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E. Jeffrey Craig	Thrice Illustrious Grand Chaplain
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VPC David A. Aponte	Ambassador to Washington

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SK Jack M. Harper	Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK David Studley	Right Eminent Grand Captain General
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SK Terry L. Plemons	Right Eminent Grand Prelate
SK Jeremy Vaughn	Right Eminent Northwest Department Commander

Grand High Priest's Message



Companions,

Greetings from the entire elected line of the Grand Chapter of Washington. We all wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are facing a number of challenges as we enter the New Year:

- **We currently have several Chapters which have had significant difficulties in establishing a quorum for regular meetings.**
- **Consolidation of Chapters.**
- **An aging membership**
- **Need to revitalize the experience that we offer as the Royal Arch.**
- **Challenges of membership growth.**
- **Monetary resources to facilitate growth.**
- **Motivating the Companions to attend and participate in Chapter.**
- **Adequately managing the grand jurisdiction for growth.**

In response to this list of challenges, we are committed to helping and encourage you to consider the following actions to facilitate returning your Chapter to growth and the robust organization it is meant to be.

1. **Adopting a Formal Education Program: WE need to be focused on developing educational activities for both Royal Arch Masons and Blue Lodge Masons. Right Excellent Companion David Sandretto, Grand Scribe, is tasked with looking to the General Grand Chapter for educational programing. As well, the Grand Chapter Secretary REC Tom Christie has been working to update its "Proficiency in Chapter Management," which is focused on practical skills in running a Chapter.**
2. **Encouraging better Timing for Chapter Meetings: Making the local Chapter meeting more convenient to attend. Joint dates for Council and Commandery and Chapter. Potential opportunities for additional daylight chapters.**

3. **Integrate and use of technology for Better Communication:** We are encouraging the use of online platforms for committee meetings, officer meetings, and for other business meetings. Using a virtual platform for meetings has been an essential component in the Chapters ability to communicate with members. Remember, it's not an either-or proposition when it comes to in-person and electronic communications, it's BOTH.

4. **Re-emphasis of the Washington "Mark Master for Free" program:** Washington changed its Code to allow Chapters to present the Mark Master Degree without charge to Lodges to introduce to Blue Lodge Masons to Capitular Masonry. This is where we need to focus our efforts. We know that our Blue Lodges in the Grand jurisdiction of Washington are experiencing a robust inflow of inquiries from men inquiring as to becoming members of the Fraternity. Grand Lodge of Washington has received over 674 requests since the start of the year, with over 1,100 requests coming in annually. The average age of the men inquiring is 36 years old.

Companions, this is our opportunity to work in our Blue Lodges helping make Master Masons. The way forward for the Royal Arch and all concordant bodies is to become active in helping your Blue Lodge make new Master Masons.

Let's make 2023 a GRAND YEAR!!!

MEC Scot P. Sageser
Grand High Priest

GRAND CHAPTER

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Illustrious Grand Master's Message



Fraternal Greetings my Companions

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year...” So goes the song we hear during these festive days. What makes it wonderful are the celebrations, the joyous environment we feel around, and the food gatherings we share. What better way to look at December as the happiest month of the year. For example, being the last month of the year, we celebrate the end of one year. Then with wishes of many blessings, we celebrate the beginning of a new year. We celebrate Christmas which commemorates the birth of Jesus. We also celebrate Hanukkah which commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and the lighting of the menorah. A more recent celebration came into existence in our county, Kwanzaa. It is an annual celebration of African-American culture which culminates in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. You can see December is truly a month of celebration. It is the most wonderful time of the year. But there’s more to this month than just celebrations: it is month of Light. We celebrate two very important holidays related to Light: Christmas and Hanukkah.

The first one, Christmas, celebrates the birth of Jesus who many call the Bearer of Light for the World. The second one, Hanukkah, celebrates the rededication of the 2nd Temple with a miracle. The menorah only had a day’s worth of oil which lasted for eight days. How did that happen? Both celebrations give us a very deep introspection of the importance of light within our lives. A light that serves as the lighthouse in our daily duties as an individual, as a family member, as a father, as a son, as a provider and protector of one’s family, and a steward of mankind and this planet. That light demands a lot from us, doesn’t it? For example, always do the right thing, always be truthful to yourself, always be diligent and a steward to your family and community, live always by the Golden Rule, and the list can go on.

As Masons, especially Cryptic Masons, it demands more from us. As seekers of the Light, we are expected to lead by example. Our actions dictate who we are as Cryptic Masons. As such, it demands that we study and learn the rules that guide our lives to become better men. We are truly a potential

lighthouse that guides others when darkness reigns in our world. We are a fraternity but a special fraternity. We have gifts that are not monetary but are so valuable in our world right now.

Keep that light bright and shining within you. One day, you will be so radiant that Truth will glow and alleviate the needy, the hungry, the lost, and the confused. Let yourself be an instrument of peace.

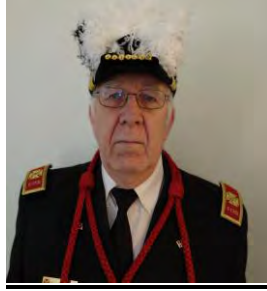
On behalf of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Washington, my lady, Lucy, and myself, we wish all a Blessed and Happy Holidays. Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Merry Christmas to all. As Tiny Tim would say in Dickens "A Christmas Carol", "...God Bless Us All..." My Companions, until we meet again be always on the level, speak positively above the triangle, and work diligently with the sword and trowel to build a better Vault for our Councils.

VPC David A. Aponte
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Washington

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Grand Commander's Message



Greetings Sir Knights:

Halloween is done, Thanksgiving is over, now is the time that we, as Christian Knights, must stop and reflect on the miracle that occurred over 2000 years ago. In the rush to find the perfect Christmas present for those that we care about it is all too easy to forget the true meaning of the season. I have been invited to the Christmas observance of several of our commanderies and look forward to joining the Sir Knights as they celebrate this, the true meaning of the season.

The music of the season carries a special message to me. Through Christmas music we celebrate the birth of our savior. We celebrate the Christmas season. The stories behind some of our favorite carols inspire us. The story behind one of our favorites, Silent Night, tells us so much. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen tells us more. Yes, even Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is a story of how someone different was able to save the season. These are just a few of our favorites. Remember when as youth we would join in a group and go around and carol in our neighborhood. How I enjoyed as I grew older hearing my neighbors sing their way through our neighborhood.

