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Thrice Illustrious Grand Recorder
Thrice Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Thrice Illustrious Grand Steward
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SK Jeremy Vaughn	Right Eminent Northwest Department Commander

Grand High Priest's Message



Greetings Companions:

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer activities. It is now time to get rolling again with the fall activities.

I attended the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International in Branson, MO on August 14-15, 2023. I was pleased to note that we had a good representation from Washington State there, and I congratulate RPC Rabi Peifer and MEC Bryan Bechler on your appointments.

I will be starting up my Official Visits again to Chapters in Washington with three planned for September and another three planned for October. I look forward to visiting with the Companions.

I have heard that several Chapters have candidates in process and several more have potential candidates. I hope you are planning your degree conferrals. If you need assistance there are companions in other chapters that are willing to help. Just reach out to them. Together we can work on growing the Royal Arch Chapters. Also please stay active in the Blue Lodges. That is the source of our members.

Remember to reach out to all members of your Chapter to keep them informed of planned activities, and remember that not all members are electronically connected, so use other means for contact.

I again encourage the High Priests to plan education programs for their meetings. Recognize that there is a great amount of information on the philosophy and symbols presented in the degrees, and the explanations in the degrees are often not adequate to fully develop these ideas. There is assistance available from members of other Chapters, as well as from the Companion Adept of the Temple program offered by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. There is also a series of lessons on Capitular Masonry available from the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. (<http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/ramint>)

I encourage the Chapters to plan dinners and programs that the ladies can attend. Keeping our ladies involved and informed is a big help in encouraging attendance and involvement of the Companions, as well as membership retention.

Best wishes to all.

MEC Alan T. Spreen
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Washington

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Illustrious Grand Master's Message



Greetings Companions,

I appreciate the indulgence in taking the month of August off from communicating via the Focus. However, summer is ending, and the business of our Grand Jurisdiction, along with the balance of our Blue Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, and Councils will be coming back to life and activity.

My August work included travel to the Triennial Sessions for the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International in Branson, MO. For those of you who have not been to Southern Missouri, you would be amazed at the beauty and the “greenness” of the landscape. The weather is simply hot, but this is a beautiful part of our Great Nation and minus the humidity this was a fun and rewarding trip and experience. It was quite interesting to see the influence that the American York Rite has throughout the General Grand Jurisdiction and the nature of the governance that is given by the General Grand bodies here in America. Congratulations to our newly elected General Grand Master Most Puissant Bill Snyder.



Most Puissant Bill Snyder, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

Also in attendance was our Grand High Priest, MEC Alan Spreen and the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington, SK Bryan Bechler. Also, in attendance, on behalf of the Grand Council, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work RIC Barron J. White, and one of our favorite Companions, Grand King REC David “Dave” Sandretto of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. We also were graced with the attendance of the Deputy Grand High Priest, REC Rabi Peifer of our Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, our very own, Right Puissant E. Jeffrey Craig. A hearty thank you to all these distinguished Companions for their attendance, dedication, and hard work. Also, congratulations to MIC Rabi PIGM for his appointment as the Deputy General Grand Master for the Northwest Region for the General Grand Council. Well done, Rabi! We look forward to supporting you over the next three years and beyond.

From our Grand Recorder, please forward your 25- and 50-year companions for recognition and to get certificates printed. Send the Companions names to him at migm2022@outlook.com as soon as you are able. I will bring those to present to the Councils and Companions in attendance at my OV's. MIC David is asking that you give him a couple of weeks to get the certificates printed so please make this happen as soon as possible.

In closing, I would like to remind you of the theme for this Grand Year for Cryptic Masonry in Washington.

TAKE ACTION

Simple and straightforward, but profoundly necessary if we are to revitalize and reform our Craft and create prosperity and a future for York Rite Masonry. It is in the doing that we make progress and touch the lives of our members and our communities. So, let us take the action of doing. Doing degrees, conducting education, inviting members, reaching out to companions. There really is no silver bullet when it comes to the process of revitalizing our York Rite bodies here in the state. It is in the aggregate of the phone calls, the emails, the handshakes and greetings, the memorizing of our ritual, the attendance at our communications, the visitation of other Councils and most importantly in the work that we do on behalf of our Blue Lodges in making new Masons. It is especially in this action that we will encounter the future of our Craft. The future of the York Rite lies in that new candidate who is petitioning, receiving the Degrees, and becoming a Mason in the Blue Lodge. He is the best hope for our bright future. Let's attract him with our attitude, our dedication, our work ethic, our friendship, a warm greeting and yes by being a Man of Action.

