

Grand York Rite Bodies of Montana

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
Established June 25, 1891

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
Established March 29, 1910

Grand Commandery of KT
Established May 14, 1888

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MONTHLY BULLETIN for SEPTEMBER 2024

To all officers and members of Montana York Rite Bodies. Herein is the listing of the activities as reported by the various York Rite Bodies for the month of SEPTEMBER 2024. Please read at your next meeting or distribute to your members and place on file.

PASSINGS

GRAND YORK RITE OFFICERS MEGHP / MIGM / REGC

Below is the contact information for the three heads of the three Montana Grand York Rite Bodies. If you would like to have one, two or all three to visit your York Rite Body, Install your officers, etc., you must contact them directly.

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RARA / CMMRF / KTEF

Just a push / reminder about the three (3) York Rite Charities... your support of all three charities is needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to one, or all three; please find the forms by following the links or yorkrite.org. You do NOT need to send in to the Grand York Rite office... just send your donation directly to the charity... they keep track of all donations... and will send you a receipt...

YORK RITE DIRECTORY 2024 – 2025

The York Rite Directory will be completed and distributed (via email – to try to save on postage) by August 1st, 2024. If I do not have the information of your to-be-installed officers of your local Chapters / Councils / Commanderies (HP, IM, EC, Sec / Rec, Treas.) then only the Sec / Rec of note will be printed. A hard copy will go out to each York Rite Bodies. Directory is attached via email. Please note any changes / corrections as necessary. (Email me with said corrections) An updated version will be sent out via email to all Companions / Sir Knights of whom I have their email addresses.

NW DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

Companions / Sir Knights All... The NW Department Conference will be held on Oct. 18 – 19, 2024. Said conference will be held in Spokane, WA. Details regarding accommodations will be forthcoming... please plan accordingly...

YORK RITE EDUCATION

There are several good educational programs available to all York Rite Masons. First, the Capitular Development Course for Royal Arch Masons is available through the efforts of the Grand Chapter of New York and the General Grand Chapter. You can order / purchase the materials through an online search for “Capitular Development Course”, etc. (Cost is approximately \$20.00) (A copy of said material was provided to the individual Chapters in Montana through a grant of the Tesch – Hedges Fund.) Secondly, a good course for Cryptic Masonry is available through Building Stone Publishing entitled Cryptic Masonry Education Course. You can do an online / facebook search for Building Stone Publishing. A copy of the Cryptic Education

program was provided by MIGM Ronny Aasterud to each of the Councils within the State (through a generous grant from the Tesch - Hedges Fund.). Again cost is appx \$20.00. Lastly, the Grand Encampment education course on line is once again available. Go to Yorkrite.org, go to Grand Encampment and follow the links on said page.

Please note the update regarding a new series of education on Capitular Education on the GGCRAMI (General Grand Chapter RAM Intl) website. (ggcrami.org)

SECRETARIES / RECORDERS

IMPORTANT!: To all Secretaries / Recorders... I am in need of any and all information for your new Companions / Sir Knights, to include: Date of Birth, Full Name, Address, Phone Number, Wife / Spouses Name, which Chapter / Council / Commandery, etc. and the DATES of their Exaltation / Greeting and Knighting. Please send any information regarding such to me in a timely manner... do not wait until the end of the year, etc.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT DATABASE (YRIS)

The Grand Encampment Database (MMS) now includes information for Chapter and Council. Robert Bigley and Marci Martinez have worked very diligently to import the data from the Grand Chapter / Grand Council of Montana. There will be some incomplete / incorrect data... we will have to work on correcting said data. I have requested access to all Secretaries / Recorders throughout the State. However, you must request to have access granted. Additionally, you must send to me any and all changes as made to the MMS database so that I may continue updating the database which remains in State. ALL Sec. / Rec. should and will be on the database..... again, if you have any trouble... contact me and we will get it figured out.....

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Dear secretaries all... If you are going to purchase a life membership for any Comp. / SK... or to increase the value / holdings of your own life membership, please write out one check; made payable to **Stifel**... and send me a note denoting who the life membership is for, how much for each body, etc. [(Example) I.e.: one check # 1234, amount: \$300.00, for PLM for Comp. / SK John Doe; \$87.50 for RAM, \$62.50 for CM and \$150.00 for KT.] Thank you.

COSTUMES / UNIFORMS

If any York Rite Body within Montana (I.e. Chapter, Council or Commandery) has any extra costumes / uniforms, please contact me as there is need across the jurisdiction.

BIG SKY MASONIC-CON 2025

We are now in the planning stages for Big Sky Masonic-Con 2025 (April 25th / 26th, 2025). If you are interested in presenting a topic, please contact Roger E. Cathel at recathel-owp@msn.com. Looking forward to seeing many of you here in April 2025...

KT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The members of the KT Education Committee will be meeting to establish rules and protocols for providing grants to students. The committee will be reviewing all rules as established by Grand Encampment, and establishing our protocols to be followed within our jurisdiction. Information to follow shortly...

GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

The Grand Encampment Triennial took place in Salt Lake City without incident... as expected SK David Kussman was installed to serve his term as Grand Master, other elections took place as expected... Regardless, a good time was enjoyed by all the Sir Knights in attendance...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Installations:

Great Falls York Rite Bodies: September 12th, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:30 p.m. – please email me if you are interested in dinner)

APPENDANT BODY WEEKEND!!!!.. Appendant Body Weekend will be on Friday / Saturday, September 27th / 28th, 2024 in Missoula, MT.... A registration form is attached.... Please plan on attending.....

If you are a Grand Line officer in any of the York Rite Grand Bodies... please plan on attending as there will be training and reports / updates.

Remember, if you have any events that you would like broadcast York Rite – wide... I need to know about them... send me an email to let me know.....

Fraternally Submitted,

Roger E. Cathel, GS/R