Christ left us a blueprint on how we should conduct our lives in the gospels. A blueprint that if we attempt to follow his commandments, we will ultimately join him in that land not made with hands but eternal in the heavens. I assisted a Blue Lodge installation and one of the lines I find that sticks in my mind is we are exhorted to live respected and die regretted. We know not how what we do now will affect those around us. How will be remembered. Will that little act of kindness change someone's life for the better? I recently had one of the youths that I hired many years ago as a staff member at a Boy Scout camp I managed tell me how what I said to him back then really changed the way he looked at his life. I don't remember what I said and to be honest it didn't register with me at the time that I was saying anything profound. It served to remind me we may never know the effect that we have on others so must always act in such a way that reflects positively on what we do.

Finally, my Sir Knights I wish all of you a joyous season.

SK Steven L. Dazey, REGC
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Royal Arch Masons
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Greetings Companions from your Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation

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Treasurer's Report

Ending balances as of 10/31/22

Checking:	\$16,484.60
Savings:	\$15,278.68
Investments:	\$3,222,044.81

Bill's: as of 10/31/22

All are approved budgeted items

\$3,329.63 Rent (Nov-Dec), PUD, Comcast, Case payment, Promo Flyers

Companions, as we are coming to the end of the year, please remember the difference YOUR Heart Foundation makes in the life of a child and consider making a donation.

VEC Jimmy Norton

Treasurer

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Email: jnortjr@gmail.com or RAMCHF@comcast.net

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA)

R.A.R.A. - Royal Arch Research Assistance is a Philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was established by action of the General Grand Chapter in 1975.

The purpose of the Philanthropy is to assist in providing funds for Research in areas where there is great need, and which are less than adequately funded from other sources. They have and are directing their main thrust of support to Research in the area of Auditory Perception, which adversely affects untold thousands of children, especially boys.

The study of central auditory function is an intriguing endeavor. A central auditory processing disorder impacts the academic, work, and social behavior of the child and adult. The condition causes them to scramble written, or oral, instructions and thus not understand what is wanted or desired of them even thou they have normal intelligence, normal vision and normal hearing.

This program is identifying the problems (causes) and the cures for this malady. Over the years exciting results have occurred for many children with specialized use of acoustic earplugs and earmuffs, strategic classroom seating arrangements, FM wireless microphone systems and even electronic manipulation of speech signals used to enhance the intelligibility of speech.

Much has been learned and accomplished, however, much still needs to be done. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is pleased to still contribute to the financial support of this worthy endeavor.

Donations can be sent to:

**Royal Arch Research Assistance
c/o J. William Riggs
P.O. Box 1040
Bardstown, KY 40004-1040**

Additional information can be found on the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International website at:

<https://www.ggcrami.org/>

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF)

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is the national Philanthropy of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

Our Incorporation—March 6, 1986

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF), was incorporated in the state of Oklahoma, driven by Most Puissant General Grand Master Ben Mandlebaum, of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International.

Endowed Chair Established at IU—February 1996

The CMMRF Board of Trustees agreed to fund a Chair at the Indiana University Medical Center at the cost of \$1 million. The Foundation agrees to contribute \$200,000/year for five years to endow the chair. As an incentive, the university offered to guarantee a 5% income on the endowment plus matching it with a 5% payout from the endowment.

Dr. Keith L. March, Inaugural Chair—1999

Early in 1999, Keith L. March, M.D., PhD., was named the first holder of the newly endowed CMMRF Chair.

IU Endowed Chair Funded—1999

The final \$200,000 payment was made in December 2000 to fund the Chair at Indiana University.

CMMRF Lab Rebranding Strategy—December 2000

The laboratory sponsored by CMMRF was rebranded as the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM). This new program and the creation of an endowed chair drew more than \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the program from non-Masonic sources.
2001-2002 \$300,000

Donation 2007

In 2007, a non-Masonic benefactor challenged CMMRF to match his \$50,000 donation to the Indiana Center of Vascular Biology and Medicine. By meeting his challenge, CMMRF contributed \$300,000 to ICVBM in 2007.

2007 Single Donation Makes Big Progress

In 2008, a Cryptic Mason donated \$20,000 which CMMRF matched and enabled Cryptic Masons to give \$240,000 to ICVBM for research in 2008. Today, upon request, CMMRF will match \$5,000 donations, up to \$25,000.

ICVBM selected to join CCTRN—2008

The IU center was tapped to join the Cardiovascular Cell Therapy Research Network (CCTRN), funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Founding Exec. Secretary Retires—April 2012

Marion K. Crum, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana, retires from service as the first CMMRF Executive Secretary after serving almost 27 years.

CMMRF Donations Exceed \$3M—October 2012

After providing \$200,000 in support to the Indiana University ICVBM in 2013, CMMRF had an aggregated commitment of more than \$3,000,000.

Dr. Michael Murphy, Chair—2013

Dr. Michael P. Murphy selected as the next holder of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Chair.

July 17, 2018

"CMMRF supports the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, (ICVBM), located at the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center located at Indianapolis, IN.

Because blood vessels are important in maintaining the health or repairing almost all tissues, practically all diseases turn out to have a vascular component connected to their origin or remediation. Diabetes, stroke, poor circulation, wound healing, and many other diseases share the common denominator of blood vessels. Centering our contributions to an organization that addresses so many different health concerns, both nationally and internationally, allows our supporters to share in the medical advancements, regardless of geography. Through the basic and clinical research, conducted by ICVBM and supported by CMMRF, advancements are being made to discover cures for many of today's health problems, prevent major diseases, and finally to save lives. We have the opportunity to improve the human condition for those most dear to us and ourselves. We invite you to become a part of this team and join our partnership in discovery. Let's do something great together!" *(copied from the CMMRF official web page and used with the permission of the CMMRF)*

To All Cryptic Masons Where So Ever Dispersed over the Face of the Earth:

In remembrance of the chartering of Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, The CMMRF Board of Trustees declared Saturday, March 6th, 2021 as CMMRF DAY, calling on all Cryptic Masons to donate five dollars (\$5.00), to their home Council as tribute to this philanthropy and its great works.

Companions, the 2019 CMMRF Goal was \$250,000.00; we reached \$268,000.00. The 2020 goal was \$300,000.00; we reached \$334,000.00. 2021 CMMRF Goal is \$500,000.00. Let's see if we can continue the trend and beat this goal by an even bigger percentage. The total currently raised across all jurisdictions as of 12 February is \$22,722.77. The Grand Council of Washington is responsible for only \$55.00 of that total, \$50.00 from W.F. Meier Council #22 and \$5.00 from Seattle Council #6. We need to get to work!!

Additionally, the CMMRF has received a \$50,000 Challenge Gift to raise a matching \$50,000 by April 1. You can contribute to this match as well as CMMRF Day. Just be sure to mark your

checks/donations for CMMRF Day. And, if you contribute electronically, please remember to include your Council name and number and the Grand Council of Washington, so that you, your Council, and the Grand Council gets the appropriate credit for the donation.

