



ATTENTION REGISTERED VOTERS AND ATTENDEES FOR THE 2020 WASHINGTON YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS

Companions and Sir Knights—

The three heads of the York Rite Grand Bodies in coordination with the Vice-President and the Executive Secretary of the York Rite WA, LLC, and Sir Knight Michael Holland, Chairman of the Technology Committee for all three Bodies, met on Monday, 29 June 2020 via a "Zoom" meeting. The results of the "dry-run" conducted on Saturday, 27 June 2020, using the "E-Ballot" system were discussed. There was a unanimous consensus to not use the "E-Ballot" system based upon the "dry-run" exercise results from Saturday, 27 June 2020. A modification to the "Polling" feature of "Zoom" has been agreed upon by all in attendance to permit the use of this system for the Officer elections in all three Bodies. The modification is that those present who are not entitled to vote will be placed in a "break-out" room during the Officer elections, thus not being able to vote. At the conclusion of the Officer elections, these individuals will return to the group session and be informed of the results. It is believed this option will offer a much more understandable system for the members, the ballot will be presented on the screen for them, there will not be a need for logging in on two different systems ("Zoom" and "E-Ballot"), no need for a split screen, no need for a password to ballot, system is simpler and easier to use by the member. Hopefully, this will make the members more comfortable with the voting process and lessen the strain and tension of voting.

Also, on Saturday, 4 July 2020, the National Anthem (in lieu of the "Pledge of Allegiance") and the Invocation will be given at approximately 7:55AM, prior to the Grand Chapter being convened at 8:00AM. Performing both of these at the beginning will serve as being done for all three York Rite Grand Bodies, so that the National Anthem and the Invocation Prayer will not need to be repeated for the convening of each York Rite Body, for a total of three times.

Thank you.

MEC Patrick G. Stanton
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter R.A.M.

MIC ++E. Jeffrey Craig
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council R&SM

SK W. Gary Norton
REGC
Grand Commandery KT

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

MEC Patrick Stanton	Grand High Priest
REC Robert Monroe	Deputy Grand High Priest
REC David Aponte	Grand King
REC Scot Sageser	Grand Scribe
REC Ivan "Merle" Iverson	Grand Treasurer
REC Thomas Christie	Grand Secretary
EC Alexander Jordan	Grand Captain of Host
VEC Thomas O. Stone	Grand Principal Sojourner
VEC James C. Norton, Jr.	Grand Royal Arch Captain
EC William W. R. Meyring	Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
EC Perry R. Meyring	Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil
VEC Charles E. Wood	Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
MEC E. Jeffrey Craig	Grand Chaplain
VEC Michael Palko-Dean	Grand Sentinel
C Charles S. Wetmore	Grand Musician
VEC David O. Anderson	Grand Lecturer
VEC B. Jay White	Grand Orator
MEC Anthony C. Schwab	Grand Historian

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

RPC E. Jeffrey Craig	Illustrious Grand Master
RIC Rabi Peifer	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master
RIC Richard Kovak	Grand Principal Conductor of Work
RIC David Aponte	Grand Master of Ceremonies
RPC Anthony C. Schwab	Grand Treasurer
MIC Michael Smitson	Grand Recorder
VIC Michael Pursey	Grand Captain of the Guard
IC Loren Franz	Grand Conductor of the Council
C Doug Stamper	Grand Chaplain
IC Roger Pankey	Grand Lecturer
C Charles Wetmore	Grand Musician

IC Robert Guild Grand Steward
IC Jeff Harden Grand Sentinel

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

SK W. Gary Norton	Right Eminent Grand Commander
SK Richard Kovak	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
SK Robert Monroe	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK Alan T. Spreen	Eminent Grand Captain General
SK Ivan "Merle" Iverson	Eminent Grand Treasurer, REPGC
SK Michael A. Smitson	Eminent Grand Recorder
SK Marvin Colburn	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
SK Douglas E. Stamper	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
SK Ian C. Hyde	Eminent Grand Prelate
SK Lawrence M. Byrd	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
SK Rabi K. Peifer	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
SK John Hannaman	Eminent Grand Warder
SK Scot P. Sageser	Eminent Grand Sentinel
SK Patrick G. Stanton	Eminent Grand Historian
SK Charles Wetmore	Eminent Grand Musician

Holy Order of High Priesthood

MEC Joseph W. MacIntyre	Most Excellent President
MEC Andrew J. Olson	Excellent Companion Vice President
MEC Patrick Stanton	Excellent Companion Chaplain
MEC Donald J. Beck, PMEP	Excellent Companion Secretary/Treasurer
REC Robert Monroe	Excellent Companion Master of Ceremonies
EC David A. Aponte	Excellent Companion Conductor
EC Scot P. Sageser	Excellent Companion Herald
MEC Bryan D. Bechler, PMEP	Excellent Companion Steward
MEC Richard M. Kovak, PMEP	Excellent Companion Sentinel
MEC E. Jeffrey Craig, PMEP	Excellent Companion Prologue

