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VIC William Meyring	Grand Historian
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SK Jeffrey Harden	Eminent Grand Warder
SK John C. Lind	Eminent Grand Sentinel
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Grand Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters 2024-2025

David Aponte	Thrice Illustrious Grand Master
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Reuben W. Baer Past Commanders Association 2024-2025

SK Steven Dazey	Prior
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SK David Aponte	Recorder
SK Alan Spreen	Prelate
SK Charles Davis	Warder
SK John Yeager	Sentinel

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International 2023-2026

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REC Reed Fanning	General Grand Scribe
REC Joe E. Kier	General Grand Treasurer
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MEC Bryan D. Bechler	Ambassador to Washington

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International 2023-2026

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VPC Richard Roblee	Ambassador to Washington

Grand Encampment Knights Templar 2024-2027

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SK David W. Studley	Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
SK Lawrence E. Tucker	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
SK Terry L. Plemons	Right Eminent Grand Prelate
SK E. Jeffrey Craig	Right Eminent Northwest Department Commander

Grand High Priest's Message



Greetings Companions:

Official Visitation: Had a great visit with the Companions of Ellensburg Chapter No. 11. Companion Mik Munden provided a nice dinner, and we discussed the Get Real Get Better (GRGB) Challenge. A separate communication will be issued soon about GRGB Challenge to all Chapters. Due to scheduling issues the OV planned for Tacoma Chapter No. 4 had to be rescheduled to December.

On October 12th, 2024 the Grand Lodge of Washington performed the cornerstone ceremony in Yakima, WA at Children's Village. REC John Burrage represented the Grand Chapter. The Children's Heart Foundation leadership was also in attendance. This was a great event highlighting the importance of Masonry and the Children's Heart Foundation.

The Northwest Regional York Rite meeting was held on October 18-19, 2024, in Spokane, WA. REC Chadwick Burks, General Grand King; REC Reed Fanning, General Grand Scribe; REC Tim Forbis, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Northwest Region and MEC Bryan Bechler, Ambassador to Washington; all of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. Chadwick's presentation on clandestine lodges was very informative. Tim's presentation on leadership was encouraging and educational.

And finally, Affirmation Sunday was held on Sunday, October 27th, 2024 in Blaine, WA. It was well attended. See attached summary article with photos.

Message: Giving Thanks! According to the Masonicleader.com, President Abraham Lincoln started Thanksgiving as we know it today with his original 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation. Thanksgiving includes aspects of the harvest festival and is rooted in English traditions from the Protest Reformation. Special

blessings coming from God were combined with gatherings celebrating the harvest. Lincoln offered,

“As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year, we hope they will retain the original gratefulness to God displayed by the Pilgrims and many other founding fathers, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that they owe not only the traditional thanksgiving holiday but also concepts of self-government, the “hard-work” ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.”

Please take time this month to give thanks, reflect, and celebrate your blessings. If you are able, donate food and/or money to those less fortunate. Spend time with family. If it has been a while since you have attended church – attend this month – and give thanks!

Planning:

As you know, the Grand Master’s class is coming up February 28 – March 1, 2025 in Ellensburg. The registration form will be published soon. We are still seeking volunteers for the Chapter degrees. Contact REC David Sandretto, REC John Burrage or REC Don Moore to participate in the degrees. The goal is to demonstrate good and square degree work!

Fraternally,

MEC Rabi K. Peifer
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Washington

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Illustrious Grand Master's Message



So, what is the importance of the Broken Triangle to Cryptic Masonry?

In Cryptic Masonry, the "broken triangle" serves as a powerful symbol representing the imperfection of humanity, the loss of the "Word" (a key concept in Cryptic ritual), and the ongoing journey of self-improvement that a Mason must undertake to achieve spiritual enlightenment; essentially, it signifies the brokenness that needs to be repaired through personal growth and dedication to the Masonic principles

Understanding the Symbolism:

- **The Perfect Triangle:** In traditional geometry, a whole triangle symbolizes completeness, unity, and divine perfection.
- **Breaking the Triangle:** By depicting a broken triangle, Cryptic Masonry emphasizes the idea that no individual is inherently perfect and that all humans experience flaws and setbacks on their path to self-realization.

