



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.



July Happenings

When	What	Where
10 July	MEGHP Official Visit	Keystone Chapter #29
17 July	MEGHP Official Visit Keystone	Salmon Chapter #14

LONG RANGE PLANNING Step 4 – Adjust for Changes

A long-term strategy should account for your out-reach programs to the Lodges. Do you need to do more or less? Do you include the new Worshipful Masters in your program scheduling for the introduction to York Rite? Be flexible.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

King Solomon Chapter No. 16 conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree, 24 June 2024.

A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Council Proceedings of 1940 held at
Pocatello, Idaho:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho:

Companions:

Another milestone in the history of Cryptic Masonry has been passed. Today we meet in the Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho. I extend to you a cordial welcome, and to you, distinguished guests, we bid a hearty welcome and trust that you will enjoy Idaho's hospitality. We ask you to take back to your Grand Councils the fraternal greetings and the good wishes of the Grand Council of Idaho.

It is indeed an honor to be elevated to the highest office within your gift, and one for which I have often thought I was not fully qualified. Words cannot express my appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation, good fellowship, and hospitality you have shown me. You have proven your worth to the Cryptic Rite, and with fidelity and zeal have you assisted me. My heart is filled with gratitude as the gavel of authority passes on to a worthy successor, an active worker in our Order, and I know that you will give him and the new officers the same fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation which you have manifested throughout my year. The friendships formed and the acquaintances made I will always remember.

It now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship as your Grand Master.

Masonry fits a man's life for fellowship with all men, regardless of creed. It provides the opportunity to walk on the same level as his fellow men. It permits him to worship his Creator in his own way, and without hindrance in the exercise of that privilege by others.

Since the dawn of civilization Masonry has existed among men in one form or another, for wherever man exists there the thought of building is, and where there is thought of building there is Light always, but in these trying times the Light of man seems to be dimmed. Today we are confronted with perplexing conditions of the inequalities of life and the miseries of humanity. We have a land whose beauty and wealth are not surpassed by any other equal area in the world.

Our eastern shore with its lumber and fishing; the tropical fruits of the South; the vast deposits of coal, iron, and oil in the eastern mountains; the great basin of the Father of Waters which contains the richest farmsteads in the world, capable of producing enough food products and cotton and wool to feed and clothe all the nations now engaged in mortal combat; the Rockies pregnant with all kinds of ore; the western coast of our land a veritable paradise, with the kindest of climates and abundantly productive. Surely the Giver of All Good has thrice blessed us, the people of the United States of America.

Yet for years industry has been unsettled and many workers are on relief. The hand that feeds the nation holds the cup all over the land. Peace and security for all, the high and the low, are uncertain. From the palaces of kings to the humblest cottage of the peasant, the world lives in hope and in fear of tomorrow.

What, then, is wrong with this stupendously rich and appallingly confusion-stricken land? What does the philosophy of Masonry mean? What do the noble virtues of our Order accomplish? Does it all mean only ceremony and idle pastime? What is wrong with a people or a nation suffering all the agonies of human nature when the Lord has blessed us so abundantly? In this country we have freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, unlimited opportunity for intellectual and spiritual growth. This nation is at peace with all the world. Liberty, equality and the rights of mankind are in evidence throughout the land. Our economic system is based on the rights and liberties of a free people, and functions fully, only when all the world is at peace. Yet there is a darkness and hopelessness abroad. Let us strive to dispel it and be prepared to help frame the destiny of mankind. Let us be happy at home, that we, our children and our children's children may enjoy all these sacred privileges under the greatest Flag of all Flags, the Star Spangled Banner.

The Saviour of the World still stands in the Temple, and after two thousand years shines brighter than ever, giving us strength and courage to follow in His steps. May we ever strive to follow His teachings and follow His example. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them." This was His admonition to all, and when we are in doubt, is a guide and a lamp to light our way.

As we assemble here we can not help but think of the high moral teachings, illustrations of sublime faith in the inspired and beautiful ritual of the Cryptic Rite. As the years pass by we find that the milestones seem closer together, with the builders of our temple being removed. We must, therefore, support the structure they erected, and continue to build, block by block, lest our temple fall, and our posterity be denied the blessings we enjoy.

*For the structure that we raise
Time is with materials filled,
Our todays and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.
-Longfellow's The Builders."*

NECROLOGY

Death is ever present among us. All expect it, none escapes it. It is only a short span of years between the cradle and the grave. As we contemplate the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, we are reminded of these immortal lines:

*O why should the spirit of mortal be proud,
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, it break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave.*

We are truly grateful that the Supreme Grand Master has permitted the chain of our official family to remain unbroken, and that all of our Past Grand Masters have been spared to us. However, the Grim Reaper has taken his toll of our membership. Thirteen companions have passed the Ninth Arch.

As, one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,
So, one by one, to each of you must come the touch of sleep,
As, one by one, the roses burst into the morning light,
So, one by one, your souls shall make beyond the night.

May we rise for a moment of prayer by our chaplain, Companion Mattson, in token of our love and esteem for these, our departed companions.

