



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, grndyrii@gmail.com.



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Stay inside!!!

February Happenings

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
Business as usual.		

Now is the time to work on the Chapter, Council and Commandery of Excellence awards. The forms are on the web site.

SHORT AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

We will start off and cover Short Range Planning (your Annual Plan). The presiding officer has the responsibility to put the Annual Plan together and include his officers as they need to have buy-in to make the plan work. As members of the organization, it is also your responsibility to ask what the Annual Plan is and how you can help. It would include such things as Bylaws review, ways to increase membership, fund raisers for the philanthropy, get-togethers, degree/orders practices and education. Just as a reminder, there is a York Rite Presentation that can be given at your local lodges to bring awareness and interest to the brother masons of the York Rite.

Short-term planning is usually considered to take 12 months or less. Your daily, weekly, monthly, even quarterly and yearly goals – all can be filed under “short-term goals.” They are stepping stones that will help you to reach your big goals, Long Range Planning. It helps you work efficiently, prioritize your time, and hold yourself accountable.

Benefits of Short-term Goals

- Provides clarity to the overall plan.
- Gives direction and maintains focus.
- Helps to prioritize.
- Prevents a feeling of anxiety.
- Time management.
- Achieve measurable progress.
- Inspires to move forward.
- Build momentum.

What is the basic concept of planning?

Planning is the process of deciding in advance what is to be done, who is to do it, how it is to be done and when it is to be done. The determination of a course of action to achieve the desired results and bridges the gap from where we are to where we want to go.

What is meant by Action Plan?

An action plan is a document that lists what steps must be taken to achieve a specific goal. It breaks down the goal into actionable steps that can be easily followed and tracked.

6 steps to create an Action Plan

Step 1: Set a SMART goal. When it comes to setting goals, clarity is the single most important quality.

Step 2: Identify tasks.

Step 3: Allocate resources.

Step 4: Prioritize tasks.

Step 5: Set deadlines and milestones.

Step 6: Monitor and revise your action plan.

A **SMART** goal is one that is **specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound**. SMART goals provide the details for how a group or organization will achieve a goal.

How will I measure my progress?

An effective method for measuring progress is **documenting it**. Consider recording your overall goals, tasks, milestones and deadlines. Then you can use a calendar or a planner to help you track your progress by checking off tasks as you complete them and milestones as you achieve them.

A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Commandery Proceedings of 1912 held at Weiser, Idaho:

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

R. E. Sir Frank D. Winn, Inspector General, then read the following report:

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery of Idaho:

It has been my privilege of meeting with all of the Commanderies of the jurisdiction during the year except two – Salmon No. 9 and Idaho Falls No. 6 and I regret very much my inability to visit them.

I found in most places that the ritual was being followed very closely and that the good work was going on. I am sorry to have to report that the commanderies have all neglected

somewhat the opening in full form which is surely to be regretted and not very conducive to good attendance or interest. I found in some places that the officers were busy men and their business called them away from home much of the time. Still, I urged the ones at home to practice opening in full form. I was very glad to find the officers very proficient.

in the ritual, which is commendable and feel that a book of tactics should be adopted and that the representatives at this Grand Body be urged to do all they can when they return home, to commence opening in full form at once. I trust that my endeavors to encourage and awaken new interest in the work, has not been in vain. I am sure that my reception and welcome all over the jurisdiction was such that I will always remember these visits as bright spots in my Masonic life.

All in all, I feel that the interest in Templar Masonry is still very much alive and while that interest is more intense some places than others, I know that several Commanderies that one year ago did not report any progress from the year before, now show in their report this time, that they are still alive and as these reports show more interest in Templarism, I do hope and feel that by 1913 we will have much better reports from all over this grand jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,
Frank D. Winn,
Inspector General.



GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

The 2024 Grand York Rite Sessions 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. The website is up and running so be sure to register on-line.