

# 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 APRIL 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 APRIL 2024. Please read at your next meeting or distribute to your members and place on file.

## PASSINGS

Comp. / SK Harold N. Uecker (9, 4, 8) Passed on March 31, 2024

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 (YRIS) 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 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 YRIS database so that I may continue updating the database which remains in State.

## **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 YORK RITE SESSIONS 2023 – 2024**

I have attached the registration materials for the Grand York Rite Sessions for Montana 2023 – 2024. Please note and take action accordingly. I am also forwarding this information to Comp./ SK Dan Pushee III for inclusion on the MT York Rite website ([mtyorkrite.org](http://mtyorkrite.org))

The Grand Sessions will be held at the Great Falls Masonic Temple. Several of the local hotels are noted with blocks of rooms for said event.

Looking forward to seeing you all here.....

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Also... [Big Sky Masonic-Con 2024](#) will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024... Attached is itinerary and registration materials for said event.**

**Also, Also... [1717 Fundraiser](#) for Bozeman York Rite**

**Grand York Rite Sessions: May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (Great Falls, MT)**

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