Key Interpretations of the Broken Triangle in Cryptic Masonry:

- **Loss of the "Word":** The "Word" in Cryptic Masonry represents the ultimate truth or knowledge, which is said to have been lost in the ancient past. The broken triangle symbolizes the loss of this sacred knowledge and the Mason's quest to rediscover it through study and ritual.
- **Personal Imperfection:** The broken lines of the triangle represent the internal struggles and imperfections that every individual faces. It serves as a reminder to acknowledge one's shortcomings and work to overcome them.
- **Process of Rebuilding:** By working through the rituals and teachings of Cryptic Masonry, a Mason is symbolically "rebuilding" the broken triangle, signifying their personal growth and progress towards a more complete understanding of themselves and the universe.

How the Broken Triangle is Used in Cryptic Rituals:

- **Visual Representation:** The broken triangle is often incorporated into the regalia and decorations of Cryptic Masonic Lodges as a reminder of the core principles of the degree.
- **Symbolic Lectures:** The broken triangle is frequently discussed in lectures and discussions within Cryptic Councils, providing deeper insight into the meaning of the symbol and its application to personal development.

In conclusion, the broken triangle in Cryptic Masonry is a poignant symbol that emphasizes the human condition of imperfection, the ongoing quest for self-improvement, and the potential for spiritual growth through the Masonic journey by acknowledging and working to overcome one's flaws.

Fraternally,

MIC Joseph L. McAlister
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Washington

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Grand Commander's Message



Sir Knights—

It is the time of year where we take the extra time out to reflect on what we are thankful for. As for me, I am thankful for this great fraternity we belong to. We truly are blessed to have one another as extended family. Our Meeting Halls should come alive this time of year. I encourage all of you to think of having a family night at your hall and invite non-Masons to attend. Some have grand buildings, others have cozy buildings, but we all have a place to sit with our family and share some joy.

There was a time in the not too distant past that the phrase “it takes a village” was commonplace in America. We ate together, took care of each other and built each other up (sound like something Knights should be doing?) Sir Knights I won't lie. It has been a mixed couple of weeks for me. Equal amounts of Bad and Good but I choose to focus on the positive. And that is probably what has driven this message of togetherness.

I hope my message finds you all safe, happy, and healthy during this Thanksgiving Holiday. I did have some great visitations in October with Cataract Commandry and Juan DeFuca Commandry. It is inspiring to see these Commandries working to promote the craft in positive ways.

The Northwest Regional York Rite Conference was held in Spokane and what a spectacular job they did! The hotel was great, the information during the seminars was on point and the banquet was outstanding. Thank you to those leaders who put that on. If you were unable to make it this year, please mark your calendar for the same time next year. It will be held in Spokane again. Don't forget—we are looking for people to form a statewide drill team. Please contact SK John Vivian and let him know you are interested.

And last but not least be well and God Bless you.

SK Barron J. White, REGC
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington

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

Companions!

Here we are at the official time for reflection and time to be thankful. I always say I have been thankful for the trust put in me to lead the foundation. I am honored to have served as President for as long as I have and even longer as a trustee. Our Children's Heart Foundation is never very far off my mind. As an example, earlier this month I had to shop for a new car. It just so happened that the car lot was doing a food drive for the local food bank. I am sure you know where my little brain went to (no I didn't ask for a food basket), but I did ask how I could talk to someone about the possibility of raising funds for RAMCHF. I started with my sales man who immediately took me to the general manager. No promises were made, but we are going to pitch the idea to the President of the company. They have six or seven new car dealerships that can do a fundraiser for us so fingers crossed. Take time to learn about what the Foundation offers. If you are having a conversation one day with a coworker who has a child that needs our help, you can be that child's hero because you chose to be informed. Together companions we do make a difference.

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

VEC Jay White, President

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Treasurer's Report

Ending balances as of 9/30/24:

Checking: \$30,467.56

Savings: \$22,790.08

Investments: \$3,679,988.34

Bills as of 9/30/24 (All are approved budgeted items):

\$1306.02: PUD, Comcast & Insurance

Thank you to the companions that continue to contribute to the foundation to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

Remember that your contributions will 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., Ph.D., 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.