Do not forget the tax and charitable opportunities of directing a portion of your RMD's, (Required Minimum Distributions), to CMMRF, and please consider remembering CMMRF in your estate planning documents.

Council Recorders are to accumulate all donations and send one check, on behalf of the Council to:

CMMRF
P.O. Box 210
Brownsburg, IN 46111-0210 by May 15, 2021.

Thanks for all you do for our great philanthropy!

Grand Council of Washington CMMRF Committee

Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF)

The mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is “To Improve Vision Through Research, Education, and Supporting Access to Care”.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, incorporated in 1956, is a charity sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of the six elected officers of the Grand Encampment, all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, and six trustees-at-large elected from and by the membership for a term of nine years. It is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions made to the Foundation are deductible by donors.

The original mission of the Foundation was “to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye”.

On December 31st, 2010, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., by direction of the board, shifted the Foundation’s focus and adopted a new mission statement “to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care.” The Foundation now only participates in direct patient care through the Seniors Eye Care Program in partnership with EyeCare America and the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. With this change, the Foundation is benefitting untold millions in generations to come through grants that support research and education. Our research dollars have helped develop new nonsurgical, treatments for strabismus (crossed eyes) and ophthalmologists have told us that our efforts in funding pediatric ophthalmology research have been the primary reason that there are fewer and fewer surgeries for strabismus. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., annually announces its call for research grant applications. The Foundation invites eligible investigators to submit applications for pediatric ophthalmology research grants for the award period which normally runs from July 1 to June 30. From the applications received, the Scientific Advisory Committee recommends to the Trustees which requests should be funded.

Since its inception, the foundation has expended over \$156M on research, patient care, and education. Research grants totaling in excess of \$28M have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of pediatric ophthalmology and ophthalmic genetics.

Ways to Donate

Special award programs for contributions include:

***Life Sponsor - Available to Sir Knights (members of a Commandery) who donate \$30.**

***Associate Patron - Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of \$50.**

***Patron - Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of \$100.**

***Payments for Life Sponsor, Patron, and/or Associate Patron will exempt your Grand Commandery from further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.**

****The Grand Master’s Club - One Thousand Dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in**

the humanitarian work of the Foundation. The Grand Master's Club is available to all individuals, whether Templars or others, but not to organizations. Your membership in the Grand Master's Club entitles you to a lapel pin, an engraved wall plaque and the Crusaders Cross issued for the first 5 Grand Master Clubs. (As of 2/1/2015 once 25 Grand Master's Clubs are reached, a Sword of Merit will be awarded.)

****The Grand Commander's Club - You can enroll in the Grand Commander's Club by sending in your first installment of \$100.00 or more. At the time of your enrollment, you will receive a lapel pin and wallet card (signifying your membership). In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100.00 or more for nine more years until the total of \$1,000.00 is reached. Once contributions total \$1,000.00, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club.**

****The Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club are available to all individual Templars or others, but not to organizations.**

Memorial Donations - These donations are of any amount in memory of a deceased person. A form is provided on the donor envelope.

Honorary Gifts - These donations are given in honor of a living person in recognition of service or friendship.

Wills and Bequests - Anyone who believes in the service provided by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. may leave a bequest to the Foundation in their will.

Sight Crusader - Anyone who designates the KTEF in their will and provides suitable notification to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. will be listed in the Gold Book and designated a Sight Crusader.

The Permanent Donor Fund - This unique fund gives perpetual recognition to any person or organization that becomes a recipient of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit. Recognition is given by presentation of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit and the name and amount contributed appear in the Annual Report on a continuing basis. Additional donations by the individual or organization in the amount of \$1,000 or more will be acknowledged in future annual reports. The donor may be an organization, foundation, corporation, or individual.

Donations can be sent to:

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
1033 Long Prairie Rd. Ste. 5
Flower Mound, TX 75022-4230**

MMS

So as most of our Washington Secretaries and Recorders are about done with their “Annual Report hand-wringing” for another year, I am thinking that a good number of them would welcome a world where they didn’t have to type in the officers names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses together with technical data relative to past heads-of-bodies, suspended and demitted members, affiliations, deaths and Degree information that could have been updated as the year went along within the MMS system. More and more Secretaries and Recorders have discovered the ease of working within the MMS system as they spend more time getting used to entering new petitioners and simply updating their information as they progress through the fraternity. Every day the heads of our Grand York Rite bodies have an opportunity to review the daily activity within the MMS and thereby acquire more helpful information as to where to direct their help and support. Deputies, Masters of the Arches, and Deputy Instructors are encouraged to become familiar with the MMS system so they can better assist new Secretaries/Recorders and point out how specific elements of the system can aid them in carrying out their duties to the units. Every Washington York Rite member has 24/7 access to their own information that is on file on the MMS platform.

When we first got started with the system, many discovered that the information they thought they had in their local systems turned out to be in error. Degree dates weren’t lining up, spellings were sometimes off a bit, and some who had recently stepped in to these important positions were unable to find a current and/or complete roster. Sometimes, if you are like me, when you get a few more years under your belt, you might tend to forget not only dates, but even that you had availed yourself of some of the bonus degrees and fraternal benefits that others continue to enjoy.

If you would like to do a simple check on what the MMS system has on file for you, there are a few hoops you need to jump through. First, you need a computer or an online device capable of running the Chrome browser. Second, you need one of your MMS membership numbers. Each York Rite body has a different number for you, but any one of them will allow you access to all your personal information. (Hint: Everyone who has a WA Knight Templar membership card has their number in the white section located on the edge of the card). The next thing you need is this internet link: <https://www.masonic-web.com/mms/memberbio/default.aspx>. If you see something amiss, or if information is missing, please let your Secretary/Recorder know so that he can edit your information on your behalf.

As time goes on, look for more information and ideas that will be posted here about how the MMS system can be implemented to make our experience a great one. Secretaries/Recorders - you might want to start dreaming of the day when you can do an annual report with a few simple button-pushes. If you run in to a challenge with this MMS business and need some assistance, that is why I am here. I am always willing to work with you toward a positive resolution.

Fraternally,

MIC Michael Holland, Past Illustrious Grand Master
Technology Committee Chairman
Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Washington

December 2022

YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Companions and Sir Knights,

All of the Checks for the distribution of earnings from the fund have been written and distributed; however, there are 25 of the checks outstanding.

Please get these deposited into your accounts so that the distribution account can be reconciled.

Also, there are three checks from 2021 that have not been located so that they can be replaced with current checks.

