



# 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).



November brings cooler weather and time to prepare for winter. But this does not signal a slowdown for our work.

### Reminders:

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

Finalize planning for the Christmas Observance for your Commandery.

Visit another York Rite Body

## Upcoming Happenings

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
16 Nov	Council Degrees	Boise Masonic Center, 7PM
28 Nov	Thanksgiving	Your House
17 Dec	Boise Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Boise Masonic Center, 4 PM
17 Dec	Twin Falls Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Jerome Lodge, 4 PM

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## A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Council Proceedings of 1938:

### A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE GRAND MASTER

Companion Dell O. Bellamy was born May 18, 1875, at Elkport, Clayton County, Iowa. His father was then engaged in farming. In the spring of 1880 his father took up his trade as a carpenter, and in the late summer of the same year, he entered the service of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad, building depots and freight houses at various points along their lines.

In the early spring of 1882 the family moved from Iowa Falls to Northwestern Kansas and settled on a homestead four miles south of Herndon in Rawlins County. As a boy he helped his father tame the western prairies. There were no schools until 1887, and in the fall of that year he attended school for three months in a sod school house built on the northeast corner of his father's farm. This was the extent of his schooling.

In July 1889, the family moved to Ogden, Utah, where his father engaged in contracting and building, and he was an apprentice carpenter.

In May, 1890, the family moved to Bancroft, Idaho (then called Squaw Creed), where his father filed on a desert claim. Here he helped his father get out house logs, fence posts, and poles, clearing land and plowing.

March 20, 1891, he entered the service of the Oregon Short Line railroad (now styled the Union Pacific), in which service he has been employed in various capacities ever since.

He was made a Master Mason in Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19, Idaho, August 19, 1903. He demitted to Portneuf Lodge No. 18, Idaho, January 13, 1915; served as acting Worshipful Master in 1918, account of Master-elect James F. Fulton moving to California shortly after being installed; elected Worshipful Master for the year 1919.

He was exalted in Pocatello Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., November 6, 1916, and elected High Priest for the year 1920; appointed Grand Master Third Veil in the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. for Idaho May 18, 1938.

He was knighted in Gate City Commandery No 4, Knights Templar, April 25, 1918; elected Eminent Commander June 2, 1925. He was appointed May 18, 1938 Warder in the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Idaho, by Sir Knight Lewis W. Ensign, Right Eminent Grand Commander, at Wallace, May 22, 1926, and filled every station in

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regular gradation, and was elected Grand Commander May 18, 1934, at Payette.

He was received and greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Bannock Council No. 2, Pocatello, December 8, 1919; elected Illustrious Master for 1922; was appointed Grand Conductor of Council at the forming of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho at Payette, May 17, 1934; was elected M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho at the Fifth Annual Assembly held at Boise May 18, 1938.

He is a member of El Korah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Boise, crossing the desert sands at the Ceremonial held at Pocatello May 18, 1918, and is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite bodies, Valley of Pocatello, Orient of Idaho.

He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Utah at Salt Lake City, March 20, 1936. Elected Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of Idaho at Twin Falls, May 19, 1937, and re-elected to the same station at the Convention of the Grand Council at Boise, May 17, 1938.

He was installed a Knight Companion in St. Michael's Conclave No. 22, Imperial, Ecclesiastical and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, at Boise, October 2, 1936.

He is a member of Ruth Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star, Idaho, and served as Worthy Patron during the year 1925.

## MENTOR'S CORNER

Mentors should encourage and explain what is involved in Masonic development. Use the New Member Packet as a guide for training the new member. A mentor can help focus their efforts by setting goals and giving feedback. Mentors should be reliable, available and knowledgeable. Very important – track your progress!



**GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS** For 2024 will be held in Burley, Idaho at the Burley Inn and Convention Center, 800 N. Overland Ave. The Sessions will be on April 18-20, 2024 so plan now to be there.



## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION, DIVISION OF IDAHO

In September, Cora R. Frank, a second-year student at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, was presented a Scholarship Check by Sir Knight and Secretary of the Knights Templar Education Foundation Division of Idaho, David A. Grindle. Cora is studying Medical Assisting which is a two-year program.

