



Trinity Commandery No. 16 K.T.

Sir Kt Jeffrey

Jeffrey, T. Lawrence, Eminent Commander

Minutes Conclave held on February 5th, AO 908, AD 2026

At Scotch Rite Building, 240 South Tuttle Ave, Sarasota Florida

Opening of Conclave practice at 6:30 PM

The Conclave was called to order at 6:45PM and opened in 9-man ritualic form by E.C. Jeffrey T. Lawrence at The Scottish Rite Building, Sarasota, Florida. at 7:40PM PM, with Officers at their respective posts except as noted below in red. The opening included the Pledge to the Flag of our Country.

Eminent Commander	Jeffrey T. Lawrence		Junior Warden	Robert Leonard
Generalissimo	Douglas "Doug" Dobbs - Allen Sorbie		Ex. Prelate	Dan Luna
Captain General	Justin "Judd" Broome		Standard Bearer	Joseph Odonnell
Treasurer	William Allen Sorbie		Sword Bearer	E. Richard Coles IV
Recorder	John F. Wermann		Warder	Albert "Butch" Thurman
Senior Warden	Brian Johnsen		Sentinel	David Singer-Sick

There were 13 Sir Knights in attendance and on the Sidelines. As per the attendance register Also in attendance Sheldon Arpad, John Higgins, Hans Heidi

Reports of Sickness and Distress: David Singer has the flu, Kevin Oatman surgery

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.
- Eminent Albert "Butch" Thurman Eminent Grand Senior Warden representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

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- ~~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.
- Sheldon Arpad MEPGHP, MIPGM of Washington DC and REPGC of Knights Templar of Florida

Roll call of Honorees

3	Knight York Grand Cross of Honor (KYGCH) john Wermann, Allen Sorbie, Sheldon Arpad	2	Walter I Stevenson Award-Butch Thurman, John Wermann
5	Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH) Brian Johnsen, Albert "Butch" Thurman, John Wermann, Allen Sorbie,	2	Adult Leadership Award-John Wermann, Robert Leonard
2	Grand Line Officers of any Body not DDGMs/ Dis Albert Thurman, Richard Coles	2	Cryptic Mason of the Year John Wermann, Brian Johnsen
1	Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH) John Wermann	3	Order of The Purple Cross, Allen Sorbie, John Wermann, Sheldon Arpad
1	Grand Commanders Award (Top Line) Paul Ritchie, John Wermann	1	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
1	District Instructors of York Rite Bodies—Brian Johnsen, Gene Sims	5	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
6	Gold Key Award Brian Johnsen, Richard Coles, Butch Thurman, Gene Lance, John Wermann, Allen Sorbie, Judd Broome	2	Grand Brotherhood Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Allen Sorbie, John Wermann (President)
6	Ish Sodi Award-Brian Johnsen, Paul Ritchie, Butch Thurman, Gene Lance, John Wermann, Jeff Lawrence, Richard Coles	2	Current heads of York Rite Bodies including Blue Lodge- Butch Thurman, Doug Dobbs, John Wermann
6	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
1	Youth Advocate Award-Brian Johnsen, Doug Dobbs	2	M.I. Grand Masters Award (By Thomas Olsen) Doug Dobbs, Brian Johnsen, Paul Ritchie, John Wermann
2	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, John F. Wermann (2012), Gene Lance (2022)	1	Sitting Masters, Joseph O'Donnell
1	Youth Advocate Award, Brian Johnsen, Douglas "Doug" Dobbs		

Minutes: Minutes of the Conclave held on January 7th, 2026 and proposed agenda for our Conclave to be held on February 5th, 2026 were electronically distributed. These communications contained the minutes, correspondence, warrants, and receipts. Having received no additions, deletions or alterations, the Eminent Commander may order the circulated minutes, proposed agenda and information contained therein. These reports were accepted as published and distributed. Questions and comments are always respectfully received and actively solicited by our Eminent

Correspondence: Minutes of the Conclaves were electronically distributed. Informational robo calls were sent to membership. Financial information was distributed to our Treasurer

Receipts: Receipt No. 203447 \$1,072.00 Deposited 12/9/2025, No 203450 \$626.63 Perpetual pay out and \$391 dues and eye foundation = total \$1,017.63 deposited 1/12/2026

Bills: Warrant No. 862001 990N (\$54.99) Corporate (\$61.25) filings, No 862002 Annual Report \$1,625.00, 862003 Lodge usage for 2025 Sarasota Lodge no 147, \$200.00, for 2026 Scottish Rite Building \$1,000.00, No 862004 Closet rental at Venice Lodge 2026 \$500.00

Treasurer: William Allen Sorbie PEC presented his Treasurer's report for the current period. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the report and file a copy for audit.

