

UNION GRAND COMMANDERY MAGNANIMOUS ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FLORIDA, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND JURISDICTION, PHA

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2026 YORK RITE WORKSHOP
UNION GRAND COMMANDERY No. 22
Sir Knight Valentino McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Orlando, FL | January 8th, 2026



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2026 York Rite Workshop Proclamation

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"²²Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ²⁴For All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

(1 Peter 1:22-25)

To the Honorable Gus Harris Jr., 20th Most Worshipful Grand Master, to all Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, to all Present and Past Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed, District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, all Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Recorders, Treasurers and all Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies, I bring you greetings from the Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Valentino R. McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH.

Sir Knights, Attention!

Pursuant to the Powers and Authority vested in me by the Constitution, By-Laws, General Regulations, and Statutes, I, Sir Knight Valentino R. McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Union Grand Commandery No. 22 Magnanimous Order of Knight Templar Masons of Florida, Prince Hall Affiliation and it's Jurisdiction, do hereby summon all Grand Commandery Officers Elected and Appointed, all Past REGC., District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, all Present Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Recorders and Treasurers of Subordinate Commanderies owing obedience and allegiance to UNION GRAND COMMANDERY No. 22 to convene with me for our Annual York Rite Workshop in Orlando, Florida held on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026**.

ADAVANCE REGISTRATION is \$50 per member. ON SITE REGISTRATION is \$125 per member. Cut-off for Advance Registration is **December 1st, 2025**. Each Commandery must pre-register their (5) Principal Officers, whether in attendance or not. (Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Recorder, Treasurer). Registration for this event is Online, please complete the [UGC22 2026 York Rite Workshop Registration Form](#).

All elected and appointed Grand Officers are expected to pre-register through their local Commandery, whether in attendance or not. Local Recorders can send payment electronically through Zelle using the Eminent Grand Treasurer email address EGTUGC22@gmail.com. Zelle is the preferred method of payment for Union Grand Commandery, but Recorder's can still mail Payment (Check or Money Order) to **ATTN: EGR Juan Vega P.O. Box 23956 Jacksonville, FL 32241**. Payments should be payable to **Union Grand Commandery No. 22**. There will be a \$40 charge (plus bank fees) for all returned checks.

Badge Pick Up will be Thursday morning (January 9th, 2025) starting at 0900 hrs. Eminent Commander or Deputy to pick up Registration Packet.



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LODGING ACCOMODATIONS

Host Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld. You can call (407) 352-1100 to make your reservations. Use “**York Rite Weekend 2026.**” The room rate is \$139.00 per night plus applicable taxes/fees for a standard single (king bed) or standard double (queen beds). Reservation cut-off date is December 1, 2025. *(After December 1, 2025, reservation requests are confirmed on guestroom and convention rate availability. If the rate is not available, the prevailing hotel rate will apply.)*

The Pass Key for Hotel Reservations:

The pass key for the York Rite Workshop is below. Please click the hyperlink below to access the hotel reservation site:

[LINK TO DOUBLETREE BY HILTON - ORLANDO AT SEAWORLD - PASS KEY](#)

ATTIRE

Commandery Polo or Button Down Shirt, Black Dress Pants, Black Socks and Shoes, Fatigue Cap, and Sword.

MISC. REMINDERS

- **PEC DEGREE:** All newly elected Eminent Commanders **MUST** be present at 0800hrs on Thursday, January 9th, 2026.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee reports assignments will occur during our workshop. All committee reports are due back to the Eminent Grand Recorder by **March 15, 2026**



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This Communication is required to be shared with all Sir Knights and read at all Local Commandery meetings until Workshop in January.

Yours In Knightly Courtesy,

Valentino R. McBride Jr.

Sir Knight Valentino McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED BY:

Juan R. Vega

Sir Knight Juan R. Vega
Eminent Grand Recorder



CC: The Honorable Gus Harris Jr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Florida, & Jurisdiction, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated

All Grand Department Heads

All Elected and Appointed Officers of Union Grand Commandery No.22

All Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders

All District Deputy Eminent Grand Commanders

All Eminent Commanders

All Subordinate Commanderies Recorders & Sir Knights



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2026 Annual York Rite Workshop PROPOSED AGENDA

Day	Time	Event
Wed, Jan 7 th	1800-2000	Registration Pick Up (EC or DDGEC)
Wed, Jan 7 th	1830 - 1900	Asylum Consecration
Thur, Jan 8 th	0900 – 1000	PEC Degree (Assemble at 0800hrs)
Thur, Jan 8 th	1000 – 1030	Opening of 2026 UGC No. 22 Workshop (Short Form) ATTIRE: Full KT Fatigue Dress OR KT Polo, Black Slacks & Shoes, KT Cap, Belt, and Sword
Thur, Jan 8 th	1030 - 1045	Reception of Right Eminent Grand Commander
Thur, Jan 8 th	1045 - 1115	Reception of Dept. Heads & Visiting Dignitaries
Thur, Jan 8 th	1115 - 1130	Reception of MW Grand Master & Cabinet
Thur, Jan 8 th	1130 - 1145	Roll Call Grand Officers, Deputies & Commanderies
Thur, Jan 8 th	1145 - 1200	Poll for Lunch Break (1 hour)
Thur, Jan 8 th	1200 - 1400	Presentation & Training
Thur, Jan 8 th	1400 – 1415	Dept Head & Dignitaries Remarks
Thur, Jan 8 th	1415 – 1430	R.E. Grand Commander Remarks
Thur, Jan 8 th	1430 - Until	20 th MWGM - The Hon. Gus Harris Jr. Remarks
Thur, Jan 8 th	1500	Closing of Annual Workshop

Time & Events Subject to Change