



# 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](mailto:grndyrii@gmail.com).



## January Happenings

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
9 Jan 2025, 7:30 pm	MEGHP Wethered Official Visit	Boise Chapter #3

## A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF IDAHO YORK RITE

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Council Proceedings of 1947 held at Lewiston, Idaho:

### ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master read his address which was referred to the committee on Reports of Grand Officers.

To the Grand council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Idaho –  
Companions:

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Thirteen years ago next Friday, at Payette, Idaho, it was my great privilege to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the first officers of this Grand Council. Five of the officers nominated are present. They are Albert E. White, John W. Shore, Ed H. Way, Jay Glover Eldridge and Dell O. Bellamy.

It is with pleasure that I welcome these, other officers and members of this Grand council to Lewiston to attend our 14<sup>th</sup> annual assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho.

You have come from all sections of this great state and we want you to know that, as a representative of your Councils, you are a part of this Grand Assembly and have responsibilities and duties to perform.

It is a state whose geography is peculiar; many miles of travel are necessary in order to visit and take part in the work and deliberation of the various councils.

These visits are essential that we may unify our efforts and divert our energies for the best interest of cryptic Masonry.

The Council degrees are excellent. The Royal Master is one of the best. I do not call to mind any degree that surpasses for eloquence that of the Principal Conductor of the Work on the Ultimate Theme of Life.

Our efforts should also be directed to the presentation of the Super Excellent degree at all Grand Assemblies. This degree by reason of the great dramatic possibilities should create interest in the other degrees.

By the kindness, generosity and devotion of the members of Twin Falls Council No. 7, this degree will be exemplified in this hall tonight.

If you believe in this Grand Council, then let's stand together and give it strength. It should be our desire and duty to support and maintain the Grand Council in its undertakings.

These things cannot be accomplished with any degree of satisfaction without adequate funds.

Therefore, I would recommend to the Finance Committee, that they give careful consideration to ways and means of increasing our financial condition.

I recommend that the expense of the Grand Master's visitations be paid.

I also recommend a sum be set aside for the transportation or purchasing of suitable paraphernalia to exemplify the Super Excellent Degree at all Grand Assemblies of Idaho.

I am sure that this will be of great benefit to all members of this Grand Council.

## NECROLOGY

Companions, let us pause for a few moments to commemorate the memory of

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those Companions, whose labors have ended and rest in the higher lodge above.  
The Grand Recorder will read the names of our departed Companions.  
Our Grand Chaplain will lead us in prayer.  
A more fitting tribute to these Companions will be given by the Committee on Broken Triangle.

### VISITATIONS

Due to long distances and other circumstances, I was unable to make many visitations.

A most enjoyable one was made to Twin Falls Council No. 7 in March of 1947. Starting at 2 p.m., the Royal and Select Masters degrees were conferred on a number of candidates, dinner was served in the dining room, after which a very splendid exemplification of the Super Excellent degree was conferred on a large class of candidates.

This is the first time this degree has been conferred for a number of years.  
No special actions were taken during my administration.

### DISPENSATIONS

On October 18, 1946, I issued a dispensation to Moscow Council No. 6 to hold the stated Assembly of October 29 at Lewiston on October 30th

On December 2, 1946, a dispensation was granted the same Council to hold a special assembly at Moscow on December 12, 1946.

Due to the destruction by fire of the Masonic Temple at Pocatello, a dispensation was granted to Bannock Council No. 2 to hold their meetings in the Elks Temple at Pocatello.

### APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER COUNCILS

Upon the request of Walter R. Raecke, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska, I commissioned Companion Luke H. Cheney of McCook, Nebraska as Grand Representative for Nebraska.

My term as Grand Master will close today and if I have contributed in any way for the betterment of this Grand Council or mankind in general, I have been fully paid for all my efforts.

I wish to thank all for the honors conferred upon me and deeply appreciate the support given. Especially do I thank the members of Twin Falls Council No. 7 for their loyal contribution to Cryptic Masonry.

To my successor, the officers and members of this Grand Council, I wish every success.

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Zealously yours,  
Ray V. Swanson,  
M.I. Grand Master

Make 2025 the year that YOU took the bull by the horns and made your Chapter, Council and Commandery better than it was. Don't just sit by and watch, get involved and ask what you can do!

There are those that **let** it happen  
Those that **watch** it happen  
And those that **make** it happen

Be the one that makes it happen.

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