If I could encourage you to do one thing this month it would be to attend your Blue Lodge and find out what degrees and candidates are in process. Get involved in the Degrees. Make a difference in your Blue Lodge. This above all other Actions.

MIC Scot Sageser
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Washington

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Grand Commander's Message



Greetings Sir Knights!

One item of business that's usually (but not always) done at grand sessions is recognizing the Grand Representatives. It seems over the past few years we've gotten away from this due to rushing through the business just to get to the installation of officers. But not everyone may know how Grand Representatives are chosen, what's expected of them, etc.

The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Washington recognizes other jurisdictional Grand Commanderies, all of which are recognized by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Grand Representatives have been around for decades. In years past, it was great to see Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions attend our sessions and vice versa. So what's expected of you as a Grand Representative? There are a number of things, some of which I'll provide here.

You will be expected to be an "expert" about the Grand Commandery you represent. Don't let that scare you! It will come with each exchanged bit of information. The more you can learn concerning the history, size, activities, programs, structure and procedures of that Jurisdiction, the better you can fill that role. Developing that information should be a fascinating search.

Along the road toward establishing communications and developing information concerning the Grand Commandery you will find a vast treasure of friendships, kindnesses and meaningful Masonic experiences. Also, you may experience some disappointments, stumbling blocks and frustrations. Overcoming them, though, will also be a challenge well worth the effort.

First, though, it may be well to understand the history and purposes of the Grand Representative System, and how it operates. Originated by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1838, the Grand Representative System was designed to foster and encourage a closer bond of union and fraternal accord between the several Grand Lodges of the world by helping to establish the true spirit of Brotherhood and by promoting the principles of Masonic universality.

Communication is the key to the success of such a system. Conversely, the *lack* of communication can result in its failure. If you are the Representative of a foreign country there may be language difficulties in communicating. In most foreign countries, persons of substance and education have English as a second language. This will help. Do not be surprised if they use words and phrases that sound strange to you. Always bear in mind that they may be thinking in the language of their native land.

So, Sir Knights, YOU have the opportunity to help rebuild this great program and make it even better than it has been. With modern technology (Email, Zoom, Teams, etc.), you have the ability to bring a program developed in the 19th century into the 21st century. Unfortunately, our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight David Aponte, REPGC has a conundrum. The list of Sir Knights in Washington that had been appointed as a Grand Representative in other jurisdictions has disappeared. I know there are a number of Sir Knights that are currently a Grand Representative to another jurisdiction. With that in mind, I'm asking for your assistance. If you know you are a Grand Representative, please contact SK David Aponte, to let him know what jurisdiction you were appointed (some Sir Knights may have more than one). He's been working hard on recreating the records with the hopes that by our annual communication in Wenatchee in 2024 this will be completed. With your information he can reach out to the other jurisdictions to find out who your counterpart is (as they oftentimes change).

Let's see if we can get this program to a functioning level once again and develop stronger ties with our Sir Knights throughout the world.

Sincerely and fraternally,

SK Bryan D. Bechler, REGC
 Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington

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Royal Arch Masons
Children's Heart Foundation Inc.

P.O. Box 223, Marysville, Washington 98270 Phone: (360) 658-4581 or (800) 813-9900 email: RAMCHF@comcast.net

Greetings Companions from your Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation

Companions,

You know I often make a comment about what a great time it is to be alive and an even better time to be a Freemason. I just can't help it...it really is a great time! When I was a young boy I listened to this radio station and everyday this one particular disc jockey would sign off and say "Have a great day. You have a great day for it". Now it didn't matter if it was sunny, raining, snowing or burning hot, that is how he ended his show. In my youth I thought "gee, that's silly, it's miserable outside", but now I get it. Every day is a blessing and we are lucky to have followed our paths into Freemasonry. Enough rambling. Your Foundation is doing well. We are in the middle of making a move to save some money. As always, we are looking for your assistance. If you are interested in representing your Chapter, we would love to hear from you. No experience required. Heck! You could even be president. Remember, you don't have to be on the board to tell people about our foundation and let them know we are waiting for their call.

