



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.



May Happenings

When	What	Where
8 May 2024	REGC Official Visit CDA 5 and Lewiston 2	Coeur d'Alene
9 May 2024	MIGM Official Visit Idaho Council #1	Boise
13 May 2024	RAM Degree	Cyrus Chapter #2

To continue our discussion concerning Long Range Planning:

LONG RANGE PLANNING Step 2 – Create Strategies

Strategies are how you plan to achieve your goals. You may have multiple strategies depending on how many goals you identified. To create your strategies, think of the steps you need to take to meet your goals. For example, if a goal of yours is to make the meetings more interesting, you need to identify subject matter that is suitable. Then identify individuals who can prepare and deliver those subjects. Some examples could

be reading minutes from the first meeting of the body, symbols of York Rite or some community activity. Be creative and ask your membership what they would be interested in learning.

A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Commandery Proceedings of 1907 held at
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho:

Fraternal correspondence report from California:

CALIFORNIA

Forty Commanderies; 5501 swords.

The Forty-eight Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California State assembled in the Asylum of Mission Commandery No. 41 in Mission Temple, San Francisco, July 17, 1906.

The Grand Commander Sir Knight John B. DeJarnatt, and other Grand Officers, and Representatives of thirty-five Commanderies being present. The Grand Standard Bearer Sir Knight Louis F. Breuner being absent, Sir Knight William Roy Langenour was appointed to fill the vacancy. Sir Knight Reuben Henry Sink, the Grand Prelate, led in devotions, closing the service with an original hymn written especially for the occasion.

Grand Commander DeJarnatt delivered the Annual Address. The introduction was eloquent, yet sad withal, and why not? The Grand Commandery of California was to have convened on April 19, 1906; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was already in convocation when "the bolt fell," April 18, 1906. "After four days and three nights that have no parallel outside Dante's Inferno, the beautiful city was a mass of glowing embers fast resolving into heaps and winrows of gray ashes and emblematic of devastation and death," spake the Grand Commander.

Feeling mention of deceased Fraters of his own Jurisdiction to the number of 83 was made, and the task and sad duty of commemorating their virtues, as those of Sister Jurisdictions, who had answered the list Summons, was left to the Necrology Committee, which Committee discharged its arduous duty most acceptably. Several decisions were rendered and as one of them particularly was interesting we will state it briefly, as follows: A petition for affiliation was received by Golden Gate Commandery No. 16. Before the ballot was taken objection was made, but when the ballot was taken it was found to be

clear. The Commander, notwithstanding, declared the applicant rejected, because the objection had not been removed. The Grand Commander held that an objection before ballot was only equivalent to an unfavorable report; hence the Golden Gate Commander's decision was reversed for the applicant had received a clear ballot. "The minutes should be so corrected."

The Committee on Jurisprudence generally sustained the decisions, but in the matter of San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27 wherein the Grand Commander directed the Recorder of said Commandery to give notice on his Commander to perform certain duties, the Committee disapproved, believing that the Grand Commander had not received all the data in the case. (It being one where the applicant for affiliation although elected had not signed the By-Laws within the specified time – three months). The applicant, it seemed, had requested the privilege of signing but was put off for the reason that the records were not immediately accessible. The Commander of No. 27, deciding that the Frater was suspended, the Right Eminent Grand Commander gave orders as above. The disapproval of the Committee applied more especially to a Recorder issuing orders to a Commander. The analogy being that of an Adjutant issuing orders to the Commanding Officer. But as later on the Grand Commander, in his address, stated that all was peace and harmony in California, we are pleased to think that no ill-will was engendered by these interpretations of the law.

Visitations were made and inspections held, and all the Commanderies showed zeal and efficiency. It was announced that two Commanderies would hereafter be selected for displaying the greatest proficiency in the work; the reward being the defraying by the Grand Commandery of the expenses of the Officers of the fortunate Commanderies to and from the Annual Conclave.

Suitable arrangements have been made for the attendance of the Grand Commandery at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Saratoga, N.Y., July 7 to 14, 1907. Golden Gate Commandery No 16 will act as escort and will undoubtedly display the same gallant and knightly bearing as on previous occasions.

A commendable act of charity was extended the invalid widow and daughter of Past

Grand Commander sir Knight Tristram Burgess. Both these worthy ladies being sick and virtually indigent, and in dire distress. The Grand Commandery approved this act of the Grand Commander.

In conclusion Grand Commander DeJarnatt urged upon his Fraters the necessity of guarding well the "entrance to the outer door."

The Grand Recorder Sir Knight William A. Davies in making his report stated

that the books, papers and accounts of his office had been destroyed when the Temple was burned, hence the delay in preparing for the meeting of the Grand Conclave, as duplicates of all records and reports had to be furnished.

The sum of \$300 was donated to the relief of Miss Edith Burgess, mentioned above; the mother having meanwhile died. The Grand Commandery likewise appropriated a sum of money for the funeral expenses of Mrs. Burgess and made suitable provision for marking the graves of Sir Knight Burgess and wife. Three hundred dollars were appropriated for the relief of the widow of Past Grand Commander Sir Knight George A. Johnson.

