

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 MAY 2025

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 MAY 2025. Please read at your next meeting or distribute to your members and place on file.

PASSINGS

George Sexton, (MIGM 1999 – 2000), passed away on April 5, 2025. I have been notified that a service for Most Illustrious Companion George is being planned for May, but no confirmed date has been set.

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 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.

GRAND SESSIONS 2024 – 2025

Grand Sessions 2024 – 2025 registration forms are attached to this bulletin. Please take note of the cut-off dates for RSVPs / Room Reservations... (I have already reserved my room....) Please remember that the Grand Sessions will be held in Missoula this year. Missoula has hosted great events over the course of their history, and I expect nothing less..... Hope to see you all at Grand Sessions.

YORK RITE CAMPING TRIP

York Rite Camping Trip is planned for August 1st – 3rd, 2025 at the Sapphire Village near Hobson, MT.

Please contact Comp. / SK Guy Maberry @ 406-350-1167 for more details.

It stands to be a great time... I even get to come and participate this year!!!! (Roger)

TESCH – HEDGES SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT

It is that time of year to apply for the Tesch – Hedges Scholarship / Grant. Attached are the forms and rules for application for said grant. Please complete and have them back to the office by July 1st, 2025. In regards to continuing education, trade schools may be considered; so please apply...

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