The Committee on Broken Triangle will prepare a fitting tribute to these companions who have gone from us.

INVITATIONS

I have received a great many invitations to attend Masonic functions, both locally and from nearby jurisdictions, and while not able to accept all of them, I did whenever possible, accept, and through these contacts increased my circle of Masonic friends, as well as adding to the common store of Masonic knowledge and understanding. On each of these occasions I received a most cordial welcome, and due honors as your Grand Master.

VISITATIONS

The greatest pleasure that a Grand Master enjoys during his term of office is to visit a subordinate council and see for himself the wonderful effort the companions over the state put forth in the interest of the Cryptic Rite. Your Grand Master has had that very enjoyable

experience during the past year, and I am happy to report that I have visited all of the councils now functioning in Idaho. The cordial manner in which I was received on each of these occasions will always live in my memory, and is deeply appreciated:

Moscow Council No. 6, Moscow, December 13, 1939

Idaho Council No. 1, Boise, February 22, 1940

Twin Falls, Council No. 7, Twin Falls, March 8, 1948

Bannock Council No. 2, Pocatello, April 22, 1940

King Solomon Council No. 4, Payette, May 4, 1940

Meneleck Council No. 5, Gooding, having only eleven members, living at points widely scattered, found it impossible to hold an assembly during the year.

TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

As a representative of the Grand Council of Idaho, it was with much pleasure that I attended the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, held in the Masonic Temple in the historic city of Charleston, South Carolina, October 23 and 24. Mrs. Hawk and I left Boise October first, and spent nearly two months on the trip. At Charleston we met Companions Edward H. Way, Alonzo Cone, G. Ray Nead, Carey Forbes, and Roy Locey; also Mrs. Way, Mrs. Cone and Mrs. Nead. We found Charleston to be rich in historic lore, its people traditionally kindly and hospitable, and the few days we spent there were enjoyed to the utmost.

At the session of the General Grand Assembly, while nothing except routine business was transacted, it was interesting to hear the reports and follow the proceedings. It was my privilege to serve on the Committee of Topical Reference.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon recommendation of the respective Grand Masters, I appointed Grand Representatives near other Grand Councils as follows:

Florida – Lester G. Gilbert, Jacksonville

Western Canada – James R. Flan, Calgary

Ontario – W. Brackner, Toronto, Ontario

South Carolina – Velve E. Bently, Union

New York – Millard F. Roesser, Buffalo

New Jersey – Benjamin H. Arnot, Hawthorne

Upon request I recommended Grand Representatives near the Grand Council of Idaho as follows:

Western Canada – Austin A. Walker, Boise

Ohio – Albert E. White, Payette

INSTALLATIONS

On December 6, 1939, at a Stated Assembly of the Idaho Council No. 1, held in Boise, it was my pleasure to install Illustrious Companion Austin A. Walker as Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Idaho, and on December 8, 1939, at a Stated Assembly of Twin Falls Council No. 7, held in Twin Falls, to install Illustrious Companion Robert A. Parrott as Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of Idaho.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

By the law of nature, he who sows may reasonably expect to reap. The welfare of the Cryptic Rite has depended, and will continue to depend upon the efforts of the officers and members of each Subordinate Council to hold its membership. Generally speaking, the condition of Cryptic Masonry in the state is gratifying. While the Grand Recorder's report will show a loss of membership, the report extends only to December 31, 1939, and since that date we have made a substantial gain. I find renewed interest, and while some of the councils may not have enjoyed any particular measure of prosperity, I do believe that, with a little thought and care, we will return to a moderate degree of success.

The average attendance at our assemblies is not what we should like it to be, and I have endeavored to impress the companions with their duties in that respect. The councils are in the hands of efficient officers and are fortunate in having a number of enthusiastic past officers, which insures a high standard of degree work and efficient management of their affairs. At all times the degrees are conferred in a manner which, for dignity and solemnity, leaves nothing to be desired. The secretarial work is in charge of efficient recorders, which insures correctness of records. Harmony prevails and the councils are all in a good financial condition.

CONCLUSION

During the year I have been greatly impressed by the dignified manner in which your Grand Master has been received, and the sincere expressions of loyalty by the companions. The year has been a happy experience for me, and with sincere gratitude I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I hope I have justified your confidence and accomplished something constructive for Cryptic Masonry.

Especially do I want to thank the officers and companions of the different councils for their support, consideration, and helpfulness. Most cordial thanks are due and are extended to all the Past Grand Masters and Grand Officers for their loyal cooperation at all times.

I particularly want to thank our Grand Recorder, Companion Frank G. Ensign, for his faithful, ever-ready and gracious assistance to your Grand Master. Frank has been a "friend indeed." Thank you.

The present is steadily shifting into the past; the time to think, act, and work is the present.

What we do today is vitally important. The Lord has been good to us. Let the realization of this bring such a vision of duty as will make our lives worth while.

Again I thank you.

Zealously submitted,
Arthur E. Hawk
Grand Master



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Illustrious Grand Master
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