



# 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).



Fall is upon us so let's keep the momentum going!

Twin Falls York Rite gave the York Rite Presentation to two lodges in their area. November is coming up and it will be time for the Annual Election of Officers.

## October Happenings

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
20-21 Oct	Northwest/Southwest Department Conference	Salt Lake City

**Mentorship-** Definition: **The act or process of helping and guiding another person to support their personal development.** Note that we've said 'personal' development here rather than 'career' development – and that's because ultimately, mentoring is about people.

Does your York Rite Body have a MENTORSHIP Program? Have you assigned a mentor to your new members? Do you make personal contact with them and inform them of your meetings and social events? If the answer to these questions is no then you need to get with it now. Involve the new members and make them feel welcome, needed and give them something to do and begin teaching them about the fellowship of Masonry and the York Rite.

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# A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Commandery Proceedings of 1906:

## FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

### INDIAN TERRITORY

Six Commanderies; 329 Swords.

The Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indian Territory was held in the city of Ada, April 19, 1906.

The Grand Officers and a constitutional number of representatives of constituent Commanderies being present, the Grand Commandery was opened in Ample form.

The Committee on Credentials having reported, the Grand Commander, Sir Knight John Coyle, read the Annual Address. It is short and business-like. He granted several dispensations, one to open a Commandery at Tulsa, to which subsequently was issued a charter and the Commandery was instituted as Trinity Commandery No. 7. The Grand Commander instituted Ada Commandery No. 6 under charter and installed the officers.

A committee from Oklahoma urging a union of the two Grand Commanderies of Oklahoma and Indian territory was cordially received, but no action taken. Now that joint statehood has been secured, we look for a jointure of the two Grand Commanderies into one, that will be a credit to the new and powerful and prosperous State of Oklahoma.

Cash on hand, \$862.28. Gain in membership, 14.

No correspondence.

The next Annual Conclave of Indian Territory will be held at Chickosha, in April, 1907.

Sir Knight Frank Smith, So. McAlester, R.E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, E. Grand Recorder.

### **Report on the Silent Auction**

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho:*

Last November I had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land as part of the "In the Footsteps of Jesus Program" that falls under the Holy Land Pilgrimage sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA. This trip was truly a life-changing moment and I got to see so much.

In the middle of the trip, our group visited Bethlehem and before we left, we stopped by the Bethlehem New Store which is run by the Nissan family. The Nissan family is one of the very few remaining Christian families in the Holy Land.

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The family is still using the Aramaic Language in their prayers, which is the ancient language spoken by our Lord and Savior, the same language spoken by the Prophets Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They even repeated the Lord's Prayer for us in Aramaic. Their store is one of the oldest olive wood factories in Bethlehem. We spent time in the store and I bought a lot of things (Christmas was coming), but I also bought three items for the purpose of auctioning them off and raising money to bring Idaho to 100% Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: 6" x 6" Jerusalem Cross with "God Bless our Home" on it.

9.8" x 6.5" Latin Cross

11.8" x 11.8" Jerusalem Cross with the Lord's Prayer inscribed on it.

During the 120th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho, these three items were auctioned off and we raised \$670.00.

Fraternally Submitted,

Barry E. Newell, KCT, KTCH  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho

**Thanks to your generous donations, new legislation, Trusts and Wills, the Grand Commandery of Idaho received the 100% participation in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship Program!!**

Have you received the NEW Knights Templar Magazine? WOW!! What a difference and huge thanks to Sir Knight Ben Williams for his hard work on making this happen.

As the year is nearing the end, please do not forget to make and mail your donations to the RARA, CMMRF AND KTEF.

If you are interested in joining the York Rite, please feel free to contact the Recorder:

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Lewiston Chapter No 4                      Secretary John W. Zeller, Sr. (208) 413-0375

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Payette Chapter No 8                      Secretary John H. Blake, (208) 549-1627

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