



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.



What's Up Next

Grand York Rite Annual Sessions will be held at the Burley Convention Center, 18-20 April 2024. Plan now to set aside this date and attend. These sessions are not only to conduct the annual business of the Grand Bodies but to share in the Masonic fellowship experience, to visit and talk and get caught up on current events.

MENTOR'S CORNER

How important is the First Line Signer? Well, he is usually the friend of the petitioner and as such he should ensure that the petitioner attends each Degree or

Order. The First Line Signer could also be the mentor of this candidate and be engaged in taking the journey to accompany the new member.

DID YOU KNOW:

The three York Rite Bodies each have a philanthropy. The Royal Arch Masons have the Royal Arch Research Assistance program which addresses Auditory Processing Disorders. There is a fascinating video series on the General Grand Chapter website under 'RARA' www.ggcrami.org . Please visit this site and learn more about it. These would be a great items to show at your Chapter meetings for education.

**A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF
IDAHO YORK RITE**

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Council Proceedings of Fifth Annual Assembly held at St. Maries in 1938:
Address of the Grand Master, Boise, Idaho, May 18, 1938

My Dear Fellow Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Idaho:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this Fifth Annual assembly of the Grand Council of Idaho, which this year is again held in the Capital City of Idaho, with every encouraging and pleasant condition arising out of the affairs of our Grand Council, and those of the Royal Arch and Commandery, also meeting at this time.

It is inspiring to have all the Grand Officers in attendance, with representatives from all of our Constituent Councils. We shall have to spend but a moderate amount of time on the routine business of the Grand Council, and after proper attention thereto, I am hopeful we can find the time to lay plans for a still further advance in the cause of Cryptic Masonry. I am satisfied that my forward-looking successor will have something to say on this subject, and will give us the keynote for future beneficial activity.

So far as I am concerned, in consequence of difficulties attaching to my health, I have to report that official visits through our scattered domain have been hard to carry out, particularly when it is borne in mind that much of our travel has to be done in favorable seasons, and it is not always feasible for even the most robust to pick up and journey hither and yon without regard to the restrictions imposed by the demands of business, and the avoidance of expense as far as possible. I have had pleasant opportunities of visiting the points at which our various Constituent Councils are situated, some of them not once but a number of times, and having been able to do so in connection with other activities, have accomplished such visits without expense to the Grand Council. I am sure such visits

have been beneficial and pleasant to myself, and I am vain enough to believe that some advantage has accrued to the councils so visited from time to time.

Our Grand Recorder has given much time and effort to the affairs of the Grand Council. Everyone knows that the work done by Companion Frank G. Ensign is done well, and my obligations to him are unusually heavy, and my expression of gratitude for his great assistance is most sincere and heartfelt.

For the reasons, first, that our available time is brief, and next, that the report of the Grand Recorder is detailed in its information and really forms the basis for much that may be said, I asked that the usual procedure be departed from, and his report presented at the first. In this way I trust we may avoid duplication, and by confining my own remarks to the high lights of the year I may not inflict too long a discourse on your good selves.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

I desire particularly to emphasize the welcome extended to our distinguished visitor Companion Herbert L. Toney a member of Hotson Council No. 1 of Salem, Oregon, and the Grand Representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. His many Masonic distinctions and achievements have already been presented to you, and will be of record in these Proceedings. It is our hope that he will be able to address us in the course of this Assembly.

BROKEN TRIANGLE

The roster of officers of the Grand Council remains intact, together with our brief list of past Grand Officers. The appropriate committee will make report on the several losses of our sterling veteran members, and it will be well for us to contemplate for a moment the memories of those who have passed on the ever-rolling stream of time to that great majority who rest from their labors.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following appointments have been made during the year to provide for additions and necessary changes:

<i>Grand Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Representing the Grand Council of Idaho</i>	<i>Representing Other Grand Councils</i>
California	W. F. Fraser, Richmond	Jay G. Eldridge, Moscow
Georgia	B. J. Hardison, Tifton	No Change
Nebraska	Ellis W. Cass, Omaha	No Change
Nevada	Chas. H. Gorman, Reno	No Change

FINANCIAL

It is satisfactory to note that our financial condition remains excellent, so far as our limited needs exist, and keeps pace with the general progress of the Grand Council.

MEMBERSHIP

The gain in membership during the past year will be considered satisfactory, the net being thirty members. We could not expect to maintain the phenomenal increase of 1936-37, and, when we bear in mind the heavy losses from various causes, it is remarkable that we can chronicle any gain at all. It is noteworthy that our net increase since 1933 is 122 for the four years, and this tacked on to the original number of 372 for the earlier year named makes a considerable percentage of increase. It should be noted that much "dead timber" has been eliminated, and the increase shown, based on a vigorous and lively roster, is worthy of the most favorable comment.

PROGRESS IN THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

I desire to particularly congratulate Twin Falls on their enthusiasm and success. The progress of our veteran Councils at Pocatello and Boise, with their activities in first class degree work and instructive gatherings, is excellent. They may be relied upon to ably represent the jurisdiction of Idaho in the pleasant duties of hospitality to our various guests of more or less distinction who strike these points of importance on the great continental routes of travel.

CONCLUSION

I have had a year of pleasant association forming the climax of a reasonable length of membership. I thank you for all favors received. It will be my earnest endeavor to continue an active interest in this vigorous and beautiful branch of our Ancient Craft.

Zealously yours,

John Shore
Grand Master

More Masonic Light

Are you interested in more Masonic information? Check out the ROCKY MOUNTAIN MASON Magazine. This publication is by a brother York Rite Mason and you can subscribe to it by visiting: www.rockymountainmason.com



CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES



Idaho Commandery No 1 held their Christmas Observance on 17 December at the Boise Masonic Center.

Idaho Falls Commandery No 6 held their Christmas Observance on 11 December at the Idaho Falls Masonic Lodge.



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Twin Falls Commandery No 10 also conducted their Christmas Observance on 17 December 2023 at the Jerome Masonic Lodge.