"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.

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.
3201 Cross Timbers Rd., Bldg. 4, Ste. 300
Flower Mound, TX 75028**

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

November 2024

YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

York Rite Life Membership Memorial Foundation Board Roster for 2024-2025

York Rite Life Membership
John Brett—Secretary
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Grand Chapter:
Ken Cowen, President
John Brett, Secretary
Jon Lind

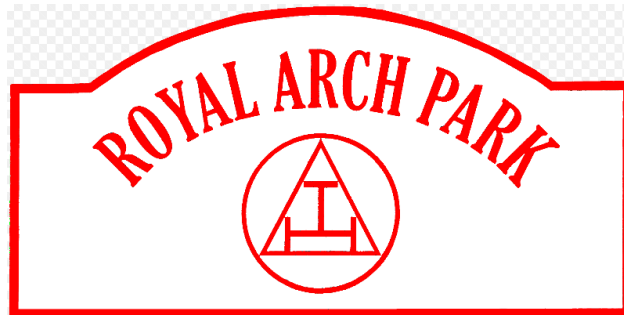
MEC Rabi Peifer (Ex-Officio)

Grand Council:
Anthony Schwab
David Grindle, Treasurer
Corwin Starr

MIC Joseph McAlister (Ex-Officio)

Grand Commandery:
John Vivian
James Nero
Ron Graham

SK Barron J. White (Ex-Officio)



Greetings Companions,

Submitted by,

**REC John Burrage
Park Board Secretary**



Upcoming Events

Official Visits/Upcoming Events—November 2024/December 2024

Grand High Priest

November 9 th :	Oriental No. 19, Seattle (Installation)
November 13 th :	Triple Tau Chapter No. 66, Des Moines (Installation)
November 21 st :	Robert B. Palmer Chapter No. 46, Auburn
November 25 th :	Evergreen Chapter No. 10, Asotin
December 9 th :	Issaquah Chapter No. 39, Renton
December 14 th :	Wenatchee Chapter No. 22, Wenatchee
December 16 th :	Tacoma Chapter No. 4, Tacoma (Installation)

Illustrious Grand Master

November 8 th :	Walter F. Meier Council No. 22, Bothell
November 9 th :	Adoniram Council No. 17, Seattle
November 13 th :	Zabud Council No. 7, Walla Walla

Grand Commander

November 7 th :	Temple Commandery No. 5, Ellensburg
December 11 th :	Washington Commandry No. 1, Walla Walla

The 2024 revision of the Royal Arch Code will be available soon on the website:
<https://yorkritewa.org/gcram/resources-3/> If you do not immediately see it, please check back.

*****There are a number of bogus emails being circulated with the names of our presiding elected officers, asking for money, if you can offer assistance, purchase gift cards, etc. DELETE THESE AND BLOCK THE SENDERS! These emails have NOT been sent by any of the elected leaders and should be considered junk and phishing scams.**

York Rite WA, LLC
Officers for 2024—2025

President	Fred Mark
Vice-President	David Sandretto
Treasurer	Roger Pankey
Secretary	Geoffrey Joosten
Member	Jay White
Member	Joseph McAlister
Member	Richard Roblee
Member	John Burrage
Member	Michael Palko Dean
Member	Donald Moore
Member	Earl Fordham

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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Anacortes Chapter No. 59

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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
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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
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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 John Hannaman	(425) 351-0566	johnhannaman@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:	MEC Donald Beck	(425) 412-6767	djbeck1@comcast.net
Secretary:	MEC Jerry 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 Gerry O'Brien	(425) 457-1330	gerry.obrien@gmail.com
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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:	VEC Mike Palko-Dean	(253) 217-8192	dadmike@comcast.net

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 Dale Collier	(206) 472-6567	Collierconstruction1@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC John Burrage	(206) 947-9887	jsburrage@aol.com

District #5:

Tacoma Chapter No. 4

Meets on the 3rd Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA. Potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