Your trustees are excitedly waiting to hear from you. If you know of a family in need please go to the RAMCHF.ORG website.

VEC Jay White, President

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Royal Arch Masons Generously Support Children's Heart Health

This is a story about an amazing couple who became part of the Memorial Foundation. On Christmas Eve in 2018 a tall man in a cowboy hat, followed by his smiling wife, into our office. The man said, "My name is Graham, and I have money to give away." I quickly pulled out a couple of chairs and "Well sit right down! I can help you with. After all, it was the day before Christmas, looked so much like Santa Claus.



who has family. white walked Ron

said, that!" and he

Ron is a Trustee of the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation, who grants funding for cardiac equipment and treatment for children. It was a true delight to tell him about our specialty cardiac clinics at Children's Village, which just happen to need funding! It was a match made in Heaven!

The grant was designated for pediatric cardiology detection/prevention, medical assistance, research, facilities, and equipment. Since that day, the Royal Arch Masons have supported pediatric cardiology services at Memorial with more than \$385,000.

We have many children in our region who need specialized pediatric heart services, from simple diagnostic to complicated conditions. After a child is discharged from the hospital, much of the child's follow up treatment is provided at Children's Village, a unique outpatient clinic built to care for children with special health care needs.

The number of patients in the pediatric cardiology clinic has more than doubled in the past five years to 183 clinic days and over 1,120 children seen-- 887 children and 236 prenatal patients in 2022.

This growth in pediatric cardiology at Children's Village led to the recent addition of a full-time cardiologist, and with the support from Royal Arch Masons, Children's Village recently added a dedicated cardiology nurse to support and care for the growing number of children seen for cardiology. This nurse helps with:

- Discussion of care plan and education with family
- Care coordination for cardiology, arranging additional services and/or referrals as needed
- Triage for all cardiology referrals and patient family phone calls.
- Provide cardiology nursing as needed, such as for Holter monitors

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit needed a respiratory monitor to detect and notify of any cardiology concerns when children stop breathing. This need was presented to the Royal Arch Masons for support, and they came through again with another grant.

Quote: from Ron Graham "We of the Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation are proud to help support Children's Village and the Neonatal ICU at Multicare Memorial. When we found Erin Black and Mary Lynne Brewington at the Memorial Foundation it was a blessing for both entities. For us it was the ability to assist people in need in Central Washington without having to drive over 100 miles to have their children treated and yours to continue with your much needed services and to expand them. We are a "match made in Heaven"." "I, personally, am pleased beyond words by our mutual efforts." End of quote.

Side Bar next to Story

One of the recipients of the Royal Arch Masons funding is our very own Ashley Johnson, Memorial Foundation Donor Specialist. Ashley and her husband Branden Johnson, Radiation Oncology Manager at North Star Lodge, were 24 weeks pregnant when their baby needed an echocardiogram at Children's Village. The Johnsons shared how wonderful their experience was and how being able to receive care locally meant the world to them. The ultrasound technologist traveled over from Seattle that morning; she was very sweet and that helped put mom at ease. When the couple met with Dr. Hulls, they were given a clear bill of health for baby Theo.

Thanks, Royal Arch Masons! Here is a picture of baby Theo Johnson today, born December 22nd.



"And she loved a little boy very, very much — even more than she loved herself." — Shel Silverstein





Treasurer's Report

Ending balances as of 7/31/23

Checking: \$26,768.64
Savings: \$18,381.24
Investments: \$3,509,982.86

Bills as of 7/31/23: All are approved budgeted items

\$569.70. PUD-Comcast-ADT

Huge shout out to our Grand Chapter officers. The foundation has received the open balance collected per member from Grand Chapter. Their efforts to help reconcile past years returns is greatly appreciated.

Remember it's never too early or too late to make a donation to YOUR Heart Foundation. Your contributions will continue to make a difference in the lives of Children.

Please consider making a donation today!

VEC Jimmy Norton

Treasurer

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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

September 2023

YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Companions and Sir Knights,

No information received as of August 31st.

