

# 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 MAY 2020

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 MAY 2020. Please read at your next meeting or distribute to your members and place on file.

## PASSINGS

PGHP Raymond R. Sorenson passed away on April 20, 2020. Ray served as MEGHP for Montana in 2007 – 2008. Please see attached obituary.

## GRAND YORK RITE OFFICERS MEGHP / MIGM / REGC

Below is the contact information for the three heads of the three Montana Grand York Rite Bodies. If you would like to have one, two or all three to visit your York Rite Body, Install your officers, etc., you must contact them directly.

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## 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](http://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.**

## 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.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Dear secretaries all... If you are going to purchase a life membership for any Comp. / SK... or to increase the value / holdings of your own life membership, please write out 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.

### **YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS**

**In light of our current situation, the York Rite Grand Sessions has been cancelled for 2020. However, per our constitutions / statutes, etc. the three heads of the Grand York Rite bodies are opting for an “in lieu” assembly / conclave via “Zoom” (electronic) that will include the elected officers of the grand lines and other invited officers of the General Grands, Grand Encampment, and of course MW Grand Master of Montana. Only vital or pertinent business will be discussed / conducted. We were all hoping to have a normal Grand Sessions, but again, due to circumstances beyond our control, these are the measures being implemented at this time. Please note the attached letter from MEGHP Gary, MIGM Kim and REGC Terrence.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOTHING... (Yet...)

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