

Grand York Rite Bodies of Montana

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
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Grand Commandery of KT
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MONTHLY BULLETIN for APRIL 2017

To all officers and members of Montana York Rite Bodies. Herein is the listing of the activities as reported by the various York Rite Bodies for the month of February. Please read at your next meeting and place on file.

PASSING

REPGC James Green passed peacefully at the nursing home in Billings on 03/13/17. Additionally, there have been other Companions / Sir Knights who I have learned of their passing since our last bulletin went out from the Grand York Rite Office. Their names will be noted at the Devine Service at the York Rite Grand Sessions

YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS

The York Rite Grand Sessions will be held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, MT. I apologize for the last distribution of the registration materials, however, said sessions have just recently been confirmed for the necessary arrangements. Attached / Included please find an Itinerary / Registration form. Secretaries, please distribute among your members. A hard-copy will be mailed out to each secretary / recorder.

SECRETARIES / RECORDERS

To all Secretaries / Recorders... I am in need of any and all information for your new Companions / Sir Knights, to include: Date of Birth, Full Name, Address, Phone Number, Wife / Spouses Name, which Chapter / Council / Commandery, etc. and the DATES of their Exaltation / Greeting and Knighting.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT DATABASE (YRIS)

The Grand Encampment Database (YRIS) now includes information for Chapter and Council. Robert Bigley and Marci Martinez have worked very diligently to import the data from the Grand Chapter / Grand Council of Montana. There will some incomplete / incorrect data... we will have to work on correcting said data. I have requested access to all Secretaries / Recorders throughout the State. However, you must request to have access granted. Additionally, you must send to me any and all changes as made to the YRIS database so that I may continue updating the database which remains in State.

APRON / JEWELS

If you are a past grand officer (Not the current officers) in either of the lines: I.s. Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery; and you still have in your possession an Apron and / or Jewel, please return such to the grand Sec. / Rec. at 821 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59401. Said officer aprons / jewels cost \$300.00 - \$450.00 to replace. We are missing several from the lines. Again, please return said items.

As such, a new policy concerning aprons / jewels will come into effect at Grand Sessions in June 2017 at Lewistown. Each officer being installed will need to sign out for said apron / jewel. Additionally, each officer will need to sign an agreement that if said apron / jewel is not turned back in at the next Grand Session, or if either item becomes lost; said officers will be financially responsible for the replacement of said item(s).

GRAND COMMANDERY RAFFLE

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Montana has been presented with a Henry Masonic Tribute Rifle at no charge for a fundraiser / raffle. The Grand Commandery has decided that a raffle has the potential of bringing in the most money to be given equally, to our three York Rite Charities and our three Masonic Youth Organizations. As such, I have included tickets and brochures with this mailing. Tickets are \$10.00 each. I am mailing each Commandery within the Jurisdiction of Montana; 8 sheets of 8 tickets each, for a total of 64

tickets. This represents 640 dollars to be returned to the Grand Commandery. Each Commandery may sell said tickets, or buy them. Remember, all money collected from said raffle will benefit our charities and our Masonic Youth Organizations. Drawing for said rifle to be held at our annual banquet at Grand Sessions 2017. (Please make checks payable to Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Montana.) If you need additional tickets (for an individual; I can mail them out...) PLEASE DO NOT FORGET ABOUT SAID RAFFLE... it is a great way to make some money for our York Rite Charities... to date... I have sold six (6) tickets... it would be a shame to let said rifle go for the six tickets as sold.... Please get out there and sell or buy some tickets.

MISCELLANEA

Lighthouse Uniform Company – Seattle, WA, has sent to me, free of charge, a box full of brand new, uniform trousers in various sizes. If you would like a pair, free of charge, please contact and I will see if I have your size. The only cost to you would be shipping to your location / address.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black Eagle Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar – Great Falls; Commandery Orders: April 28th – 29th, 2017. Orders to start on Friday evening (28th) at 6:00 p.m. at the Great Falls Masonic Temple (Illustrious Order of the Red Cross / Mediterranean Pass / Order of Malta). Order of the Temple to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday (29th). All Sir Knights are welcome. If you have a Companion who needs to take his orders, please accompany him to Great Falls. Please let me know if you intend to come / being a candidate. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning (8:30 a.m.) by MMCI Chapter # 36 – Montana Vigilantes (for a donation)...

Remember, if you have any events that you would like broadcast York Rite – wide... I need to know about them... send me an email to let me know.....

Fraternally Submitted,

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