



## Rochester York Rite

### Temple Chapter No 20 - Orient Council No 14 - Palestine Commandery No 11

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## Rochester York Rite Calendar

### Rochester York Rite Stated Meetings, Tuesday, September 5, 2017:

6:30 PM: Supper provided by the Rochester Rainbow Assembly. Ladies, as always, you are our guests.

7:30 PM: Stated Meetings: *Chapter*, **Council**, and *Commandery*. (**Bold** opens. *Italics* does Education program)

### Other Rochester York Rite Events:

September 28, Thursday, 7 PM, the Rochester Round Table will confer the Mark Master Mason degree for our two candidates.

### Other NH York Rite Events:

September 11, Monday, Nashua, Meridian Sun Chapter No 9 Visitation, 6:30 supper, 7:30 work

September 12, Tuesday, Portsmouth, Washington Chapter No 3, Inspection, 6:30 supper, 7:30 Royal Arch Mason

September 19, Tuesday, Concord, Trinity Chapter No 2, Visitation, 6:30 supper, 7:30 work

September 25, Monday, Nashua, Meridian Sun Chapter No 9 Inspection, 6:30 supper, 7:30 Most Excellent Master

September 26, Tuesday, Colebrook, Evening Star Council No 13, Inspection, 6:30 supper, 7:30 Royal Master

### Comments:

Your officers hope that you have enjoyed the warm summer weather, but are now ready for cooler temps and the coming wonderful fall foliage colors that we find so inspiring. As you see by all the NH York Rite events listed above, we are starting back to work in a big way. We hope you can find time to enjoy the visitations and inspections that are scheduled for this month.

Your comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome and are being requested concerning our TrestleBoard, now that we are not limited to 1 sheet of paper (the bulk mail requirement). Please, send me your articles for inclusion in the TrestleBoard!

Note: If you send an email or text message and do not get a timely response, please make a phone call for an immediate response.

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## Is masonry a religion?

Freemasonry is not a religion per se, but agnostics or atheists cannot belong, said Brent Morris, a Masonic historian, editor of the [Scottish Rite Journal](#), and a 33rd degree Freemason.

"This is an organization of believers," he said. "When it was started on a formal basis in 1717, many historians believe that it was trying to bridge the gap between the religious civil wars that had been going on in England at the time. The Catholics would get in power and beat up on the Protestants; the Protestants would get in power and beat up on the Catholics; and everyone was beating up on the Jews.

"So when the Freemasons were formed, [they] said, 'Here's a group of men that agree that God is central in their lives, they can even agree that God compels them to do good in the community, then they can shut up after that.'" That was a radical concept -- that men could get together and agree on that fundamental level, and then get on with their lives."

So could an atheist join? No, said James Sullivan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York: "The reason we, I think in the past, wanted somebody that had a belief in a supreme being is because we take certain obligation to be a good man, to support the fraternity. And if you didn't have a belief in a supreme being, the obligation would mean nothing."

[www.cbsnews.com/news/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-freemasonry/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-freemasonry/) - - -

Rochester York Rite Officers.

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