

The York Rite of Freemasonry

Jacksonville Bodies

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Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons
Hallmark Council No. 3, Royal & Select Masters
Damascus Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar



The True Word
January 2026

Companions and Sir Knights;
**Nil nisi clavis deest, Templum Hierosolyma,
Clavis ad thesaurum, theca ubi res pretiosa
deponitur.**

Welcome to 2026, we are expecting to have a great York Rite Year. We welcomed 8 new members, introducing a new era of involvement in our Fraternity. Our newly elected and appointed Officers are eager to assume their new roles and continue the storied traditions of your Jacksonville York Rite.

Installation of Officers

Our installation of Officers will be conducted on January 5, 2026, with the meal at 630PM provided by the incoming HP, IM, EC as is our tradition. The new East has already committed to strengthening our membership and to provide a meaningful experience to all.

We give heartfelt thanks to Companion and Sir knight

Mark Balester (HP) and Steve Meserve (IM and EC) for their leadership and guidance this past year. They are a shining example of why we are the best York Rite in Florida.

New Meeting Schedule

Jacksonville Chapter No 12 now meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

Hallmark Council No 3 now meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Damascus Commandery now meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

All three bodies will be dark in July and August.

Spring Festivals

February 7 in Palatka will be the Royal Arch degrees

February 21 in Jacksonville will be the Royal Master Degrees including the Super Excellent.

March 14 in Jacksonville will be the Commandery Orders. Please come out to watch and support our candidates and cast members.

Dues

Please remit Promptly. If you have any questions about your status, contact the Secretary. **Email:** we communicate primarily by email as a cost saving measure. If you do not have email or wish a paper copy, please indicate on your dues notice. Also, when filing out your dues notice, please fill in your Email address as some of the ones I am using seem to be wrong.

Jacksonville Chapter No 12

Convocation 1st Monday of every month except July and August

630PM Dinner meeting to follow

High Priest	Mark Balester	904.403.5370
King	Stephen Meserve	919.280.7653
Scribe	Todd Connor	508.369.3097
Capt. of the Host	Richard Ayers	615.818.7872
Principle Sojourner	Darryl D'Angina	904.268.4401
Royal Arch Captain	Nivaldo Bosio	904.253.3806
Master of the 3 rd Veil		
Master of the 2 nd Veil	Jimmy Dorsey	904.745.8668
Master of the 1 st Veil	Eric Cole	904.899.3001

Hallmark Council No 2

Assembly 2nd Wednesday of every month except July and August

630PM Dinner, meeting to follow

Illustrious Master	Stephen Meserve	919.280.7653
Deputy Master	Todd Connor	508.369.3097
PCW	Richard Ayers	615.818.7872
Captain of the Guard	Larry Rogers	904.699.3798
Conductor of the Council	Jeffery Starke	262.501.4500
Steward	Michael Fay	631.662.6473

Damascus Commandery No 2

Conclave 4th Tuesday of every month except July and August

Dinner 630PM, meeting to follow

Commander	Stephen Meserve	919.280.7653
Generalissimo	Eric Cole	904.899.3001
Captain General	Jeffery Starke	262.280.4500
Senior Warden	Mark Balester	904.403.5370
Junior Warden	Darryl D'Angina	904.268.4401
Prelate	James Vick	
Standard Bearer	Richard Ayers	615.818.7872
Sword Bearer		
Warder	Todd Connor	508.369.3097

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