



Braidentown Council No. 9

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

Minutes Regularly Stated Assembly
 Wednesday January 14th, 2026/A: DEP: 3026
 West Coast Lodge No 409

Illustrious Douglas “Doug” Dobbs called Braidentown Council No. 9 to order at 7:30 PM. The Council as opened in full ritualist form with all officers present except as listed below:

Justin “Judd” Broome	Illustrious Master	Joseph O’Donnell-Paul Ritchie	Captain Guard
Hans Heidi	Deputy Master	E. Richard Coles IV	Cond. Council
Robert Leonard	Princ. Con. Work	Dan Luna	Stewart
W. Allen Sorbie, PIM	Treasurer-	Todd Meschelle- Absent	Sentinel
John F. Wermann, PIM	Recorder-		
Gene Lance	Chaplain-		
Douglas “Doug” Dobb-Absent	Marshal		

There were 11 Companions present as per attendance register.

Sickness and Distress: Peper Mabray recovering from lung cancer surgery, Joseph O’Donnell’s Mom passed, Marcus of WC 409 going into the Masonic Home, Allen Sorbie going to have surgery, MDW has been sick

Special guest and York Rite recognitions 2025-2026

- Richard Coles IV, Rt. Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work representing the Grans Council of Royal and Select Asters of Florida.
- ~~Jonas Seda, Rt. Illustrious District Instructor and Grand Captain of the Guard, representing the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.~~
- ~~Douglas “Doug” Dobbs, Rt. Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master representing the rand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.~~
- Gene Lance, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

- W. Allen Sorbie, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida, Manasota York Rite Mason of the Year 2024 and current Potentate of the Shaib Shrine.
- ~~Albert “Butch” Thurman, Eminent Grand Senior Warden Representing the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Florida.~~
- ~~Gene Sims, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, Rt. Excellent District Instructor Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.~~
- ~~Ray Brownlee, Eminent District Deputy Grand Commander, representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.~~
- ~~Brian Johnsen, Eminent District Instructor and Grand Ambassador to Ohio representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.~~
- ~~Eduardo “Eddie” Sanchez, Rt. Excellent Grand District Deputy Grand Master, representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.~~
- John F. Wermann, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, Most Excellent Grand Ambassador to Florida representing the General Grand Chapter RAM International, Rt Ex President Grand Brotherhood Past District Deputy Grand Masters, CMMRF Grand Representative and Rt Illustrious Grand Ambassador to Alaska representing the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Florida.
- ~~Joseph O’Donnell, Monarch Samoor Grotto, and Patron Bradenton Chapter No. 87 OES. And 3rd Vice President Florida State Grotto Association.~~

Honored Companions and Sir Knights 2025-2026:

2	Knight York Grand Cross of Honor (KYGCH) John Wermann, Allen Sorbie, Sheldon Arpad	1	Walter I Stevenson Award-Butch Thurman, John Wermann
2	Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH) Brian Johnsen, Albert “Butch” Thurman, John Wermann, Allen Sorbie,	2	Adult Leadership Award-John Wermann, Robert Leonard
1	Grand Line Officers of any Body not DDGMs/ Dis Albert Thurman, Richard Coles	1	Cryptic Mason of the Year John Wermann, Brian Johnsen
1	Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH) John Wermann	2	Order of The Purple Cross, Allen Sorbie, John Wermann, Sheldon Arpad
2	Grand Commanders Award (Top Line) Paul Ritchie, John Wermann	0	33 rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, Sheldon Arpad

0	District Deputies of York Rite Bodies, Eduardo Snachez, Ray Brownlee, Douglas "Doug" Dobbs	2	Scottish Rite Knight Commander Court of Honor- Doug Dobbs, Allen Sorbie, John Wermann
0	District Instructors of York Rite Bodies—Brian Johnsen, Gene Sims	6	Past Heads of York Rite Bodies, not KYCH- Paul Ritchie, Richard Coles, Gene Lance, Douglas Dobbs, Justin Broome, Jeff Lawrence, J O'Donnell, Hans Heidi, Michael Blumin
4	Gold Key Award Brian Johnsen, Richard Coles, Butch Thurman, Gene Lance, John Wermann, Allen Sorbie, Judd Broome, Todd Meschelle	2	Grand Brotherhood Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Allen Sorbie, John Wermann (President)
3	Ish Sodi Award-Brian Johnsen, Paul Ritchie, Butch Thurman, Gene Lance, John Wermann, Jeff Lawrence, Richard Coles	1	Current heads of York Rite Bodies including Blue Lodge-Hans Heidi, Michael Blumin, Butch Thurman, Paul Ritchie, Doug Dobbs, John Wermann
3	Meritorious Service Award -John Wermann X's 2, Butch Thurman X's 2, Brian Johnsen, Allen Sorbie	2	First Responders Award-Butch Thurman, Robert Leonard, Paul Ritchie
0	Youth Advocate Award-Brian Johnsen, Doug Dobbs	2	M.I. Grand Masters Award (By Thomas Olsen) Doug Dobbs, Brian Johnsen, Paul Ritchie, John Wermann
4	Manasota York Rite Mason of the Year (started 2023)-Allen Sorbie, Paul Ritchie (2024), Daniel E. Dale, John L. Horne, Louis H. Ortt, Malcomb Ryder, B. John Ross, Eric B West, Gene Lance 2022, John F. Wermann (2012)	0	Sitting Masters, Joseph O'Donnell
0	Youth Advocate Award, Brian Johnsen, Douglas "Doug" Dobbs		