High Priest:	EC John Yeager	(253) 324-3701	yeagerjohn@outlook.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 Kirk Roes (PT)	(360) 809-3632	Theroses@wavecable.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 Shane Inman	(360) 941-0861	slinman87@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC 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:	VEC Mark D. Sanders	(360) 687-5281	Mark.D.Sanders@gmail.com
Secretary:	EC David A Rice	(513) 607-4586	mrd4808@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 Mikhail Munden	(509) 607-9364	mikinic2@yahoo.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 Bret A. Tremble	(509) 554-9971	marinedoctremble@gmail.com
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:	VEC Fred Mark	(509) 499-8932	Fsmark3@outlook.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 Wes Beare	(509) 670-2558	No Email
Secretary:	EC Steven Verebi	(509) 429-1330	sverebijr@msn.com

Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41—Charter Arrested by Grand High Priest

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.

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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

Arch No. 2:

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: VIC Douglas Jerome (360) 672-0459 jammerguy1@gmail.com

Arch No. 3:

Adoniram Council No. 17

Meets the 2nd Saturday of March, May, September and November at the Green Lake Masonic Hall, 307 NE Maple Leaf Place, Seattle, WA. Meeting starts at 2:00PM. Lunch before at a local restaurant, usually Rosita's. First Saturday in May if conflict with Grand Sessions. Installation in January.

Illustrious Master: IC David Flood (206) 306-5525 floodtax@gmail.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 ()

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 John Brett (253) 265-3870 jmbrett99@yahoo.com
Recorder: IC John Yeager (253) 324-3701 yeagerjohn@outlook.com

Seattle Council No 6

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:45PM except for July, August, November and December at the St. Andrews Masonic Center, 505 S. Williams Ave., Renton, WA. Potluck dinner at 5:00PM. The January meeting will be annual installation of officers and will be announced at that time.

Illustrious Master: IC Jaime Speicher (425) 518-8845 jaimespeicher@qamsllc.com
Recorder: VIC Geoffrey Joosten (206) 707-3296 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net

King Solomon Council No. 27

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except for November and December. If the May meeting conflicts with Grand York Rite sessions, or the July meeting conflicts with the York Rite Picnic, the meeting will be on the 4th Saturday at King Solomon Masonic Temple, 10 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA. Stated meeting at 10:00AM. Fellowship at 9:00AM.

Illustrious Master: IC Harold Hobbs (253) 347-2907 hobbssseatac@hotmail.com
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Fall City Council No. 28

Illustrious Master: IC Gerry O'Brien gerry.obrien@gmail.com
Recorder: C Alex Dale

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 Bartly Webster (435) 619-3267 bartlyroewebster@gmail.com
Recorder: IC John H. Vivian (360) 280-0154 jbarv1@hotmail.com

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. 6:

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. Meetings begin at 7:00PM.

Illustrious Master: IC Ronald Graham (509) 607-2900 running2p@icloud.com
Recorder: C Patrick Stanton (509) 674-1335 highplainsdrifter@rocketmail.com

Arch No. 7:

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: MIC Richard Roblee (509) 578-1398 roblee6@charter.net
Recorder: IC Charles Davis (509) 943-5843 cr_eddavis@frontier.com

Arch No. 8:

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: VIC Cory Starr (509) 290-4666 Fraternalstarr@gmail.com
Recorder: VIC Fred S. Mark (509) 499-8932 Fsmark3@outlook.com

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District No. 1

Cowlitz Commandery No. 29

Meets the second Wednesday of March, June, November, 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 Marvin Colburn	(360) 608-4015	navyidc1980@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK David A. Rice	(513) 607-4586	mrd4808@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 James Nero	(253) 227-1178	jnero28@hotmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK John W. Yeager	(253) 324-3701	yeagerjohn@outlook.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 Bartley Webster	(435) 619-3267	bartleyroewebster@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK John Vivian	(360) 280-0154	jbarv@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 Daniel Echo	(562) 472-6567	daniel.c.echo@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Dale Newman	(425) 330-2051	Dale@425lax.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 8:15PM.