Fraternally,
David A. Grindle
Fund Treasurer

There are four investments managed by the Foundation that are not associated with any Life Membership Plan. Two of these are charities that are not usually advertised in our monthly Focus. We have an active charity sponsored by Washington York Rite Masons that select local ministers and priests to travel to the holy land on a 10-day visit. This visit is sponsored through the Knights Templar in a party of about 30 individuals and includes guided tours of many places addressed in both the old and new testaments. If you would like to assist a Washington minister with an emotional enlightenment on a background of beliefs and teachings please forward your donation to me. The two trips scheduled for 2023 are currently being planned while praying for everyone's good health.

York Rite Life Membership
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Greetings from Royal Arch Park!!

Happy Holidays wishing you and yours the merriest of times this season.

It is still busy in the park with regular maintenance and fall clean up.

Don't forget we have released a website that will allow for increased visibility and advertising. Please take a peek at:

www.royalarchpark.org

A big thank you to all who volunteer to help make the park successful!

**Companion Jeff Long
Royal Arch Park Board President**



Upcoming Events

Official Visits/Upcoming Events—December 2022/January 2023

Grand High Priest

None Noted

Illustrious Grand Master

None Noted

Grand Commander

December 14th:

Cowlitz Commandery #29, Woodland

January 26th:

Cataract Commandery #3, Spokane

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Officers for 2022—2023

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This is the time of the year when trees and plants shed their leaves. This is also the time to start collecting the Dues, Per Capita, and Fees.

For all Chapters: In as much as there was no legislation passed at the last Royal Arch Sessions, the per capita remains constant.

Per Capita:

General Grand Chapter \$3.00

Grand Chapter \$19.00

RAMCHF \$1.00

Total for Grand Chapter: \$23.00

This amount is reduced if the companion has a RAMCHF or General Grand Chapter life membership.

For all Councils:

Sec. 7.054 Const. For each member borne on the rolls of a Chartered Council, **Eleven Dollars** (\$11.00) annual per capita tax, excepting indigent and Fifty (50) year members (Effective January 1, 2011). Changed by Adopted Amended Resolution 2010-36

This Section has been modified by Resolution 2015-005 at the 2019 Grand Council.

Sec. 7.054 Const. For each member borne on the rolls of a Chartered Council, **Ten Dollars** (\$10.00) annual per capita tax, excepting indigent and Fifty (50) year members (Effective May 17, 2015).

Sec. 7.055 Const. For each Chartered Council upon the rolls of this Grand Council, the sum of **Three Dollars** (\$3.00) will be submitted with the annual returns to the Grand Recorder. This money is for the sole purpose of funding the annual reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. Upon request this fund will be available to the reception committee upon approval of the Grand Master and shall not require the approval of the Finance Committee.

(This section was approved in 2015 as Resolution 2014-01 and passed in 2019 as Resolution 2014-01.)

This is a total of \$13.00 Per Capita for Grand Council.

The General Grand Council Per Capita is \$2.50.

Total for Grand Council Per Capita is \$15.50.

For all Commanderies:

The Grand Commandery Per Capita is \$10.00.

The Grand Encampment Per Capita is \$9.00.

Total for Grand Commandery is \$19.00.

From the FOCUS editor:

Companions and Sir Knights—

In this issue you will see that most of the presiding officer and secretary/recorder's names have been changed to red. When you have elected your new officers, please send me the name of the presiding officer and secretary/recorder ONLY. I do not need any of the other elected and/or appointed officers.

The information should include: Name, email address and phone number. Also, please ensure the information such as meeting location, time, etc., is correct. I will get the information updated once it's received.

If you belong to: Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, or any of the other bodies listed, please contact me with your officer listing, meeting times and location, etc., so they may be included in the FOCUS.

**MEC Bryan D. Bechler, FOCUS Editor
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Bellingham Bay Chapter No. 12

Meets 2nd Monday at Ferndale Masonic Lodge, 5638 3rd Ave., Ferndale, WA. Dark July and August. Dinner at 6:00PM, stated meeting at 7:00PM.

High Priest:	REC Kyle Evenstad	(360) 685-3405	kevenstad@gmail.com
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Anacortes Chapter No. 59

Meets 4th Monday at Anacortes Lodge, 1019 8th St., Anacortes, WA, except July, August and December. Dinner at 6:30PM; stated meeting at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	EC Marion Windell	(360) 678-6893	windma@isomedia.com
Secretary:	EC James Gaskill	(360) 672-1999	jimgaskill155@gmail.com

Research Chapter No. 68

Meets 1st Friday at the Arlington Masonic Lodge, 405 N. Olympic Ave., Arlington, WA. No dinner before the meeting. Stated meetings are: January, April, July and October at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	MEC Bryan D. Bechler	(360) 691-2861	bry.kat@frontier.com
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District #2:

Snohomish County Chapter No. 15

Meets 3rd Thursday of February, April, June, September and November at Edmonds Lodge, 515 Dayton St., Edmonds, WA. Potluck at 6:30PM; stated meeting at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	EC William Meyring	(425) 408-0808	brm2621@hotmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Roger Pankey	(206) 446-6236	snoco15@gmail.com

Fellowship Chapter No. 61

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at Ashlar Masonic Temple, 10035 ½ Main St., Bothell, WA, except for July and August. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. Dinner at 6:30PM.

High Priest:	VEC Daniel Southerland	(253) 508-9410	danielsoutherland@live.com
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District #3:

Oriental Chapter No. 19

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of January, March, May, September and November at Green Lake Masonic Hall, 307 NE Maple Leaf Pl., Seattle, WA at 10:30AM. If in conflict with Grand Chapter meeting, the first (1st) Saturday in May. Lunch follows all meetings at a nearby restaurant.

High Priest:	EC Stephen C. Harrell	(253) 224-5520	stephen.harrell@comcast.net
Secretary:	VEC Coe Tug Morgan	(206) 632-2970	notpgm@comcast.net

Issaquah Chapter No. 39

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at St. Andrews Masonic Center, 505 Williams Ave. S, Renton, WA except for July and August. Potluck at 6:30PM; stated convocation at 7:30PM. Every September is the annual visitation of Falls City Chapter No. 54.

High Priest:	VEC Larry D. Harger	(206) 227-5889	35pm98@gmail.com
Secretary:	MEC Jerry E. Whitney	(206) 241-7510	jrwitnee@comcast.net

Falls City Chapter No. 54

Meets the 1st Saturday of June and the 2nd Saturday of February, March, April, July, August, September, October, and November at 4 PM at 4304-337th Place SE, Fall City, WA. Dark in January, May, December. The September convocation is optionally at 7:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday and is held JOINTLY with Issaquah #39 at 505 S. Williams Ave., Renton, WA.

High Priest:	EC Frank Schumacher	(425) 533-9634	Wbrofrank@gmail.com
Secretary:	C Nick Michaud	(206) 459-0155	Nickalan@comcast.net

District #4:

Enumclaw Chapter No. 42

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November at the Enumclaw Masonic Temple, 42810 264th Ave., SE, Enumclaw, WA. Meetings begin at 6:00PM which includes dinner.