Minutes: Minutes of Assembly held January 7th, 2026, were distributed electronically. This communication contained the minutes, correspondence, warrants and receipts. A copy of the proposed agenda for the Assembly to be held January 14th, 2026. If there is no objections, alterations, additions or deletions, the illustrious Master may declare them approved as distributed.

Correspondence: The minutes and proposed agenda for our Assemblies were distributed via e-Mail. Reports from our investment company were turned over to our Treasurer. Letter to Matt Green State Chairman for CMMRF Donations (see below New Business). Giblemite Award Form sent to DDGM, RI Doug Dobbs 1/16/2026 (he was absent from tonight's meeting).

Warrants: Numbered 225741 CMMRF \$1,310.00 (\$1,00 from Braidentown and \$310 from Ft Meyers). These were approved for payment by vote of the Companions. No 225740-stamps, folders, receipt books, Ink (JFW) \$62.51, 225742 Stipends \$2 X 87 = \$174 Jfw, \$1 X 87= \$87 Allen Sorbie

Receipts: Numbered 225740 \$310.00 (for cmmrf) from Ft Meyers Council No 25, \$544.00 (for Cmmrf), \$135.00 for dues a total of \$989.00 from Braidentown Council No 9 were deposited on November 13, 2025. No 225743 \$405.00 Deposited 12/9/2025 No 2257744 Perpetual pay out \$808.01 and dues \$270.00=Total \$1,078.01 Deposited 1/12/2026

Treasurer's Report: M.I. W. Allen Sorbie to present a Treasurer's report. Next meet

Presentations: None Petitions for membership: None

Old Business:

New Business:

* Recorder wrote a letter to Matt Green, State Chairman CMMRF, explaining the CMMRF Donations of \$1,310.00 sent him by Braidentown Council No. 9: \$310.00 is to be credited to Ft Meyers Council No 9 and \$1,000.00 to be credited to Braidentown Council No 9

* Install Douglas "Doug" Dobbs as Marshal-Next meeting as he was absent

* Discuss Tampa Y/R Festival March 7 & 14th, 2026..They had original said they were not hosting a Spring Festival, and we were going to combine with Ft Meyers. What do we want to do...Allen Sorbie to talk with Tampa and suggest they work with Paul Friend for this festival. If necessary, they to reach out to SOBS for assistance. John Wearmann to work with Ft Myers and establish a degree schedule.

* Paul Friend wants us to participate in their Festival. It will be held 45 minutes from a hotel (?) and will confer degrees Friday night and early Saturday AM? John Wermann directed to let Paul know we would not be able to assist this time.

* Audet Committee appointed Paul Ritchie, Hans Heidi and Richard Coles. They to work with Allen Sorbie and determine a time and date to do the audit.

* Secretary to send EHP Justin " Judd" Broome a copy of his York Rite presentation and the presentation he and Jeff Lawrence wrote.

* High Priest to work on a District 2 & 3 York Rite Night

* MIPGM Gene Lance to set up a Church visit

Masonic Education: None

Announcements:

Sarasota Chapter will next meet on January 28th, 2026 Sarasota Lodge No 147 6:30 School of Instruction to be conducted by R.I Gene Sims. The meeting will be at 7:30PM. This will be the official visit of the DDGHP, R EX Edwardo Sanchaz.

Braidentown Council will next meet February 11, 2026 West Coast Lodge No 409 6:30 Fellowship, 7:30 Meeting, 600 7th Street West Palmetto.

Trinity Commandery will next meet February 5th, 2026 at Scottish Rite Building, 240 South Tuttle Ave Sarasota 6:30 Fellowship 7:30 Meeting

Samoor Grotto will next meet January 15, 2026 at Scottish Rite Building 6:30PM

Master Mason Assoc will meet on January 22nd, 2026 at West Coast Lodge No 409

Master Mason Assoc annual picnic to be held in February 28 2026 at Twin Lakes

With all business having been brought before the Council and proper action taken. Our Illustrious Master, Ill. Justin “Judd” Broome closed Braidentown Council No 9 in full ritualistic form at 8:50PM.

Peace and Harmony prevailed!

Most Zealously and Most Fraternally Submitted:

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Recorder

Illustrious Justin “Judd” Broome
Illustrious Master

Paul Ritchie won the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the Council for Charity.
Total \$36.00.