Eminent Commander:	SK Dale Collier	(206) 818-5574	colliersconstruction1@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Geoffrey Joosten	(206) 707-3256	geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net

Fall City Commandery No. 30

Eminent Commander:	SK Jaime Speicher		jaimespeicher@qamsllc.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Joshua Coutts	(425) 615-1910	josh.l.coutts@gmail.com

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		

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 Craig Bruner	(360) 319-7163	craigwbruner@hotmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Thom Baughn	(360) 676-0419	tbaughn1@comcast.net

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 Shawn Clerf	(971) 361-2129	clerfs1869@gmail.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 Earl W. Fordham	(509) 628-7628	earl.fordham@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Charles Davis	(509) 943-5843	cr_eddavis@frontier.com

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Kamiakin York Rite College No. 28

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Kamiakin College meets in Spokane the 2nd Saturday in November and in Richland the 1st Saturday in May. The November meeting will commence at 10:00AM.

Rainier York Rite College No. 54

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Rainier College meets the 1st Saturday in November, February, and April at 10:00AM at Damascus Lodge No. 199 in Granite Falls.

Tahoma York Rite College No. 197

Governor: PCK David Aponte (253) 592-4401 regc2011@live.com
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Tahoma College meets the 4th Saturday of February, April and October. Contact the Secretary for time and place

Evergreen Priory No. 41 KYCH



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David Sandretto	Sentinel
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United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine



St. Alban Conclave

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Patrick S. Stanton	Prefect
John S. Burrage	Standard Bearer
Joseph W. MacIntyre, PS	Herald
Ian C. Hyde, PS	Sentinel
Richard M. Kovak, PS	Orator

November 9th: Ladies Dinner at Ivar's Salmon House at 5pm no-host social. Dinner at 6:00PM.

January 4, 2025: Annual election and installation of Officers, Tacoma Scottish Rite at 12:00PM.

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Bartly R. Webster	Orator
Ryan W. Kelly	Prefect
James C. Norton	Standard Bearer
	Herald
	Sentinel

St. Raphael Conclave

Puissant Sovereign: KC Sean Scanlon
Secretary: KC Merle Iversen

Saint Raphael Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine will meet November 22nd at 1:00PM in the Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. Annual meeting with Election and Installation of new officers and proposals to be read.

Pacific Council No. 30 Allied Masonic Degrees



VB James Scardelis	Sovereign Master
Bro. Michael Palko-Dean	Senior Warden
Bro. Jeff Steik	Junior Warden
VB David A. Aponte	Secretary/Treasurer
Bro. Anthony J. Annable	Senior Deacon
Bro. John Yeager	Junior Deacon
VB Alexander Jordan	Chaplain
Bro. John Burrage	Tyley

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

Desert Council No. 46 will meet November 22nd, 2024 at 10:00AM in the Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. This will be the annual meeting with Election and Installation of new officers, propose new members and a short presentation (time permitting).

Chinook Council No. 77 Allied Masonic Degrees

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

Chinook Council No. 77 will meet November 10th, 2024 at 1:00PM at Damascus Lodge No. 199 F&AM in Granite Falls. This will be the meeting for election of officers.

The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon



Tahoma Chapel No. 3

Rabi Peifer	Worthy Master
Anthony Annable	Eminent Prior
Scot Sageser	Marshal
Jeff Steik	Deputy Marshal
John Yeager	Treasurer
Alexander Jordan	Secretary
James Nero	Almoner
Michael R. Pursey	1 st Working Knight
Jay White	2 nd Working Knight
Michael A. Smitson	3 rd Working Knight
Joseph Einertson	4 th Working Knight
Alan Spreen	Herald
David Sandretto	Doorkeeper
	Cellarer
	Cellarer
Bobby Baxter	Sentry

Cascade Chapel No. 20

Steven Dazey	Worthy Master
Lawrence Lance	Eminent Prior
Ian Hyde	Marshal
James Norton	Deputy Marshal
Richard M. Kovak	Treasurer
Geoffrey Joosten	Secretary
Donald Beck	Almoner
Bryan D. Bechler	1 st Working Knight
Gerry O'Brien	2 nd Working Knight
Joshua Coutts	3 rd Working Knight
	4 th Working Knight
	Herald
Anthony Schwab	Doorkeeper
	Cellarer
	Cellarer
Jeffrey Craig	Sentry

Stated meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd at Damascus Lodge No. 199 in Granite Falls at 1:00PM.

