



# Grand York Rite of Idaho Newsletter



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To better serve the Idaho York Rite Bodies, this newsletter will be used for local activities and newsworthy items to share. If you have items to share, please send them to the Grand Recorder, [grndyri1@gmail.com](mailto:grndyri1@gmail.com).

Summer is almost over so let's get back to work.

Things to do:

Present the York Rite PowerPoint Presentation to your local Lodges  
PowerPoint Presentation available from Grand Recorder  
Plan for Chapter, Council and Commandery of Excellence Programs for 2024

The requirements information is on the website along with the forms.

Petitions, Petitions and Petitions

Start planning for the Christmas Observance for your Commandery.

Visit another York Rite Body

## September Happenings

When	What	Where
21-23 Sep	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Red Lion, Boise
26 Sep 7 pm	MIGM Official Visit, King Solomon Council #4	Payette
28-30 Sep	Grand Court Amaranth Annual Sessions	Riverside Hotel
30 Sep 9 am	Mark Master Degree, Lewiston Chapter #4	Moscow



**REMINDER: Northwest/Southwest Department Conference**

**Salt Lake City, 20-21 October 2023**

Register on the website: [nwyr.org](http://nwyr.org)

## RECAP of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Triennial.

Last month, I attended the 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and the 72nd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International along with Steve Hall, Jeremy Vaughn, and David Grindle.

On Sunday afternoon came the Public Opening which included a flag ceremony. After that, the General Grand Chaplains led us to a Memorial Service for those Companions who have departed during this Triennium.

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Monday morning, the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Missouri opened a Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. Then he had the officers of the General Grand Council escorted in and introduced. The Most Puissant General Grand Master then closed the Grand Council of Missouri and opened the 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

After the obligatory Masonic introductions of distinguished guests, the General Grand Master gave his allocation. Among the items needing action was the approval to grant a charter to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters the Federated States of Brazil. Sadly, the dispensations for Germany and Paraguay were revoked. One piece of legislation that was introduced was a rewritten Constitution, but it was defeated.

The following Companions were elected and installed to serve as officers for the General Grand Council:

William Snyder, General Grand Master-elect  
Tom Taylor, Deputy General Grand Master  
Keith Powell, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
Charles McCollum, General Grand Treasurer  
Mark Irwin, General Grand Recorder

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) Board meeting was held in the afternoon and there was an excellent presentation given. The General Grand Council officers for the 49th Triennium were then installed.

The Deputy General Grand Master for the Northwest Region is Rabi Pfeifer, PIGM of Washington, and the Ambassador for Idaho is Robert Farrow, PIGM of Idaho.

Tuesday morning, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the 72nd Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International was convened. After the allocation of the General Grand High Priest, there was a discussion on committee reports, but then we moved to elections and the following officers were selected:

Teko Foley, General Grand High Priest  
Chad Burks, General Grand King  
Reed Fanning, General Grand Scribe  
Joe Kier, General Grand Treasurer  
Dick Browning, General Grand Secretary

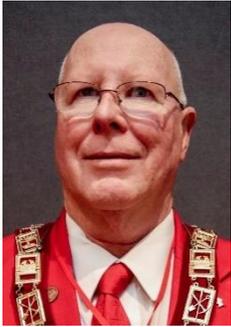
The Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northwest Region is Tim Forbis, PGHP of Wyoming, and the Ambassador for Idaho is Bruce Wethered, PGHP of Idaho.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Barry E. Newell

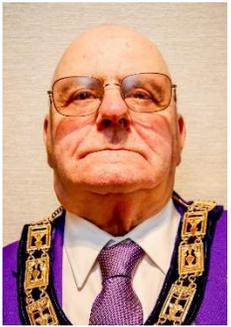
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## Meet your new Presiding Officers:



2023-2024  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
Steven L. Hall  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
Member of Mountain Home Chapter #24



2023-2024  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
Clinton A. 'Bud' Wethered  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons  
Member of Idaho Council #1



2023-2024  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
Bruce A. Wethered  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho  
Member of Idaho Commandery #1

### **SYNOPSIS of Legislation passed at Grand York Rite Sessions.**

Grand Chapter RAM – Resolution R23-01 – Constitution, Article XXVI, New Section 2 concerning Vacancies in Office.

Resolution R23-02 – Constitution, Article XI, Election, Appointment & Installation of Grand Chapter Officers. This Resolution was amended. All Grand Officers are to be installed into office and the Progressive Line is MEGHP, GKING, GSCRIBE, GCOH AND GPS.

Resolution R23-03 withdrawn

Resolution R23-04 withdrawn

Grand Council CM – Resolution C23-01 – Constitution, New Article XXIII

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Resolution C23-02 – Constitution, Article X, Election, Appointment & Installation of Grand Council Officers. This Resolution was amended. All Grand Officers are to be installed into office and the Progressive Line is MIGM, DGM, GPCW, GCOG AND GCOC.

Resolution C23-03 Failed

Resolution C23-04 Withdrawn

Grand Commandery KT – Resolution K23-01 – Constitution, Article X, Sections 101 & 102. This Resolution was amended. All Grand Officers are to be installed into office and the Progressive Line is REGC, VEDGC, GGEN, GCG, GSW.

Resolution K23-02 Failed

Resolution K23-03 – Regulations – New Regulation L1 Life Sponsorship to be paid by the Grand Commandery as a budgeted line-item.

