

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MONTANA

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Established June 25, 1891
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Established March 29, 1910
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Established May 14, 1888

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2012

To all officers and members of Montana York Rite Bodies. Herein is the listing of the activities as reported by the various York Rite Bodies for the last month. Please read at your next meeting and place on file.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVOCATION WEEKEND

The annual George Washington Convocation will be the weekend of February 17th -18th this year in Great Falls. A registration form is included with this Bulletin. This needs to be returned no later than February 14th. There is a KYCH meeting scheduled for Friday morning and Big Sky York Rite College meeting is scheduled for the afternoon.

THE CIRCLE OF 5 ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL

The 5 Royal Arch Chapter of Southwest Montana (Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Phillipsburg and Helena) held their first Royal Arch Festival in many years January 13th & 14th at the Masonic Temple in Deer Lodge. There were two candidates, one from Butte and one from Billings. There were more, but they were unable to attend that weekend. The Companions did an outstanding job with the Degrees, and as always, there were a few that couldn't make it so some last minutes substitutions were necessary. All in all, it was a good Festival and the Companions of the Circle of Five are to be congratulated.

RESOLUTIONS

I have received several resolutions and recommendations for consideration during the next Grand Sessions. The Constitutions, By-laws and Statutes of the three York Rite Bodies have been reviewed by the several committees, and with some changes, additions and deletions and have been submitted to the Jurisprudence Committees for their review. When returned they will be sent to the constituent bodies and in turn, presented to the Companion/Sir Knights during the Grand Sessions.

AWARDS, FINAL CALL

Each year the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery in Montana gives special recognition to a worthy Companion/Sir Knight that has worked in the quarries with out the hope of fee or reward. If you know of such a Companion/Sir Knight that you would like to nominate for the Royal Arch Bronze Medal, Cryptic Mason of the Year or the KT Cross of Honor, send a letter of recommendation to ME George Dengel for the Bronze Medal, MI Don Holland for the Cryptic Mason of the Year or RE Thomas Hornung for the KT Cross of Honor by February 15th. Generally speaking, a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer is not eligible for the award from the Body they are/were the Grand Officer in.

BILLINGS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL

The Companions of Billings Chapter have scheduled a Royal Arch Festival for February 25 at the Masonic Center. The Mark Master Degree will start at 9:00 AM, the Past Master at 10:00 AM, the Most Excellent Master will be communicated at 11:00 Am and the Royal Arch Degree will be at 1:00 PM. For more information contact ME Lewis Hammermeister at 252-8963.

A NOTE TO GRAND COMMANDERY, INC MEMBERS

Grand Commandery, Inc President SK Gary Sparr has called a meeting of the Board of Directors for the Friday of the George Washington Convocation. The meeting will be following the Convocation Banquet with the place to be announced.

DATES

Feb 17	KYCH 10:00 AM Great Falls
Feb 17	Big Sky #74 York Rite College, Great Falls
Feb 17	Grand Commandery, Inc Great Falls
Feb 18	George Washington Convocation, Great Falls
Feb 25	Royal Arch Festival, Billings
March 10	Royal Arch Festival, Missoula
March 31	Council Degrees, Place TBA
April 14	Council Degees, Hamilton
April 28	Commandery Orders, Great Falls
May 12	Commandery Orders, Kalispell

Fraternally Submitted,
Brad Huffman, GS/R

MEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012

NAME	DATE	ACTION	CH	CO	KT
Pittman, William D.	12/31/2011	Suspended	23	17	20
Wallace, Jerry L	12/31/2011	Suspended	23	17	20
McPhail, Charles F.	4-31-2011	Died	15	9	14
Lewis, John C.	02/27/2011	Died	15	9	14
Zugliana, Richard	11/12/2011	Died	15	9	14
Strum, Dusty	11/10/2011	Reinstated	15	9	14
Berry, Harley C.	?	Died	5	5	4
Drew, Bennett	12/31/2009	Died	9	4	8
McPhail, William K.V.	01/13/2012	Died	9	4	8

The following by Steven G. Tiner, GHP Arkansas

DID YOU KNOW?

Workmen, making repairs to the White House in the summer of 1935 found a Masonic emblem carved on the base of a keystone of an arch under the floor – north portico. The design is a six-pointed star, seal of Solomon, characters representing one of the sacred names of deity – which ancient Jews were forbidden to pronounce.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, has many emblems of Masonic origin, including clasped hands, the all-seeing-eye, beehive, earth, sun, moon, and stars. On the East center tower is the inscription, “Holiness to the Lord.”

GREAT FALLS YORK RITE BODIES
GREAT FALLS CHAPTER No 9, ROYAL ARCH MASONS
821 CENTRAL AVE., GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59401

Dear Companions All:

The GW Convocation is to be on February 17th and 18th, 2012 at the Great Falls Masonic Temple. In order to make proper arrangements for the convocation, we ask that you pre-register no later than Tuesday, February 14th, 2012. There is a \$5.00 registration fee this year to help with costs. Please detach and return the bottom portion of this notice to the following address: Great Falls York Rite Bodies - 821 Central Ave. - Great Falls, MT - 59401. Please make your check payable to Great Falls Chapter No. 9, R.A.M. (If you are bringing a candidate, you / your group are responsible for all necessary costs.)

Itinerary

(Times are approximate)

Friday, February 17th, 2012

10:00 a.m.	KYCH
12:00 p.m.	York Rite College Lunch (\$7.00 per person)
1:00 p.m.	Big Sky York Rite College # 74
5:30 p.m.	Convocation Banquet (All Invited) (\$10.00 per person)

Saturday, February 18th, 2012

9:00 a.m.	Opening / Welcome / Introductions
10:00 a.m.	Mark Master Degree - 2 nd Floor (Hiram Chapter - Lewistown)
11:00 a.m.	Past Master Degree - 2 nd Floor (“Circle of 5”)
11:30 a.m.	Most Excellent Master Degree - (1 st Section) 2 nd Floor (Great Falls)
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (\$7.00 per person)
1:30 p.m.	Most Excellent Master Degree - (2 nd Section) 2 nd Floor (Great Falls)
2:30 p.m.	Royal Arch Degree - 3 rd Floor (Pondera Chapter - Conrad)
4:30 p.m.	Comments / Closing

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Royal Arch Chapter (Name / # / Location): _____

George Washington Convocation Registration Fee: \$5.00 per person: \$ _____

Friday, February 17th:

York Rite College Lunch: # Attending _____ @ \$7.00 per person: \$ _____

Royal Arch Banquet: # Attending _____ @ \$10.00 per person: \$ _____

Saturday, February 18th:

R.A.M. Lunch: # Attending _____ @ \$7.00 per person: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____