

Expenses: Warrant No.124779 Secretary and Treasurer's stipends \$321.00

Treasurers Report:

Petitions: Brother Jyson Quinn was unable to attend the Festival in Tampa, He and John Higgins will need the Commandery Orders.

Awards: Recommendations for Recognition Awards. Gold Key, Ishdi, etc Presentations: None

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Old Busines:

- Fund raiser October 19th, 2024 date changed to February 8th, 2025, Sarasota Lodge Fish Fry, \$10 donation. 12PM until 4 PM
- Longevity Award presentations yet to be determined. Hopefully ion the Fall

New Business: .

SARASOTA Chapter No 35 Nomination Committee Recommendations 2025 Officers
High Priest.....Paul Ritchie

King.....Justin “Judd” Broome
Scribe.....Butch Thurman
Trasurer.....Allen Sorbie
Secretary.....John F. Wermann
Chaplain.....Gene Lance
Capt of Host.....Brian Johnsen
Princ Soj.....Hans Heidi
Royal Arch Capt..Robbert Leonard
Master 3rd Veil....Joseph O’Donnell
Master 2nd Veil...Chris Wilson
Master 1st Veil....Arthur Southwell
SentinelTodd Meschelle

A motion was made by Butch Thurman to have Brian Johnsen cast 1 unanimous ballot..Passed

Masonic Education : None

Announcements:

- Next meeting of Sarasota Chapter No 35 January 22,2025 Sarasota Lodge No 147 6:30PM. Our DDGHP Gene Sims will be attending for his Official Visit—Dark December
- Next meeting of Braidentown Council No 9 December 11th, 2024 West Coast Lodge No 409,
- Next Meeting of Trinity Commandery No 16 December 6th,2024. West Coast 409 6:30PM
THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING DAY>>FRIDAY 5:30PM..open 6:30PM
- The next Grotto meeting will be held December 19th, 2024, December 21st Installation of Officers for 2025 to be held at the S/R Building on Tuttle. 11 AM to 2 PM
- The Master Mason Assoc will meet Thursday January 23rd, 2024 at ? 6:45
- York Rite fish fry February 8th, 2025 12PM to 4PM
- Peace River Lodge to hold install on Jan 11th, 2025 1:00 PM (14th Dec Widows Dinner 3PM

With all business having been properly brought before the Chapter and addressed by the Excellent High Priest, Ex. Douglas “Doug” Dobbs, Requested Most Excellent John Wermann to close closed Sarasota Chapter no. 35 by acclamation at 8:30PM.

Peace and Harmony Prevailed

Most Zealously and Most Fraternally Submitted

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
and proud to serve the Chapter as Secretary

Ex. Douglas Dobbs, H.P.
Excellent High Priest