**York Rite Life Membership
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**Anthony Schwab
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Grand Commandery:

**Karl Reith
David Aponte
John Vivian, Vice President**



Greetings from Royal Arch Park!!

No information received.

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



Upcoming Events

Official Visits/Upcoming Events—September 2023/October 2023

Grand High Priest

- September 7th: Ellensburg Chapter No. 11, Ellensburg
- September 19th: Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41, Oroville
- September 25th: Anacortes Chapter No. 59, Anacortes
- October 6th: Research Chapter No. 68, Arlington
- October 11th: Walla Walla Chapter No. 1, Walla Walla
- October 23rd: Evergreen Chapter No. 10, Asotin

Illustrious Grand Master

- September 8th: Walter F. Meier No 22, Bothell
- September 15th: Adoniram Council No. 17, Seattle
- September 16th: King Solomon Council No. 27, Auburn
- September 25th: Naval Council No. 11, Bremerton
- September 28th: Spokane Council No. 4, Spokane

Grand Commander

- September 1st: Palestine Commandery No. 8, Arlington
- September 13th: Washington Commandery No. 1, Walla Walla
- September 27th: Pasco Commandery No. 21, Richland
- September 28th: Cataract Commandery No. 3, Spokane
- October 18th: Juan de Fuca Commandery No. 17, Port Gamble
- October 23rd: Malta Commandery No. 18, Bremerton
- October 26th: Rainier Commandery No. 28, Renton

If any Chapter is planning on conferring the Chapter Degrees in September or October, please contact MEC Jerry Whitney. Thank you.

York Rite WA, LLC
Officers for 2023—2024

President	David Sandretto
Vice-President	Rabi Peifer
Treasurer	Roger Pankey
Secretary	Geoffrey Joosten
Member	Jay White
Member	Joseph McAlister
Member	Richard Roblee
Member	John Burrage
Member	Michael Palko Dean

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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District #1:

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:	EC Dan Echo	(562) 472-6567	daniel.c.echo@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Jimmy Norton	(206) 542-3413	jnortonjr@comcast.net

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
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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 Joshua Coutts	(425) 615-1910	Josh.l.coutts@gmail.com
Secretary:	C Nick Michaud	(206) 459-0155	Nickalan@comcast.net

District #4:

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:	EC John Caverly	(253) 302-7144	caverlyj@gmail.com
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 John A. Westland	(253) 486-5224	westlandj5@comcast.net
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 John Yeager	(253) 324-3701	yeagerjohn@hotmail.com
Secretary:	EC James Nero	(253) 227-1178	jnero28@hotmail.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 Edward Harris	(360) 620-0458	mastermason260@gmail.com
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 Gamble Lodge No. 5, 5 N. Rainier Ave., Port Gamble, 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 Tim Hamm	(360) 689-7135	None
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:	EC Bartley Webster	(435) 619-3267	bartleyroewebster@gmail.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) 303-3821	sscanlon68@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Phillip Woodland	(509) 529-3781	woodlandforest@charter.net

Evergreen Chapter No. 10

Meets the 4th Monday at the Nitosa Lodge No. 204, 102 2nd St., Asotin, 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) 566-4020	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 Jeff Pratt	(509) 222-8458	jeff.pratt1953@gmail.com
Secretary:	EC Fred Mark	(509) 499-8932	Fsmark3@outlook.comoutlook.com

Wenatchee Chapter No. 22

Meets the Second Saturday of March, April, May, June, September, October and November at the Wenatchee Masonic Center, 811 N. Chelan, Wenatchee, WA, except July and August. Stated meetings begin at 1:30PM. If the second Saturday is a holiday, the meeting will take place on the 3rd Saturday.

High Priest:	EC Robert McLandress	(509) 679-7309	No Email
Secretary:			

Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Trinity Episcopal Church (annex), 604 Central Ave., Oroville, WA, except January, February, July and August. 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:	VIC Jeff Haun-Steik	(847) 609-7175	haun-steik@msn.com
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Crescent Council No. 18

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Port Gable Lodge No. 5, 5 N. Rainier Ave., Port Gamble, 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 Kirk Rose	(360) 809-3532	theroses@wavecable.com
Recorder:	IC Theodore E. Shanks	(360) 582-0253	ual777boss@aol.com

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. Dinner at 6:30PM. Stated meeting at 7:30PM.

