



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.



August Happenings

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
	Nothing planned	

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Step 5 – Communicate with your Team

If you want to integrate your long-term strategy into your organization, try to openly communicate with your team. Communication can help align your team so that everyone is aware of the strategy and the changes that may arise. This can also help them feel comfortable expressing themselves if they have a suggestion or question. To foster communication, you can start by having open meetings with them to ask for their thoughts and opinions. Try to have a goal for each meeting. You could also offer one-on-one meetings to have a more personal conversation with particular team members to receive their direct opinion.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Commanderies, now is the time to reserve the Lodge for your Christmas Observance in December. It is the duty of every Knight Templar to

celebrate the birth of our Savior. One way to do this is for your Commandery to hold a Christmas Observance and have the Sir Knights and their ladies, youth groups and friends join in this joyous occasion.

A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Commandery Proceedings of 1918 held at Gate City Commandery No. 4, Pocatello, Idaho:

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

R.E. Sir Ralph T. Morgan presented the report of the Jurisprudence Committee as follows: *To the Grand Commander and the Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Idaho:* Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred a number of matters by the Committee on Grand Commander's Address and Doings of Grand Officers, beg leave to report as follows:

The refusal of the Grand Commander to grant a dispensation to Twin Falls Commandery No. 10 to receive and ballot on a petition of a Companion of the Royal Arch, who was about to leave for the front with the military forces, at a conclave other than the regular one of that Commandery, is approved as being in strict accordance with Section 132 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

We disapprove the decision of the Grand Commander in granting special dispensation to Twin Falls Commandery No. 10 to hold its regular Conclave on November 5th instead of on November 6th, for the reason that it is in conflict with Sections 96 and 97 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and he has no power to suspend the by-laws or change the time of holding a regular Conclave.

Inasmuch as it is within the discretion of the Grand Commander to decide what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public in full uniform, we approve his decision No. 3 as being in accord with Section 157 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

We approve his decision with reference to the names of Knights of a Commandery U.D. that they will appear on the Charter as Charter members.

Referring to the decision of the Grand Commander in regard to the dues of a Commandery U.D., we find that Sections 281 and 283 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment provide that Commanderies U.D. have the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery. Under Section 259 we find that "Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment the sum of two dollars for each Knight Templar created in such Commandery, and an annual per capita

of one dollar for each member on the roll on the first day of January in each year.” Your committee holds that the term “Commandery” is a comprehensive one, and includes Commanderies U.D., particularly so when read in Sections 281 and 283, and, having the same powers as a chartered Commandery has are subject to the same obligations. Under Section 22 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Idaho we find that every Commandery under this jurisdiction shall pay the sum of \$5.00 for each Knight Templar created, and a per capita of \$1.25 for each Knight on its rolls *at the time of making the annual returns*. A Commandery U.D. has power to act under its dispensation until the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and does not cease at the time, it renders its annual report. The status of the Knights of Temple Commandery No. 8 who had procured certificates from that Commandery and signed the petition for a dispensation for a Commandery at St. Maries has been brought before us and is decided by the following sections:

Section 277, Statutes of the Grand Encampment, page 61.

“After a dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery the membership of the Knights who petition therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted and the Commandery constituted they continue to be members of the new Commandery and cease to be members of the old ones, except such as may have withdrawn before the Charter was granted and had their demits returned to the Commanderies which issued them.”

Section 278. Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

“Petitioners for a new Commandery must file their demits with the Grand Recorder. Commanderies may, however, issue conditional demits to such petitioners to become final only when the Charter for the new Commandery has been granted, of which fact the Grand Recorder shall notify the Commanderies issuing them. And if a Charter be refused, the Grand Recorder shall cancel and return such conditional demits to the several Commanderies which issued them. In the meantime such petitioners shall not be liable to the present Commanderies for dues.”

The above in accordance with Section 47 of the Statutes of this Grand Commandery.

We approve the decision that a petitioner must be physically able to conform to the ceremonies of the Order, but under the decisions of the several Grand Masters it would seem that a Royal Arch Mason, no matter how desirable he may be nor how good a Mason he may be he is not able to conform to our ceremonies if he is unfortunate enough to have but one leg, and the reasons are obvious.

We approve the patriotism of the Grand Commander and his decision in holding that Grand dues should not be paid with Liberty Bonds.

Your committee has been apprised of the fact that no definite time has been fixed as to when Recorders shall make their annual reports and forward the same to the Grand Recorder.

Subdivision "G" of Section 33 of the Statutes of this Grand Commandery provides:
 "He shall report annually to the Grand Recorder, not later than the 10th day of May of each year, the roll of officers, the members on the rolls April 30th * * * and shall forward the same, duly certified and attested, with the dues to the Grand Recorder."

Respectfully submitted
 RALPH T. MORGAN, Chairman
 GEORGE C. HUEBENER
 EDWARD SMITH
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YORK RITE OF IDAHO ANNIVERSARIES

CHAPTER	DATE CHARTERED	YEARS
Cyrus Chapter No. 2,	19 Sep 1871	152
Boise Chapter No. 3	12 Sep 1871	152
Lewiston Chapter No. 4	27 Aug 1881	142
Payette Chapter No. 8	12 Nov 1892	131
Idaho Falls Chapter No. 10	10 Nov 1908	115
Salmon Chapter No. 14	12 Jun 1909	115
King Solomon Chapter No. 16	14 Jun 1911	113
Mountain Home Chapter No. 24	20 May 1921	103
Keystone Chapter No. 29	20 Apr 1993	31

COUNCIL	DATE CHARTERED	YEARS
Idaho Council No. 1	27 Sep 1912	111
King Solomon Council No. 4	21 Sep 1921	102
Twin Falls Council No. 7	15 Jun 1936	88
Emerald Council No. 8	17 May 1960	64
Jeremiah Council No. 9	2 May 1987	37
Clearwater River Council No. 10	18 May 2014	10

COMMANDERY	DATE CHARTERED	YEARS
Idaho Commandery No. 1	11 Sep 1882	141
Lewiston Commandery No. 2	20 Aug 1891	132
Coeur d'Alene Commandery No. 5	29 Aug 1904	119
Idaho Falls Commandery No. 6	17 Oct 1905	118
Salmon Commandery No. 9	12 Jun 1909	115
Twin Falls Commandery No. 10	15 Jun 1911	113