



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.



Winter is here so get the snow shovel ready.

December is Annual Installation of Officers.

December Happenings

When	What	Where
17 Dec	Boise Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Boise Masonic Center, 4 PM
17 Dec	Twin Falls Knights Templar Christmas Observance	Jerome Lodge, 4 PM

MENTOR'S CORNER

New members should be given a sense of purpose and a sense of belonging. Include them on a committee and invite them to participate in degree work. They need to be involved in the organization, learn how it works and teach them the meaning of 'Brotherhood and the ideals of Masonry.'

DID YOU KNOW:

Every Blue Lodge Mason is already a York Rite Mason. Yes, it is true. In the Blue Lodge someone passed away and something was lost. Do want to know where the lost item was found and by whom? Continue the story and continue the journey of Masonry. This can be accomplished by becoming a member of the York Rite. Contact the Grand York Rite Recorder for more information.

A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Chapter Proceedings of 1922 held at St. Maries:
Annual Returns

23 Chapters	Membership	Dues
Cyrus Chapter No. 2	55	\$3.00
Boise Chapter No. 3	357	\$5.00
Lewiston Chapter No. 4	120	\$1.50
Pocatello Chapter No. 6	345	\$3.00
Moscow Chapter No. 7	75	\$1.50
Payette Chapter No. 8	116	\$3.00
Wallace Chapter No. 9	126	\$3.00
Idaho Falls No. 10	125	\$3.00
Weiser Chapter No. 11	65	\$3.00
Coeur d'Alene Chapter No. 12	149	\$3.00
Grangeville Chapter No. 13	43	\$3.00
Salmon Chapter No. 14	33	\$5.00
Twin Falls Chapter No. 15	213	\$4.00
King Solomon Chapter No. 16	97	\$5.00
Sandpoint Chapter No. 17	56	\$4.00
St. Maries Chapter No. 18	117	\$3.00
Caldwell Chapter No. 19	79	\$2.00
Yreka Chapter No. 20	87	\$4.00
Buhl Chapter No. 21	93	\$4.00
Rupert Chapter No. 22	82	\$5.00
Blackfoot Chapter No. 23	88	\$3.00
Mountain Home No. 24	59	\$3.00
Bonnors Ferry Chapter No. 25 UD		
Total Membership:	2,580	



ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

In the full form opening of the Royal Arch Chapter we hear the passwords of the 4 Veils. Have you ever wondered why these particular words were chosen when the ritual was written or what significance they may have to the Degree of the Royal Arch?

As you will recall during the Lecture of the Royal Arch Degree we learn that this Degree is founded upon the destruction of first Temple of Solomon and the building of the second Temple. At the First Veil we hear the words “I am that I Am”, the words given by God to Moses at the burning bush. It was easy for me to reflect that that these words relate to the creation of the world. “In the beginning God created the”.

At the Second Veil we hear the words “Shem, Ham and Japheth”. They were the sons of Noah. Again they reflect on a new beginning or rebuilding. We read in the Bible that it was Noah, his Sons and families who went into the ark and were the only survivors of the Great Flood that covered the earth. In my mind this was a new beginning or rebuilding for mankind.

“At the Third Veil we hear the words “Moses, Aholiab and Bezaleel”. While I have often hear and seen on TV the story of Moses and his directive from God to lead the Israelites out of bondage to the promised land. Again, in my mind a new beginning. However, when I heard the Words “Aholiab and Bezaleel”, I wondered why they were selected. What was their significance to the other words? They were senior and respected members of two of the principal tribes of Israel. They were skilled in the art of designing and crafting intricate metal work. As such they were chosen to work with Moses to design, craft and provide Tabernacle and all the furniture, the Ark of the Covenant plus the various articles for the Ark.

At the Fourth Veil we hear the Words, “Jeshua, Zerubbabel and Haggai”. Names we hear often

in the Royal Arch, since they formed the first Grand Council for the rebuilding of the 2nd Temple. Again, the Words are a reference to a new beginning and a rebuilding.

Companions during my Official visits to the RA Chapters last year I presented these thoughts regarding the passwords used at the veils in the RA Degree.

G Arthur Shoemaker, PGHP

Boise York Rite News

At our November Stated meeting Companion Bruce A. Wethered was elected as High Priest for Boise Chapter #3 RAM, Companion Ken Beaudreau was elected Illustrious Master of Idaho Council #1 and Clinton Ransdell was elected Eminent Commander of Idaho Commandery #1 KT. The Installation of the 2024 Officers in all 3 Bodies will be installed following the close of our December Stated Meeting on December 14th.

On November 16th Idaho Council #1 initiated 4 Companions. Companions Gene Ammerman, Marc Essary, Randall Feaster and Arlen Marshall received the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees. In addition Companion Brian Peace from Ontario, Oregon , courtesy candidate for Oregon, received both Degrees.

The Christmas Observance for Idaho Commandery #1 is scheduled for Sunday December 17th at 4:00 PM at the Westgate Masonic Center in Boise. Observance is open to all, KT, families and friends. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