Illustrious Master:	VIC Marion Windel (PT)	(360) 678-6893	winda@isomedia.com
Recorder:	IC Douglas Jerome	(360) 672-0459	jamerguy1@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 William Meyring	(425) 408-0808	brm2621@hotmail.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 Burrage	(206) 947-9557	jsburrage@aol.com
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 Ron Walker	(253) 314-3361	ResQ9999@gmail.com
Recorder:	IC Loren Franz	(253) 569-3060	Lonnie.Franz@gmail.com

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 Shane Inman	(360) 941-0861	slinman87@gmail.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) 303-3821 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) 687-5281	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 John W. Yeager	(253) 324-3701	yeagerjohn@hotmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Joseph McAlister	(253) 241-0358	airborne51@me.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 John Vivian	(360) 280-0154	jbard@hotmail.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 Hannaman	(425) 351-0566	Johnhannaman@comcast.net
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 Franklin Lodge No. 5, 5 N. Rainier Ave., Port Gamble, 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 Jason Reeder	(816) 668-7145	jason.d.reeder@gmail.com
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 Mikhail Munden (509) 607-9364 mikinic2@yahoo.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 Jon Lind (509) 936-9536 jlind118@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Fred Mark (509) 499-8932 Fsmark3@outlook.com

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) 629-9103 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
Eminent Recorder: SK Charles Davis (509) 943-5843 cr_eddavis@frontier.com

York Rite Bodies in Washington



York Rite College

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

York Rite College Grand Governor's Message

No input

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York Rite Colleges

Kamiakin York Rite College No. 28

Governor: PCK David Sandretto (509) 380-4152 dsandretto@gmail.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 the 1st Saturday in November, February, and April.

Tahoma York Rite College No. 197

Governor: PCK Scot Sageser (360) 228-9929 ssageser@gmail.com
Secretary: ECK Joseph McAlister (253) 241-0358 airborne51@me.com

Tahoma College meets the 4th Saturday of February April and October. Contact the Secretary for time and place



Evergreen Priory No. 41 KYCH



Knights of the York Cross of Honour

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

October 28th: Stated meeting at 1:00PM. Ellensburg Masonic Temple.

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

**88th Annual Conclave—September 1st and 2nd, 2023
Oklahoma City, OK**

<https://kych.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/118/2023/07/2023-KYCH-CG-REV-Registration-Fillable-Form.pdf>

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St. Alban Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Geoffrey S. Joosten (206) 707-3296 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net
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John M. Brett	Treasurer
Rabi K. Peifer	Recorder
Alex J. Jordan	Prelate
John Burrage	Prefect
Patrick S. Stanton	Standard Bearer
E. Jeffrey Craig	Herald
Geoffrey Joosten	Sentinel
Richard M. Kovak	Orator

Ladies' Holiday Dinner
Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at 5pm
Ivar's Lake Union, 401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, WA

Annual Assembly
Saturday, January 6th, 2024
Tacoma Scottish Rite
817 S. Vassault Street, Tacoma, WA 98465
Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members

St. Olav Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Steven L. Dazey (425) 367-9417 steve@dazey.com
Secretary: KC Bryan D. Bechler, PS (360) 691-2861 bry.kat@frontier.com

Steven L. Dazey	Puissant Sovereign
Ricardo Barrientes	Viceroy
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David O. Anderson	Junior General
Bryan D. Bechler, PS	Treasurer
Bryan D. Bechler, PS	Recorder
Joseph McAlister	Prelate
John H. Vivian	Orator
Theodore E. Shanks	Prefect
Bartly R. Webster	Standard Bearer
Ryan W. Kelly	Herald
James C. Norton	Sentinel

St. Raphael Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Sean Scanlon
Secretary: KC Merle Iverson

No input

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 Endslow	Junior Warden
Merle I. Iversen	Secretary
Bobby Baxter	Senior Deacon
Gene Endslow	Junior Deacon
Sean Malone	Chaplain
Michael Holland	Tyler