Grand Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters

Michael Holland	Thrice Illustrious Grand Master
W. Gary Norton	Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Steven L. Dazey	Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Michael Smitson	Thrice Illustrious Grand Recorder
E. Jeffrey Craig	Thrice Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Rabi Peifer	Thrice Illustrious Grand Steward
Robert Monroe	Thrice Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Reuben W. Baer Past Commanders Association

Alexander J. Jordan	Prior
Michael Smitson	Senior Warden
Michael R. Pursey	Junior Warden
Robert Monroe	Recorder
E. Jeffrey Craig	Prelate
Rabi Peifer	Warder
	Sentinel

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

MEC James Hodge	General Grand High Priest
REC Steven Tiner	General Grand King
REC Tiko Foley	General Grand Scribe
REC Roderick Anderson	General Grand Treasurer
REC Larry Gray (PGGHP)	General Grand Secretary
MEC Bradford "Brad" Huffman	Deputy General Grand High Priest—NW Region
MEC (H) John Smiley	Ambassador to Washington

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

MPC David A. Grindle	General Grand Master
RPC Monty Glover	Deputy General Grand Master
RPC William Snyder	General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
RPC Charles Hollinger	General Grand Treasurer
RPC Stephen Balke	General Grand Recorder
RPC Robert A. Farrow	Deputy General Grand Master—NW Region

Grand Encampment Knights Templar

SK Jeffrey N. Nelson	Most Eminent Grand Master
SK Michael B. Johnson	Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
SK David J. Kussman	Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad	Right Eminent Grand Captain General
SK Bobby Simmons	Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
SK Lawrence E. Tucker	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
SK Arthur F. Hebbeler, III	Right Eminent Grand Prelate
SK Benjamin Williams	Right Eminent Northwest Department Commander

Grand High Priest's Message



Greetings Companions!

As many of you know, on Saturday July 4th the Grand Chapter will hold a digital meeting.

My message for this month is an attempt to clarify what is intended during this meeting. The Grand Sessions format has changed due to a global pandemic. The format has been through the proper committees and matches the format used by the Grand Lodge and many other York Rite bodies.

There are very few items of business that are actually required in the code. We must elect officers and we do need to vote on a budget. There will be voting for representatives to the York Rite Life Membership fund, a digital report will be provided from the York Rite Children's Heart Foundation and there will be a ballot as to officers for that organization. That is all.

The resolutions that went through the normal process have been provided in the pre-printed packets along with the reports from the appropriate committees. These will be tabled until the next session. There will be no resolutions accepted from the floor as we do not have time for discussion.

Due to time constraints we do not have time for comments, discussion or addresses from all registered companions. There are 73 registered participants and if each was given one-minute we would be over the time allotted.

For the budget the Grand Treasurer has provided lengthy descriptions of each item. All items do have explanations associated in his report. We plan to allow for three companions to speak 'for adopting' and three 'against adopting' the budget. At that point we will vote and either have a budget for 2021, or not.

All of this brings up an interesting situation in my mind. I am required to always adhere to the *ancient landmarks* of the order. One of these landmarks reads that

any companion in good standing has the right to address the annual assembly.

There is an opportunity here. The ZOOM software allows for text to be typed and shared by anyone in the meeting to all participants. There is a window termed 'chat' and we will walk you through how to use it at the beginning of the session.

All Companions can read and the entire session will be recorded including the chat texts. As a gentle reminder this is a masonic meeting and you are asked to act appropriately. But this chat will not be moderated or in any way controlled by the host.

This means that any registered participant can at any point in the session, provide their thoughts, concerns, grievances or friendly salutations to all companions present. This is a digital public address to a digital Grand Session.

If anything goes wrong with the software or if your friendly salutations are too lengthy, please send them to the Grand Secretary and we will commit to providing your words to each registered attendee verbatim and unedited after the session.

Obviously, the ancient landmarks never contemplated a ZOOM or digital session. Neither did I. I want to thank the many companions who have literally spent a combined 100+ hours to make this Session a possibility.

I look forward to seeing you all in person some day in the near future!

Be well companions,

MEC Patrick Stanton
Grand High Priest

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Illustrious Grand Master's Message



Greetings Companions!

As I write this our Electronic Grand Sessions are just a few short days away. We have held several dry runs for the sessions, learned a lot, made some needed changes or tweaks and are as ready as we can be to make this new sort of Grand Session a success.