Petitions: Eminent Commander directed a ballot be spread for Thomas Praino, Chris Galeone and Shawn Singeisen. The ballot was clear.

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Presentations : A presentation was made by Sheldon Arpad, REPGC at the end of the meeting. See Masonic Education.

Unfinished Business: None were presented

New Business:

- * Install Generalissimo, Douglas "Doug" Dobbs and Senior Warden Brian Johnsen. Do in March 2026
- * Venice Lodge No 301 has agreed to allow Manasota York Rite to rent the end closet for \$500.00 per year. We will also be permitted to rent the Lodge for Degrees and special programs at a rate of \$100.00 per event (Warrant 862004).
- * Souvenir Program add split with Council and Chapter and Commandery to be approved. (1/3 of \$200.00). requested Allen Sorbie do ad as in the past. Secretary to submitted a Warrant. Recorder to send Allen Sorbie a copy of the Manasota York Rite Installation of Officers for 2026—This was done on 2/6/2026.
- * Recorder submitted our Beauceant Award Report Form for 2025 on January 31, 2026.
- * ME Chuck Harper will be attending Ft Myers on March 10, 2026. RE Eddie Sanchez Would like us to come down and have a joint meeting with Poinciana Chapter No 50.
- * DDGC Eduardo Sanchez Jr requested Manasota York Rite hold a joint meeting with Ft Meyers on March 10, 2026 MEGHP Chuck Harper will be visiting them.
- * Allen Sorbie to instruct the recorder how to save records to the cloud and to a stick with out going 1 set of minutes at a time.

Masonic Education: Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad showed 2 framed items and challenged the Sir Knights to guess what they represented and when they were made. No one was able to guess and there were a lot from flags, coffin covers, card table covering, Masonic education prop. (Page 4 of 4 Trinity Commandery No. 16 Minutes February 5th, AO 908, AD 2026) And so on. What they were was "Snuff handkerchiefs" Made between 1830 to 1860. They were made by Lodges and given to Masonic Widows so as they could be sold and the proceeds help support these widows. It was not only well presented but very well received with all Sir Knights participating. RE Sheldon agreed to bring more show and tell.

Announcements:

- The next Conclave for Trinity Commandery No. 16 will be on March 5th, 2026 6:30 Practice , Meeting 7:30PM at the Scottish Rite Building, 240 South Tuttle, Sarasota
- Bradenton Council No. 9 will meet on February 11th, 2026 at West Coast Lodge No 409. Fellowship/practice 6:30 PM meeting at 7:30PM.
- Sarasota Chapter No. 35 to meet on February 25th, 2026, Fellowship/practice 6:30PM meeting 7:30PM at Sarasota Lodge Conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.
- Grotto to meet on Thursday February 19th, 2026, 7:00PM at the Scottish Rite Building.
- The Master Mason Association will meet on February 26th, 2026 at Englewood Lodge Dinner 6:00PM, Meeting 6:45 PM, School of Instruction 7:30PM.
- Mark Master Degree practice February 18th Degree to be conferred on February 25th, 2026
- District 23rds Masonic Picnic will be on February 28th, 2026 at Twin Lakes Park. 11 to 4
- March 7th and 14th, 2026 Tampa York Rite will host it's York Rite Festival.

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All business proper to be brought before the Commandery was dealt with in accordance with our By-Laws, Constitution and by command of our Eminent Commander, E. Jeffrey T. Lawrence, Trinity Commandery No. 16 was closed by full ritualistic form at 9:05PM.

Peace and Harmony Prevailed

Courteously and Fraternally,

Attested by



John F. Wermann, *Recorder*

Jeffrey T. Lawrence, Eminent Commander