Chinook Council No. 77 Allied Masonic Degrees

VB Thomas Lamb	Sovereign Master
Bro. Ian Hyde	Senior Warden
Bro. Ziv Kowarsky	Junior Warden
VB Richard M. Kovak	Secretary/Treasurer
Bro. Richard Brzustowitz	Senior Deacon
Bro. David Flood	Junior Deacon
VB E. Jeffrey Craig	Chaplain
	Tyler

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

Steven L. Dazey	Worthy Master
Lawrence Lance	Eminent Prior
	Marshal
	Deputy Marshal
Richard M. Kovak	Treasurer
Geoffrey Joosten	Secretary
	Almoner
	1 st Working Knight
	2 nd Working Knight
	3 rd Working Knight
	4 th Working Knight
	Herald
	Doorkeeper
	Cellarer
	Cellarer
	Sentry

Clontarf Council No. 69 Knight Masons



E. Jeffrey Craig	Excellent Chief
Anthony Annable	Senior Knight
Joseph Einertson	Junior Knight
Rabi Peifer, KCZ	Scribe
Barron "Jay" White	Treasurer
Geoffrey Joosten	Senior Warden
David L. Sandretto	Junior Warden
James Nero	Director of Ceremonies
John Ridenour	Priest
Patrick S. Stanton	Steward
Kirk "Al" Rose	Sentinel
Joseph McAlister	Tyler

The Excellent Chief, E. Jeffrey Craig, invites you to the next stated meeting of Clontarf Council No. 69 on 14 October 2023 at Richland Masonic Temple (412 Thayer Drive, Richland, WA). Catered lunch at 12:00PM with meeting at 1:00PM. RSVP at the link below no later than 30 September 2023.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/RabiPeifer/ClontarfCouncilSaturday14October2023RichlandMasonicCenter>



Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests



Immaculate Tabernacle No. XXXIX

E. Jeffrey Craig	Preceptor
Jerry E. Whitney	Deputy Preceptor
Alan T. Spreen	Seventh Pillar
John Hannaman	Sixth Pillar
Richard Kovak	Fifth Pillar
Ron Graham	Fourth Pillar
Ricardo Barrientes	Third Pillar
Richard Roblee	Second Pillar
David Sandretto	First Pillar
John Westland	Inner Guard
John Burrage	Outer Guard
Patrick Stanton	Registrar

October 28th: Stated meeting at 10:00AM. Ellensburg Masonic Temple.

**The Masonic Order of Athelstan
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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

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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
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W Bro. Donald L. McAndrews, PGJW, KSM	Provincial Grand Marshal
VW Bro. Russell E. Bridges, PGSwdB, KSM	Provincial Grand Treasurer
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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, PSGD	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

Washington Masonic Services (formerly Washington Masonic Charities)



We're taking an important step forward this month as we welcome Chelsea Hansen, the first Curator of the Washington Masonic Services (WAMS) Library & Museum. As the designated charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of Washington, a vital component of our mission is illuminating **Masonry's impact in Washington's past, present** and future. From the election of Most Worshipful **Elisha Ferry as our state's first** governor in 1889 to the scores of Brothers today working in myriad ways to make their communities stronger, Masonic values are embedded throughout our society. Sharing that story is

what makes the Masonic Library & Museum so important.

Chelsea is uniquely equipped to lead this effort. She holds an undergraduate degree in anthropology and a master's degree in history, with a concentration in public history. Her resume includes work at the National Law Enforcement Museum, Belmont-**Paul Women's Equality National** Monument, Tudor Place Historic House and Gardens, and the National Museum of American History. That breadth of experience has her eager to build on our recent achievements, which include:

- Updating and enhancing **the Library & Museum's policies** for collection management
- Purchasing new equipment to enhance archiving, including a new laptop and book scanner
- Purchasing online museum catalog software, to give Masons and community members access to view and research items in the collection

With **Chelsea's** expertise, **we're planning to:**

- Develop a strategic Annual Collections Plan
- Build and implement a display program to appropriately showcase our collection
- Purchase the preservation equipment needed to properly store our earliest Masonic artifacts
- Restore and relocate the Masonic Retirement Center cornerstone to a spot near the entrance, to be used as an historical and educational focal point

Chelsea will be working part time, starting April 4th. Of course, her initial focus will be learning from and working alongside the talented and dedicated volunteers who're **invaluable to the program's** success. We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the coming months.

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