Regulation K23-04 Withdrawn

### **Membership Statistics**

To date for this year:

#### **DEATHS**

Richard B. Carson, CH 29, CM 8 KT 5  
Arthur F. Easley, CH 16, CM 7, KT 10  
Charles T. Gottsch, CH 10  
Denis G. Long, CH 4, CM 10, KT 2  
Ronald M. Lowe, CH 3,16, CM 1, KT 1  
Jerry L. Lynch, CH 10, CM 9, KT 6  
Robert W. Ranells, CH 24  
Frank M. Wadkins, CH 24

#### **DEMITS**

Michael L. Meline, CH 29, CM 8, KT 5

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Kenneth R. Wenhold, Keystone Chapter # 29, Emerald Council #8  
Justin Boyer, Boise Chapter #3  
Mark E. Essary, Boise Chapter #3  
R. Arlen Marshall, Boise Chapter #3

Congratulations on the accomplishment!!

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# A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Proceedings of 1921:

## PETITION FOR CHARTER

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Idaho, Greetings:*

We, the undersigned Royal Arch Masons in good standing, being either a petitioner for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter at Mountain Home, Idaho, and named in the Dispensation heretofore the said Dispensation, or a Companion who joins herein by the unanimous consent of the Chapter working under the said Dispensation, are now desirous of having a Charter granted to Mountain Home Chapter U.D., and we represent that we have, while working under the said Dispensation, acquired the paraphernalia and equipment necessary to the conferring of the several Capitula degrees in a proper manner; that the officers are competent to open and close Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, according to the established customs and usages of the Royal Craft, and that we have regularly conferred the several Capitular Degrees in due and ancient form as prescribed by the laws of the Grand Chapter.

We, therefore, now pray that a Charter or WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION be granted to said MOUNTAIN HOME CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, and we do hereby nominate and recommend Companion Axel F. Anderson to be the Excellent High Priest, Companion Frank M. Hobbs to be the King, and Companion Fred W. Bennett to be the Scribe of the said Chapter! And we hereby propose as the name of the said Chapter:

### MOUNTAIN HOME CHAPTER No. 24

#### *Original Signers of Petitions for Dispensation*

Axel Frederick Andeson	Frank E. Wilson
Alonzo W. Kaler	James H. Bridgewood
Frank Gridley Ticknor	Giles Ziegler
Darwin A. Utter	Charles Emery Blodgett
Cyrus Russell Wetherell	Lester V. Skilling
John Frederick Schoenecke	Wilber D. Southworth

#### *Members Who Have Affiliated from Other Chapters*

John N. Barnhart

#### *Exalted*

Frank Moses Hobbs	Roscoe Edgar Whittaker
Chris Emil Hendricks, Jr.	Victor Charles Rowett
Walter William Fountain	Oscar Edward Cannon
Demas M. Vandegrift	John Burch Chattin
Ralph Ruben Osborn	Robert Cooke Chattin
Gilbert Carl Zacher	Frank Lawrence Brady
John F. Gaines	Harrison Brown
Joseph Cooley Barrett	James C.H. Christian

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Alva Asbury White  
Henry F. Koch  
Roscoe W. Smith  
Ernest Blunk  
Fred William Bennett  
Richard Henry Bennett  
Clay McCornick Pickrell

William N Wallace  
French G. White  
Joseph Samuel Bennett  
Stephen Frederick Lewis  
Jacob Earl Shook  
Curtis Lee Swan  
Elmore S. Thomas

CHARTER OF MOUNTAIN HOME CHAPTER No. 24

*“Sit Lux, et Lux Fuit”*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho

*To All and Every, Our Loving Companions – Send Greetings:*

KNOW YE, That we, at the Petition of our Excellent and Beloved Companions Axel F. Anderson, John F. Schoenecke, Frank G. Ticknor, Darin A. Utter, Frank E. Wilson, Wilbur D. Southworth, Giles Ziegler, Erick Brunell, Lester V. Skilling, Alanzo W. Kaler, James H. Bridgewood, Cyrus R. Wetherell, John W. Caldwell, residing at or near Mountain Home, in the County of Elmore, and State of Idaho, do hereby constitute the said Companions into a REGULAR CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, to be opened at the aforesaid Mountain Home by the name of MOUNTAIN HOME CHAPTER No. 24.

And do further, at the said Petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in the above-named Companions, hereby appoint Axel F. Anderson, High Priest; Frank G. Ticknor, King, and Darwin A. Utter, Scribe, for opening the said Chapter, and for such time of officers of that Chapter, but that the same shall be only as may be thought proper by the Companions thereof; it being our will that our appointment shall in no way affect any future election of officers of that Chapter, but that the same shall be according to the Regulations of the Chapter, and consistent with the General Laws of the Society, contained in the Book of Constitutions.

AND WE DO HEREBY REQUIRE YOU, the said Mountain Home Chapter No. 24, to take special care that all and every, the said Companions, are, or have been regularly made Royal Arch Masons, and that they do perform, and observe, and keep, all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and also, such as may, from time to time, be transmitted to you from us. And further, that you do, from time to time, cause to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, as account of your proceedings in the Chapter, together with such regulations as shall be made for the good government thereof, a copy of which you are in no way to omit laying before the Grand Chapter once in each year, together with a list of the members of the Chapter. That you annually pay into the Grand Treasury such sum as may be required of you toward the Grand Chapter Fund. AND MOREOVER, we hereby will and require of you, the said Mountain Home Chapter No. 24, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account, in writing, of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

GIVEN at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, under our hand and seal of the Grand Chapter this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.I. 2451, A.D. 1921.

ERNEST J. OSTRANDER, *Grand High priest.*

RALPH T. MORGAN, *Deputy Grand High Priest.*

[Seal]

FRANCIS JENKINS, *Grand King.*

JAY R. MASON, *Grand Scribe.*

PERRY C. MARSHALL, *Grand Secretary*

Mountain Home Chapter No. 24 is 102 years old!



Boise Chapter No. 3 conferred the Royal Arch Mason Degree on 22 June 2023.



There were three Idaho candidates and one Oregon candidate.  
Great job!!