Remember, this is not a typical Grand Session. We will not be covering everything that we would normally cover. We will be electing a new line of officers for the Grand Council, electing a three-year and a one-year Trustee for the York Rite Life Membership Foundation, adopting a budget and receiving the constitutionally required reports. Resolutions and all other business will be carried over to the 2021 Grand Sessions when we will hopefully all again be able to come together to meet and in person discuss the important business of the Grand Council as we have for the previous 124 years.

Please remember CMMRF in your giving budget. It is easy to give online, and do not forget to identify both your Council and Grand Council when you do. Thank you!

Take the time to reach out to our missing Companions, the ones who were here, are still paying dues or are life members, but we just never see anymore. Find out why they are among the missing. The more meetings missed, the easier it is to miss more meetings. Stop the downward spiral! Invite them back and facilitate making Cryptic Masonry attractive to them again. Remember, make new Companions but keep the old, some are silver and the other are gold.

As this is my last FOCUS article your Most Illustrious Grand Master, let me just say a deeply heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. You have made this year not only possible but incredibly special and I will not forget the kindness, love and support given to me by all of you. I look forward to sharing meals, events, and meetings with you in the future when we can come together and continue the brotherhood and companionship I have felt in your presence this past year. You are the heart and soul of Cryptic Masonry!

Stay home, stay safe, stay healthy, and again thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Most Illustrious Grand Master this past year.

Grace and Peace,

MIC ++E. Jeffrey Craig
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Royal and Select Masters of Washington

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Grand Commander's Message



(NOTE: As no written standing requirement has been presented mandating the reading of this article, Constituent Commanderies are relieved from such a requirement. Commanders may choose to have the article read, but are not required to do so.)

Greetings, in the name of our most gracious and precious *Risen Lord Jesus Christ!*

It has been an honor and privilege to have been able to serve as your Grand Commander for this past year. Thank you for that privilege and honor.

Throughout this past year, I have conducted many Official Visits to Constituent Commanderies within the jurisdiction of the State of Washington. As well, I had the pleasure of presiding over some of the Commandery Installation of Officers. It is a comfort to confirm with you that in every instance I was greeted with warm hospitality, cordial fellowship and immeasurable camaraderie. This has been an inspiration to me, as it should be to you, of the sincere amity and harmony prevailing within the sanctum of the asylums of our Commanderies.

We shall ever be confronted with challenges as to our ancient teachings, our ritual, our traditions, the being of our Order, and our belief in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost Those who preceded us were also confronted with challenges, but they were strong adherents to the Christian Religion and fortified its walls, their swords were sharp and true, they ensured the mortar was tempered to cement and bind the union of the Sir Knights to preserve our Holy Order. We also must remain vigilant in our duty and steadfast in our obligation to preserve the Christian Virtues for the betterment of mankind.

The Grand Commandery must be ever ready to offer and provide assistance to its Constituent Commanderies when needed or requested. As well, Constituent Commanderies, upon recognizing any problems they may be having difficulty in resolving, need to seek counsel and request assistance from the Grand Commandery. Together as a unified body shall we overcome our shortcomings and preserve the Order of Knights Templar. Deputy Instructors are an extension of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and need to be accessible to the Constituent Commanderies for aid and advice. Deputy Instructors need to be involved with their respective Commanderies to help the Commandery leadership to identify any areas that may need improvement and to help resolve those identified issues before they become overwhelming problems.

I am grateful for the support and counsel provided by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, and the Officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to include Sir Knight Benjamin Williams, REDC, Northwest Department Commander; Sir Knight Steven L. Guffy, REPDC, Deputy for the College of Honors (Washington); and Sir Knight ++E. Jeffrey Craig, REPGC, Assistant Grand Prelate and immediate Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

As you are aware, I appointed two Aides-de-Camp this year: Sir Knight Karl Reith, REPGC, and Sir Knight David A. Aponte, REPGC (FL). I am very thankful for their service in these positions for this past year. Their counsel has been invaluable and their honesty, highly treasured. As well, I have sought the advice from Sir Knight Joseph W. MacIntyre, REPGC (AK), Chairman, Committee for Templar Jurisprudence, regarding a number of issues needing the interpretation of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington this past year. I am grateful for his timely and thoughtful responses assisting in the resolution of these inquiries.