Clontarf Council No. 69 Knight Masons



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



Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests



Immaculate Tabernacle No. XXXIX

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

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**Salish Court No. 96
2024-2025**

WB Johnny A. Willis	Worshipful Master
Bro. Paul A. Gehrman	Eminent Prior
Bro. Geoffrey S. Joosten	Senior Warden
Bro. Michael Palko-Dean	Junior Warden
WB Steven L. Dazey, PM	Treasurer
RWB David A. Grindle, PM	Secretary
WB Joseph L. McAlister, PM	Asst. Secretary
Bro. David A. Aponte	Marshal
Bro. Matt P. Benavidez	Deputy Marshal
Bro. Rabi K. Peifer	Almoner
Bro. Connor W. Massey	Senior Deacon
Bro. Barry E. Newell	Junior Deacon
Bro. Kim Bowman	Captain of Guard
WB Anthony C. Schwab, PM	Burgh
Bro. Monte K. Anderson	Burgh
Bro. Scot P. Sageser	Burgh
Bro. Alvin W. Jorgenson	Burgh
Bro. Laurence W. Lance	Burgh
WB Alexander J. Jordan	Burgh
WB E. Jeffrey Craig, PM	Guard
WB Joseph L. McAlister	Immediate Past Master

RW Bro. Bryce Brent Hildreth, MStJ, KSM	Provincial Grand Master
VW Bro. Orville Armstrong, PSGW, KSM	Deputy Provincial Grand Master
RW Bro. Blaine 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
RW Bro. Jarrod Adkisson	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, PSGD	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
Bro. Ricky N. McCampbell	Provincial Grand Organist
W Bro. Aaron White, MStJ	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro. Teko Foley, PSGW	Burgh
Joshua A. Bristol	Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary

Washington Masonic Services (formerly Washington Masonic Charities)



The first priority listed in our mission at Washington Masonic Services (WAMS) is assisting Masons and other community members in need, focusing on aging in place and securing resources for critical essentials. We do this primarily through the work of our case managers, who are each Certified Senior Advisors (CSA). Earning the CSA certification requires individuals to pass a rigorous exam and to uphold the highest ethical standards for the benefit and protection of the health and welfare of seniors.

To maintain their certification, CSAs must complete ongoing continuing education requirements. In their work delivering our Outreach Services program, these professionals bring both their significant expertise and abundant compassion to bear on behalf of the Masonic Family and others needing critical services.

The CSA's paramount focus is to help their clients lead meaningful and dignified lives, providing peace of mind to both the senior and their loved ones. Their efforts involve activities like home safety assessments, finding care resources, streamlining finances, and connecting clients with volunteer and agency resources to help with independent living as well as skilled care. Depending on the situation, WAMS may be able to provide some charitable assistance for expenses like minor home repairs or modifications, or durable medical equipment.

Of just as much value, though, is the warmth and emotional support they provide during what are frequently very challenging days. One of our CSA's recently helped a Mason who reached out for support dealing with his wife's memory issues. Among other needs, the Brother's wife had started trying to leave their home both during the day and at night, causing him great concern. He had a lot on his plate. Our CSA worked with him to do an assessment of their situation. From that, she connected them with care-giving services so there wasn't so much for him to do each day, and suggested the installation of door alarms to help ensure her safety during the night and a timer for the oven to make sure it couldn't be turned on without proper supervision. Her actions brought safety, peace of mind, and a better night's sleep!

Our Outreach Services are here for Masons, their families, and other people in the community facing urgent, critical needs that can't be met through alternate resources. We're seeking to identify a WAMS Lodge Liaison to be each Lodge's dedicated representative, acting as a resource to help connect members to our programs, especially Outreach Services. Thank you to the Liaisons who've already volunteered for this important role. For more information, go to www.masonscare.org/lodge-liaison/.

We're looking forward to partnering with you to support the Masonic family and your communities throughout this year.

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