These words are written just one year after the great calamity that befell California and San Francisco, and we cannot but think that the chastening influence of that terrible event found a response in the hearts of those brave and hopeful Fraters composing the Grand Commandery, to listen with acute ears to the cry of distress. The whole Masonic world, indeed and the entire population of this country, at least, responded nobly to the relief of the stricken State and City (Even this small place contributed as Masons and citizens the sum of quite \$10,000) It is the pleasure that we hear that San Francisco is rising, Phoenix-like, and within a few years will be greater and handsomer than ever. But the dear old place will never be the same to those who knew and loved her before the calamity.

Past Grand Commander Sir Knight John F. Merrill, after giving a beautiful description of travels in the Holy Land and a graphic account of the formation of a Masonic association on board the steamer and the holding of an evening session in the quarries of King Solomon, presented the Grand Commandery a Disc and Gavel. The Disc is a white stone used in the construction of the Temple and was procured from the quarries by the donor. The gavel is made of olive wood and stamped at Jerusalem.

A Committee of seven Past Grand Commanders having as Chairman Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Sir Knight Rueben H. Lloyd, prepared a memorial address to the Most Eminent Grand Master General George M. Moulton for his solicitude and promptness in calling for aid from his Fraters to help the California sufferers.

After electing and installing officers and transacting some routine business, the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Cash on hand, \$9,862.70; gain in membership, 253.

Total assets, including the shares of Masonic Hall Association, \$50,549.70.

Sir Knight William A. Davies submitted the Correspondence report, and as the original report was destroyed and a new one had to be prepared, we do not blame him for wishing himself well rid of it all.

It was a trying time for him as Grand Recorder and Correspondent, with the Officers of the Grand Commandery urging him to “hurry” as they wanted to be relieved of their responsibilities; they themselves holding over and having added duties thrust upon them continually. No one is to be blamed and all conducted themselves in most Knightly manner. We wonder how Sir Knight Davies did so well amid so many conflicting duties. But it seems easy for some apparently. We thank him for his kindly words for Idaho.

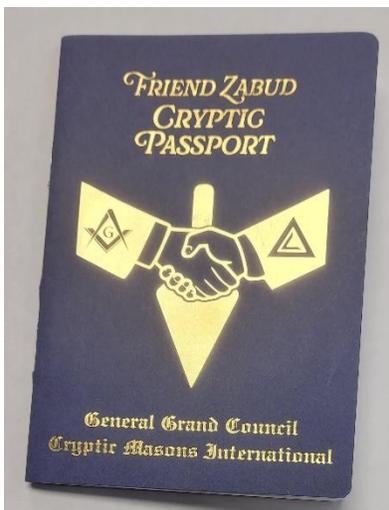
The next Conclave will convene in San Francisco, April 18, 1907.

Sir Knight Brilsford Pease Flint, San Francisco, R.E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight William A. Davies, Alameda, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

APPENDIX

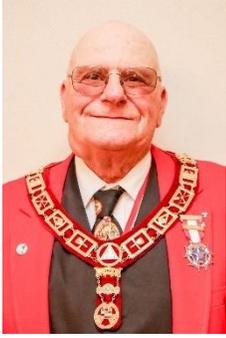
The death of the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Brilsford Pease Flint, having occurred November 11, 1906, the members of his Commandery, California No. 1, and of Oakland No. 11, Golden Gate No. 16 and Mission No. 41, assembled in the Asylum of Mission Commandery to pay the last sad rites of respect to the memory of the deceased Frater. After impressive ceremonies in the Asylum the remains were conveyed to that most beautiful City of the Dead, Cypress Lawn Cemetery, and laid to rest November 14, peacefully to sleep with his Fathers. The falling leaves and falling tears of family and Fraters dropped silently upon his tomb and the afflicted wife and family were pledged the sympathy and protecting care of Chivalrous Masonry, while the spirit of the departed Frater was commended to the God who gave it.



The FRIEND ZABUD PROGRAM recognizes an individual Cryptic Mason who is active in the aspects of the Craft that will facilitate both his journey and his contribution in others' in the Craft. This recognition was adapted from an award given by the Grand Council of Arizona. It is offered as a tool for Grand Councils to encourage participation, learning, and mentoring for their members.

You can purchase the PASSPORT from the Grand Recorder.

Meet your new Presiding Officers:



2024-2025

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Clinton A. 'Bud' Wethered

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Member of Cyrus Chapter #2 and Boise Chapter #3



2024-2025

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

William F. Cook

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

Member of Idaho Council #1



2024-2025

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Barry E. Newell

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho

Member of Idaho Commandery #1 and Twin Falls Commandery #10

SYNOPSIS of Legislation passed at 2024 Grand York Rite Sessions.

Grand Chapter RAM – No Resolutions submitted.

Grand Council CM – Resolution C24-01 – Bylaws, ARTICLE XXVI Membership, Section 7. This resolution just changed the reference from Article XXVII, Section 2 to Article XXIX, Section 2 (c).

Resolution C24-02 – Bylaws, ARTICLE XII, Standing Committees, Section 9. This resolution changed the duties of the committee and added the Grand Recorder as a member of this committee.

Grand Commandery KT – Resolution K24-01 - Bylaws, ARTICLE XIII Standing Committees, Section 121. This resolution moved the Patriotic Activities, Necrology and York Rite Association and Unity Committees to be Joint Committees.

Resolution K24-02, Bylaws, ARTICLE XIII Standing Committees, Section 136. This resolution added clarification to responsibilities of the Idaho Knightly News monthly article.