High Priest: EC Rodney Johnson (253) 297-2392 23e3ad@gmail.com
Secretary: MEC Paul Reckamp (253) 335-7731 preckamp@gmail.com

Robert B. Palmer Chapter No. 46

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Auburn Masonic Temple, 10 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA, except July, August and December. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM; stated meeting at 7:30PM.

High Priest: VEC Michael Palko-Dean (253) 217-8291 DadMike@comcast.net
Secretary: EC Loren Franz (253) 569-3060 Lonnie.franz@gmail.com

Triple Tau Chapter No. 66

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of month at the Des Moines Masonic Temple, 2208 S 223rd St., Des Moines, WA. Dark in July & August. Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM; stated meeting at 7:30 PM. If May meeting conflicts with Grand Chapter, it may be held at the discretion of the Chapter High Priest within 10 days of the 2nd Wednesday of May.

High Priest: EC Joey Romero (253) 334-6110 jrom959@yahoo.com
Secretary: MEC Jerry E. Whitney (206) 241-7510 jrwitnee@comcast.net

District #5:

Tacoma Chapter No. 4

Meets on the 3rd Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 5405 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

High Priest: EC James E. Nero (253) 227-1178 jnero28@hotmail.com
Secretary: VEC Joseph McAlister (253) 241-0358 airborne51@me.com

Olympus Chapter No. 27

Meets on the 4th Monday at 6:00PM at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except July and August.

High Priest: EC
Secretary: MEC Scot Sageser (360) 228-9929 bremertonyorkrite1307@gmail.com

Angeles Chapter No. 38

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of March, June and September at the Port Angeles Masonic Temple, 622 S. Lincoln, Port Angeles, WA. Meetings are in conjunction with Crescent Council No. 18 and Juan de Fuca Commandery No. 17. Hosted dinners before Official Visits at 6:30PM. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. No meeting in July, August and December.

High Priest: EC Al Rose (360) 809-3532 theroses@@wavecable.net
Secretary: EC Theodore E. Shanks (360) 582-0253 ual777boss@aol.com

District #6:

Centralia Chapter No. 44

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December at the Centralia Masonic Temple, 218 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA. Stated meeting at 7:30PM. Refreshments served after the meeting.

High Priest:	VEC Ernest Goad	(360) 219-6512	eegoad@hotmail.com
Secretary:	EC John H. Vivian	(360) 280-0154	jbarv1@hotmail.com

Cowlitz Chapter No. 70

Meets on the second Wednesday of January, April and October at the Woodland-Kalama Masonic Center, 143 Davidson Ave., Woodland, WA. Dinner at 6:30PM. Stated meeting at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	EC Marvin Colburn, Jr.	(360) 608-4015	navyidc1980@gmail.com
Secretary:	EC Richard Hallett	(360) 274-8149	stocktonhallett@gmail.com

District #7:

Ellensburg Chapter No. 11

Meets on the 1st Thursday at the Ellensburg Masonic Temple, 111 ½ W. 6th Ave., Ellensburg, WA, except July, August, and Federal Holidays. Stated meeting at 7:00PM. Meetings are combined with Ellensburg Commandery.

High Priest:	EC Shawn Clerf	(971) 361-2129	clerfs1869@gmail.com
Secretary:	MEC Patrick Stanton	(509) 859-2067	highplainsdrifter@rocketmail.com

Pasco Chapter No. 33

Meets on the 4th Wednesday in January, April, July and October at the Richland Masonic Temple, 412 Thayer Dr., Richland, WA. On all other months it opens informally in association with Zadok Council #23 and Pasco Commandery #21. Dark in November and December. Stated meeting at 7:30PM. Dinner at 6:00PM when Official Visitation takes place.

High Priest:	EC Michael Duncan	(509) 438-9651	duncanmr50@charter.net
Secretary:	EC Charles Davis	(509) 943-5843	Cr_eddavis@frontier.com

District #8:

Walla Walla Chapter No. 1

Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month, but formally opens only the months of January, April and October at the Walla Walla Masonic Center, 607 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA, except June, July and August. Stated meeting is at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	EC Sean Scanlon	(541) 861-3373	sscanlon68@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Phillip Woodland	(509) 529-3781	woodlandforest@charter.net

Evergreen Chapter No. 10

Meets the 4th Monday at the Clarkston Masonic Temple, 935 6th St., Clarkston, WA, except June, July, August and December. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	MEC John W. Zeller	(208) 413-0375	jwzidaho@yahoo.com
Secretary:	VEC Steven Kazda	(509) 843-3831	skazda@pomeroy-wa.com

District #9:

Spokane Chapter No. 2

Meets 4th Thursdays except November and December at the Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. Stated meeting begins at 6:00pm.

High Priest:	EC Cory Starr	(509) 290-4666	StarrCorwin@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Michael D. Holland	(509) 951-4962	michael@pnwnet.net

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Wenatchee Chapter No. 22

Thursday of each month at the Wenatchee Masonic Center, 811 N. Chelan, Wenatchee, WA, except July and August. Stated meetings begin at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	EC Steve Verebi	(509) 429-1330	sverebijr@msn.com
Secretary:	VEC Steven Guffy	(509) 662-7607	steveg@nwi.net

Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Okanogan Masonic Lodge, 234 Tye St., Okanogan, WA, except January and February. Stated meetings begin at 7:30PM. If the May Convocation conflicts with Grand Chapter, it shall be held on the fourth Monday.

High Priest:	VEC Rick Kelly	(509) 476-2856	gto@gdicom.net
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Arch No. 1:

Naval Council No. 11

Meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except July and August. Stated meetings begin at 7:00PM.

Illustrious Master:	IC Anthony Anable	(847) 609-7175	elbanna@gmx.com
Recorder:	IC Scot P. Sageser	(360) 228-9929	bremertonyorkrite1307@gmail.com

Crescent Council No. 18

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Port Angeles Masonic Temple, 622 S. Lincoln St., Port Angeles, WA. Stated meetings January through November beginning at 7:30PM. Meets in conjunction with Angeles Chapter No. 38 and Juan de Fuca Commandery No. 17. Hosted dinners before Official Visits at 6:30PM, and stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. No meeting in July, August and December.

Illustrious Master:	IC Tim Hamm	(360) 670-3053	No Email
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Arch No. 2:

Everett Council No. 8

Meets the 1st Friday at the Arlington Masonic Lodge, 405 N. Olympic Ave., Arlington, WA, in February, May, August and November. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. No dinner before the meeting.

