

Grand York Rite Bodies of Montana

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
Established June 25, 1891

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
Established March 29, 1910

Grand Commandery of KT
Established May 14, 1888

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MONTHLY BULLETIN for APRIL 2019

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 April 2019. Please read at your next meeting and place on file.

PASSINGS

Comp. / SK Theodore "Ted" Williams. MEGHP 2006 – 2007 / MIGM 1991 – 1992 / REGC 2005 – 2006, passed away on March 9th, 2019.

GRAND YORK RITE RAFFLE

Please do not forget about the raffle tickets for the ¼ beef that were sent out to each York Rite Body... they represent a fundraiser for our Youth Groups and the three (3) York Rite Charities. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. Lets's make the generous donation by MEGHP Guy Maberry a profitable one for our Youth Groups / Charities... Please remember the admonition sent out with the tickets to each York Rite Body... "You can buy them... or sell them...." Please submit your money collected along with the ticket stubs as of May 15th, 2019.

CONTACT INFORMATION

New contact information has been received from Comp. Gary Ellestad and is as follows: Phone: 406-594-5109 / Email: garyellestad1943@msn.com

DONATIONS

At the behest of MEGHP Guy Maberry, and on behalf of MIGM Roger Cathel and REGC John Metcalf, ME Guy is asking for donations for the Grand Sessions from each Chapter of RAM or each York Rite Body in MT for a silent auction item. If you are planning to donate something (item / gift basket. Etc.), please contact / verify with the Grand Sec. / Rec. Roger Cathel.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS RITUAL

The new Royal Arch Ritual is in... MEGHP Guy Maberry has noted, as the rituals were purchased with a grant from the Tesch Hedges Foundation; each Chapter throughout the jurisdiction of Montana will receive 15 copies of said ritual at no charge.

CRYPTIC MASONS RITUAL

Likewise, as the Council ritual is now available, MIGM Roger Cathel has also noted, as the rituals were purchased with a grant from the Tesch Hedges Foundation; each Council throughout the jurisdiction of Montana will receive 15 copies of said ritual at no charge.

RARA / CMMRF / KTEF

Just a push / reminder about the three (3) York Rite Charities... your support of all three charities is needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to one, or all three; please find the forms by following the links or yorkrite.org. You do NOT need to send in to the Grand York Rite office... just send your donation directly to the charity... they keep track of all donations... and will send you a receipt...

SECRETARIES / RECORDERS

IMPORTANT!: 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. Please send any information regarding such to me in a timely manner... do not wait until the end of the year, etc.

DIRECTORY

The directory for 2018 – 2019 has been published and mailed out to all Secretaries / Recorders as well as all Grand line officers and Past Grand Officers. If there is any issue with such, or if any entry is misspelled / incorrect, etc. please understand, it was not intentional... please send me any and all corrections necessary to my email: recathel-owp@msn.com. I will make said corrections to my template, and send said correction out via email.

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 be 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.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Dear secretaries all... If you are going to purchase a life membership for any Comp. / SK... please write our one check; made payable to **Stifel**... and send me a note denoting who the life membership is for, how much for each body, etc. [(Example) I.e.: one check # 1234, amount: \$300.00, for PLM for Comp. / SK John Doe; \$87.50 for RAM, \$62.50 for CM and \$150.00 for KT.] Thank you.

GREAT FALLS COUNCIL FESTIVAL

The Council Festival as held in Great Falls on March 23rd, 2019 was a great success. We had over 35 members in attendance, most of whom received the Most Excellent Master Degree. (As there is now a place to record such on the YRIS database... each and every-one has been noted and recorded as having received such.) Please note the attached notice for the Missoula Council Festival scheduled for this Saturday (April 6th, 2019), and please plan to attend if you are able.

YORK RITE CAMPING TRIP

MEGHP Guy wanted me to include a snippet about the York Rite Camping Trip that was started in 2018. It will be in August of 2019 but the exact date and location are to be determined... ME Guy just wants you to put it on your calendar...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missoula Council Festival (Flyer attached): Saturday, April 6th, 2019
Black Eagle Commandery Festival (Great Falls): Fri. / Sat. – April 26th / 27th, 2019.
 Fri.: 6:00 p.m. (Red Cross / Malta / Mediterranean Pass)
 Sat.: 8:00 a.m. (Order of the Temple)
 (Contact Roger Cathel if you have any questions...)
York Rite Grand Sessions – May 30 – June 1, 2019 (Information Attached)

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,

Roger E. Cathel, GS/R