Illustrious Master:	RPC Bryan D. Bechler	(360) 691-2861	bry.kat@frontier.com
Recorder:	RPC Anthony C. Schwab	(425) 334-6696	a.c.schwab@comcast.net

Bellingham Council No. 16

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month except for July and August at the Burlington-United Masonic Lodge, 106 Warner St., Sedro Woolley, WA. Stated meeting at 7:30PM.

Illustrious Master:	VIC Kyle Evenstad	(360) 685-3405	kevenstad@gmail.com
Recorder:	IC Douglas Jerome	(360) 672-0459	jammerguy1@gmail.com

Arch No. 3:

Adoniram Council No. 17

Meets the 3rd Friday in March, May, September and November at the Greenwood Masonic Center, 7910 Greenwood Ave. North, Seattle, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. No meal before the meeting. We go out after the meeting for food and fellowship.

Illustrious Master: IC Don Moore (206) 999-2808 donmoore@seanet.com
Recorder: IC Jeffrey T. Harden (206) 274-5271 nicostratus@gmail.com

Walter F. Meier Council No. 22

Meets the 2nd Friday in January, March, September and November; 1st Friday in May at the Ashlar Masonic Temple, 10035 ½ Main St., Bothell, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. Potluck dinner (main course provided) begins at 6:30PM.

Illustrious Master: IC Robert Guild (425) 442-1562 rwguild@msn.com
Recorder: IC Roger Pankey (206) 542-1937 wfmeier22@gmail.com

Arch No. 4:

Tacoma Council No. 1

Meets the 3rd Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 5405 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA. Stated meetings begin at 7:30PM. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

Illustrious Master: IC James Nero (253) 227-1178 jnero28@hotmail.com
Recorder: IC John Yeager (253) 324-3701 yeagerjohn@hotmail.com

Seattle Council No 6

Meets the 3rd Monday of every month except for July, August and December at the St. Andrews Masonic Center, 505 S. Williams Ave., Renton, WA. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

Illustrious Master: IC John Hannaman (425) 351-0556 johnhannaman@comcast.net
Recorder: VIC Jerry Whitney (206) 241-7510 jrwitnee@comcast.net

King Solomon Council No. 27

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except for May and July which meets the 4th Saturday at King Solomon Masonic Temple, 10 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA. November meeting is installation only; no December meeting. Stated meeting at 10:00AM. Breakfast at 9:00AM.

Illustrious Master: IC Alvin W. Jorgensen (253) 862-3083 aljorg@comcast.net
Recorder: IC Loren Franz (253) 569-3060 mtemple1007@qwestoffice.net

Arch No. 5:

Alpha Council No. 20

Meets the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November at the Centralia Masonic Temple, 218 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA. Stated meeting at 7:30PM. Dinner at Country Cousin Restaurant, 1054 Harrison Ave., Centralia, WA, at 6:00PM.

Illustrious Master: IC David Anderson (360) 581-1821 anderson_david@hotmail.com
Recorder: IC John H. Vivian (360) 280-0154 jbarv1@hotmail.com

Arch No. 6:

Vancouver Council No. 10

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of February, May, and November at the Woodland-Kalama Masonic Center, 143 Davidson St., Woodland, WA. Dinner at 6:30PM. Stated meeting at 7:30PM.

Illustrious Master: IC Marvin Colburn, Jr. (360) 608-4015 navyidc1980@gmail.com
Recorder: IC Richard Hallett (360) 274-8149 stocktonhallett@gmail.com

Arch No. 7:

Ellensburg Council No. 26

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at the Ellensburg Masonic Temple, 111 ½ W. 6th Ave., Ellensburg, WA, except July, August and Federal holidays.

Illustrious Master: IC Nick Henderson (509) 674-4199 nickhenderson7557@gmail.com
Recorder: C Patrick Stanton (509) 674-1335 highplainsdrifter@rocketmail.com

Arch No. 8:

Zabud Council No. 7

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, but formally opens only the months of February, May and November at the Walla Walla Masonic Center, 607 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA, except June, July and August. Stated meetings at 7:30PM.

Illustrious Master: IC Sean Scanlon (541) 861-3373 sscanlon68@gmail.com
Recorder: VIC Phillip Woodland (509) 529-3781 woodlandforest@charter.net

Zadok Council No. 23

Meets the 4th Wednesday of February, May, and August at the Richland Masonic Temple, 412 Thayer Dr., Richland, WA. Stated meetings at 7:30PM. On all other months it opens informally in association with Pasco Chapter No. 33 and Pasco Commandery No. 21. Dark in November and December. Dinner at 6:00PM when Official Visitation takes place.

Illustrious Master: IC Anders Berg (864) 650-5982 ahberg1@gmail.com
Recorder: IC Charles Davis (509) 943-5843 cr_eddavis@frontier.com

Arch No. 9:

Spokane Council No. 4

Meets the 4th Thursday except November and December at the Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. Stated meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Illustrious Master: IC Tom Hodgins (360) 471-3380 tom_hodgins@hotmail.com
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District No. 1

Cowlitz Commandery No. 29

Meets the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December at the Woodland-Kalama Masonic Center, 143 Davidson Ave., Woodland, WA. Dinner at 6:30PM. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Mark D. Sanders (360) mark.d.sanders@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Richard Hallett (360) 261-9092 stocktonhallett@gmail.com

District No. 2

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4

Meets the 1st Monday of each month at 5405 S. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, WA. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Kenneth Cowen, Jr. (253) 380-8271 cowenpuppy@aol.com
Eminent Recorder: SK David Aponte (253) 592-4401 regc2011@live.com

De Molai Commandery No. 6

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Centralia Masonic Lodge, 218 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA, except July and August. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Lawrence Byrd (360) 960-8967 lbyrd1947@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder: SK David Anderson (360) 532-8732 anderson_david@hotmail.com

District No. 3

Seattle Commandery No. 2

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Seattle Scottish Rite Center, 1207 N. 152nd St., Shoreline, WA, except for June, July, August and December. Dinner at 6:30PM; stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Jeffrey Harden (206) 628-6351 nicostratus@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Ian Hyde (206) 356-5420 ockerseattle@hotmail.com

Rainier Commandery No. 28

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at St. Andrews Masonic Center, 505 Williams Ave. S, Renton, WA, except for July, August, November and December. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM; stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK John S. Burrage (206) 947-9558 JSBurrage@aol.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Geoffrey Joosten (206) 707-3256 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net

District No. 4

Juan De Fuca Commandery No. 17

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of April, May and October at the Port Angeles Masonic Temple, 622 S. Lincoln Ave., Port Angeles, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. Meets in conjunction with Angeles Chapter No. 38 and Juan de Fuca Commandery No. 17. Hosted dinners before Official Visits at 6:30PM, followed by stated meeting at 7:30PM. No meeting in July, August and December.

Eminent Commander: SK Clint Beyer (360) 374-9476 clintbeyer@olynet.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Theodore E. Shanks (360) 582-0253 ual777boss@aol.com

Malta Commandery No. 18

Meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except for July and August. Stated meeting begins at 8:00PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Jeffrey Steik
Eminent Recorder: SK Scot Sageser (360) 228-9929 bremertonyorkrite1307@gmail.com

District No. 5

Hesperus Commandery No. 8

Meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Burlington United Masonic Center, 106 Warner St., Sedro Wooley, WA except for July and September (September meeting is held the last Monday of August due to Labor Day). Dinner at 6:30PM; stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Marion A. Windell (360) 678-6893 windma@isomedia.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Kyle Evenstad (360) 685-3405 kevenstad@gmail.com

Palestine Commandery No. 11

Meets the 1st Friday of March, June, September and December at the Arlington Masonic Lodge, 405 N. Olympic Ave., Arlington, WA. No dinner before the meeting. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Anthony C. Schwab (425) 334-6696 a.c.schwab@comcast.net
Eminent Recorder:

District No. 6

Temple Commandery No. 5

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Ellensburg Masonic Temple, 111 ½ W 6th Ave., Ellensburg, WA, except July, August and Federal holidays. Stated meetings begin at 8:00PM (meeting will be at 7:30PM when OV is scheduled).

Eminent Commander: SK Ron Graham (509) 607-2900 running2p@icloud.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Patrick Stanton (509) 859-2067 highplainsdrifter@rocketmail.com

District No. 7

Cataract Commandery No. 3

Meets 4th Thursday except November and December at the Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. Stated meetings begin at 8:00pm.

Eminent Commander: SK Fred Mark (509) fsmark3@outlook.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Michael D. Holland (509) 951-4962 Michael@pnwnet.net

District No. 8

Washington Commandery No. 1

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of March, September and December at the Walla Walla Masonic Center, 607 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA, except July and August. The June meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday. Stated meetings begin at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Anton M Lodmell (509) 525-6415 None
Eminent Recorder: SK Steven L. Kazda (509) 843-3831 skazda@pomeroy-wa.com

Pasco Commandery No. 21

Meets the 4th Wednesday of March, June, and September at the Richland Masonic Temple, 412 Thayer St., Richland, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. On all other months it opens informally in association with Zadok Council No. 23 and Pasco Chapter No. 33. Dark in November and December. Dinner at 6:00PM when Official Visitation takes place.

Eminent Commander: SK Jay White (509) 851-2355 wwwhite1500@msn.com
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York Rite Bodies in Washington



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VEDB Alvin W. Jorgensen Deputy Grand Governor—Westside
VEDB Michael Holland Deputy Grand Governor—Eastside

York Rite College Grand Governor's Message

REDB Joseph W. MacIntyre
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York Rite Colleges

Kamiakin York Rite College No. 28

Governor: PCK Jay White (509) 851-2355 white1500@msn.com
Secretary: ECK Earl Fordham (509) 628-7628 earl.fordham@gmail.com

Kamiakin College meets in Spokane the 2nd Saturday in November and in Richland the 1st Saturday in May.

Rainier York Rite College No. 54

Governor: PCK Geoffrey S. Joosten (206) 707-3296 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net
Secretary: PCK Ian C. Hyde (206) 356-5420 ockerseattle@hotmail.com

Rainier College meets in Issaquah the 1st Saturday in November, February, and April.

Tahoma York Rite College No. 197

Governor: PCK Lawrence Byrd (360) 960-8967 lbyrd1947@gmail.com
Secretary: VEDB Jerry E. Whitney (206) 241-7510 jrwitnee@comcast.net

Tahoma College meets in Federal Way the 4th Saturday in October, February, and May.



Evergreen Priory No. 41 KYCH



Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Rabi K. Peifer	Eminent Prior
Michael Holland	Deputy Prior
Paul Reckamp	Warder
Ivan "Merle" Iverson	Registrar
David Aponte	Prelate
Lawrence Byrd	Orator
Alan T. Spreen	Herald
Joseph McAlister	Sentinel
VE Bryan D. Bechler, PP	Personal Representative District No. 24

Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour

ME Joe R. Manning, Jr.	Most Eminent Grand Master-General
RE Gary D. Miller	Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master-General
RE James C. McGee	Right Eminent Grand Warder of the Temple
RE Reese L. Harrison, Jr.	Right Eminent Grand Treasurer-General
RE D. Allen Surratt	Right Eminent Grand Registrar-General
RE Leland L. Burlison	Right Eminent Grand Seneschal
RE H. Bart Henderson	Right Eminent Grand Marshal
RE Charles A. McCollom	Right Eminent Grand Sentinel
E Brian R. Dodson	Eminent Grand Prelate
E Rick N. McCampbell	Eminent Grand Organist

United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine



St. Alban Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Geoffrey S. Joosten (206) 707-3296 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net
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David A. Aponte	Junior General
John M. Brett	Treasurer
Rabi K. Peifer	Recorder
James M. Scardelis	Prelate
Joseph L. McAlister	Prefect
Dantes La Hens	Standard Bearer
Joseph W. MacIntyre	Herald
Douglas Stamper	Sentinel
Richard M. Kovak	Orator

St. Olav Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Lawrence M. Byrd (360) 960-8967 Lbyrd1947@gmail.com
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Bryan D. Bechler, PS	Recorder
	Prelate
Scot P. Sageser	Orator
Joseph L. McAlister	Prefect
David O. Anderson	Standard Bearer
	Herald
	Sentinel

The next stated meeting of St. Olav Conclave will take place on Saturday, December 10th at Wynooche Lodge in Montesano. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM. This will be our annual meeting with installation of officers.

St. Raphael Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Sean Scanlon
Secretary: KC Merle Iverson

The annual meeting will take place on December 10th at 11:00AM at the Spokane Masonic Center.

Pacific Council No. 30 Allied Masonic Degrees



VB Joseph McAlister	Sovereign Master
Wilfred Reyes	Senior Warden
James M. Scardelis	Junior Warden
VB David A. Aponte	Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony J. Annable	Senior Deacon
Michael Palko-Dean	Junior Deacon
VB Michael Smitson	Chaplain
	Tyler

Desert Council No. 46 Allied Masonic Degrees

VB Philip Woodland	Sovereign Master
Mark Querio	Senior Warden
Jim Endslo	Junior Warden
Merle I. Iversen	Secretary
Bobby Baxter	Senior Deacon
Gene Endslo	Junior Deacon
Sean Malone	Chaplain
Michael Holland	Tyler

Annual meeting will take place on December 10th at 11:00AM at the Spokane Masonic Center.

Chinook Council No. 77 Allied Masonic Degrees

VB Steven L. Dazey	Sovereign Master
Bro. Tom Lamb	Senior Warden
Bro. Ian Hyde	Junior Warden
VB Richard M. Kovak	Secretary/Treasurer
Bro. Ziv Kowarsky	Senior Deacon
Bro. Ryan Kelly	Junior Deacon
	Chaplain
	Tyler

The next meeting will take place on February 12th at 2:00PM at Damascus Lodge No. 199, Granite Falls.

The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon



Tahoma Chapel No. 3

Joseph McAlister	Worthy Master
David A. Aponte	Eminent Prior
Lawrence M. Byrd	Marshal
Anthony Annable	Deputy Marshal
John Yeager	Treasurer
Scot Sageser	Secretary
Anthony Annable	Almoner
Michael R. Pursey	1 st Working Knight
Michael D. Holland	2 nd Working Knight
Michael A. Smitson	3 rd Working Knight
Alan T. Spreen	4 th Working Knight
Dale Imbleau	Herald
James Nero	Doorkeeper
	Cellarer
	Cellarer
Joseph Einertson	Sentry

Cascade Chapel No. 20

E. Jeffrey Craig	Worthy Master
Steven L. Dazey	Eminent Prior
	Marshal
Ian C. Hyde	Deputy Marshal
Richard M. Kovak	Treasurer
James C. Norton	Secretary
	Almoner
	1 st Working Knight
	2 nd Working Knight
	3 rd Working Knight
	4 th Working Knight
Bryan D. Bechler	Herald
Anthony C. Schwab	Doorkeeper
	Cellarer
	Cellarer
	Sentry

Clontarf Council No. 69 Knight Masons



Scot P. Sageser	Excellent Chief
E. Jeffrey Craig	Senior Knight
Anthony Anable	Junior Knight
Rabi Peifer, KCZ	Scribe
Barron "Jay" White	Treasurer
Joseph Einertson	Senior Warden
Geoffrey Joosten	Junior Warden
David Sandretto	Director of Ceremonies
James Nero	Priest
Dantes LaHens	Steward
Patrick Stanton	Sentinel
Kirk "Al" Rose	Tyler

The spring 2023 meeting will take place on Saturday, March 11th at Victory Memorial Masonic Temple, Bremerton.



Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests



Immaculate Tabernacle No. XXXIX

Merle Iverson	Preceptor
Michael Holland	Deputy Preceptor
Theodore Shanks	Seventh Pillar
E. Jeffrey Craig	Sixth Pillar
Jerry Whitney	Fifth Pillar
Marion Windell	Fourth Pillar
W. Gary Norton	Third Pillar
B. Gene Fish	Second Pillar
Nick Henderson	First Pillar
Harold Hobbs	Inner Guard
	Outer Guard
Patrick Stanton	Registrar

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Salish Court No. 96

WB Jason C. Varner	Worshipful Master
WB Anthony C. Schwab, PM	Eminent Prior
Joseph L. McAlister	Senior Warden
Paul A. Gehrman	Junior Warden
WB Steven L. Dazey, PM	Treasurer
WB David A. Grindle, PM	Secretary
Johnny A. Willis	Marshal
Charles E. Warren	Deputy Marshal
Charles E. Persinger	Almoner
Michael Palko-Dean	Senior Deacon
David A. Aponte	Junior Deacon
Kim Bowman	Captain of Guard
James C. Norton	Burgh
Keven E. Betterton	Burgh
Charles Schubert	Burgh
Charles Warren	Burgh
WB E. Jeffrey Craig, PM	Guard
WB Bryan D. Bechler, PM	Immediate Past Master

The next stated meeting will take place on Friday,
December 16th at 7:00PM at the Issaquah Masonic
Temple.

RW Bro. Bryce Brent Hildreth, MStJ, KSM	Provincial Grand Master
VW Bro. Orville Armstrong, PSGW, KSM	Deputy Provincial Grand Master
RW Bro. Gene Hatfield, PGSD	Assistant Provincial Grand Master
RW Bro. Blain H. Simmons	Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W & Em. Bro. Ballard Smith, PSGW	Provincial Eminent Grand Prior
W Bro. Stanton T. Brown II, PGSD, KSM	Provincial Senior Grand Warden
VW Bro. James E. Winzenreid, PGSwdB, KSM	Provincial Junior Grand Warden
W Bro. Donald L. McAndrews, PGJW, KSM	Provincial Grand Marshal
VW Bro. Russell E. Bridges, PGSwdB, KSM	Provincial Grand Treasurer
W Bro. J. David Cashion	Provincial Grand Secretary
W Bro. Frank L. Blades, Sr.	Provincial Grand Almoner
W Bro. Joseph W. MacIntyre, PGCoG	Provincial Deputy Grand Marshall
W Bro. Casey Lee Hood, PSGW	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro. Lawrence E. Tucker, PGSD	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
Bro. Steven C. Monrotus, KSM	Provincial Grand Organist
W Bro. Aaron White, MStJ	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro. Teko Foley, PSGW	Burgh



Hello! I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Washington Masonic Charities (WAMC). The first couple of months of my tenure have been exciting and even more fun than I'd anticipated. In this short amount of time, I've met an array of inspiring Masons. I'm grateful for the insights shared with me as I've talked individually with each of the Grand Line, the other WAMC Board of Trustees and Committee members, and recent past Grand Masters. Every conversation has deepened my respect for Freemasonry. As for the staff, I feel fortunate to have inherited a well-run operation with a team of extremely talented, dedicated, and kind people. This group is incredibly adept at sharing their formidable expertise with a kind of "we're all family" warmth. I've felt immediately welcome.

In these first months I've done a deep dive into the organization's foundation documents, like the bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, policies and procedures, and trusts. Gaining as much understanding as I can of Freemasonry is also important to me, so I've read *Freemasonry for Dummies* and am now engrossed in *Not Made with Hands* and *History of Masonry and Concordant Orders*. As I'm reading these books, I'm struck by how the Masons I've met embody the Masonic values of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Those values will be top of mind for me as I partner with the entire WAMC team to chart our path forward. My leadership approach is collaborative. I'm working with the staff, trustees, and committees to prioritize how we can strengthen our impact in our program areas of bringing comfort to seniors and those in need, investing in our youth, and preserving our Masonic heritage.

I look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming District meetings and in my travels around the state. Please know that my door is always open. You can reach me by calling 253-442-2525, or emailing meganferland@masonscare.org. It's an honor to serve in this capacity.

With deep respect,

Megan Ferland, Executive Director

Megan comes to WAMC with 20 years of experience leading nonprofits. In her previous role as CEO of Girl Scouts of Western WA, she oversaw a \$23M operation with 160 employees, 25,000 youth members, 14,000 adult members, 6 offices, 6 camps, and 3 retail stores.

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