I wish to acknowledge the administrative support provided to the Grand Commandery this past year: Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Michael A. Smitson, the Assistant Eminent Grand Recorder; Sir Knight David A. Aponte, REPGC (FL), and the Eminent Grand Treasurer; and Sir Knight I. Merle Iverson, REPGC. These Sir Knights have provided unwavering and dedicated support to the Grand Commandery throughout the past year. These Sir Knights perform tasks beyond their written job description behind the scenes. Foremost in their minds is service to the Grand Commandery and to the Sir Knights. I am very thankful to them for the support they willingly provided to me, as Grand Commander, and to the Grand Commandery. Another key administrative position, which remains somewhat hidden behind the scenes, is the Editor for the Knights Templar Magazine Supplement. Sir Knight Bryan D. Bechler assumed the duties of this position at the beginning of the Templar year, and has quickly learned the system and established an amiable working rapport with Grand Encampment for the submission and printing of the Supplement for Washington. I thank him for accepting this position and competently performing the associated tasks of the position.

The Eminent Grand Prelate is a position I consider to be very important within the Grand Commandery and to the Order of Knights Templar overall. The Eminent Grand Prelate wears a heavy mantle of responsibility to provide guidance and serve as an example reflecting Christian Virtues and behavior worthy of being emulated by all Knights Templar. Sir Knight Ian Hyde has worn that mantle well and his character and behavior have ensured it of being unsullied during this Templar year. He contributed two articles for the Knights Templar Magazine Supplement (Washington) this year. Both offering contemplative and reflective insights to our Christian Faith during the Holy observances of Christmas and Easter. I am grateful that Sir Knight Ian Hyde accepted the position of Eminent Grand Prelate for this Templar year.

I compliment the York Rite WA, LLC for its hard work in organizing the 2020 Washington York Rite Grand Sessions. The imposed restrictions due to the “China Virus” (aka: Coronavirus, COVID-19) have made this endeavor very difficult. The conditions have been challenging and continually changing. Through the dedicated efforts of David A. Aponte, Vice-President, and Roger Pankey, Executive Secretary, the York Rite Grand Sessions have been able to be scheduled. Although, the sessions will be conducted under a modified format using the “Zoom” meeting format, nevertheless, the York Rite Grand Sessions will be conducted with some limitations and modifications. Assisting with this unique electronic venue, has been Sir Knight Michael D. Holland. His assistance has been invaluable and I am grateful for his voluntary contribution of his time and effort.

It has been an especially wonderful and fulfilling experience to have served as your Right Eminent Grand Commander for 2019-2020. I wish to thank the Officers of the Constituent Commanderies, the Eminent Deputy Instructors, the Eminent Grand Commandery Officers, the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, and the Sir Knights overall for their unyielding support, their confidence, and their unending dedication to GOD, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

Remember, you are all the “Soldiers of Christ”, “Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da Gloriam” (“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the Glory”)

To all—thank you and may the Blessing of GOD, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost be upon you all.

“May GOD, whose watchful care is over all those who put their trust in Him, ever keep and preserve this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to His own Glory. Amen”

“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam”

Sir Knight W. Gary Norton
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Washington

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Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation, Inc.

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

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we wish to welcome the new Grand Chapter officers and want to thank each of them for accepting their offices and for the great work ahead to continue to move our gentle craft forward. These current unprecedented times provide unparalleled opportunity to re connect with our members thru new media sources like Zoom or Microsoft Team.

Take advantage of reaching out to your members to have a fun meeting online and see their smiling faces. This will of course not replace face-to-face connections or gatherings but does provide opportunities to see and talk to companions that live out of state, check in on those that could use a Chapter-related activity and assists with getting them involved with their Chapters or organizations.

Your Heart Foundation is here to help when the opportunity presents itself but we are also working with Washington Masonic Charities and The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington's Youth committee's so they have an additional resource available should they see an opportunity for us to assist.

With new leadership in place it's a great opportunity to remember that we are all stewards of our craft and each of us has an opportunity and obligation to make a difference with those around us, to support our leadership, encourage, enlighten and uplift those in need and always remember from whence we came as serving our craft is a privilege not a right.

Always remember each and every one of you do make a difference. Make sure it's a positive one !!!! As always please feel free to ask questions as the more you know the better informed all of our companions will be.

VEC Jimmy Norton, President

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YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

YRLMMF assets are conservatively invested for long-term preservation of capital as well as current income. Returns on YRLMMF's investments of course vary from year to year. However, even in a good year in the stock market, the amount invested for most life memberships won't generate enough income to cover a life member's dues or per capita payment.

As York Rite bodies elect officers and plan for the coming year perhaps they will want to take a fresh look at what they are asking for life memberships. The Grand Codes of Chapter, Council and Commandery set minimum amounts for life memberships. Some individual chapters and councils have set higher amounts in their bylaws.

Royal Arch Code, Section 166 - minimum \$150

Grand Council Code, Section 4.3061 BL - minimum \$200

Grand Commandery Code, Section 12.0 sets out a sliding scale based on age.

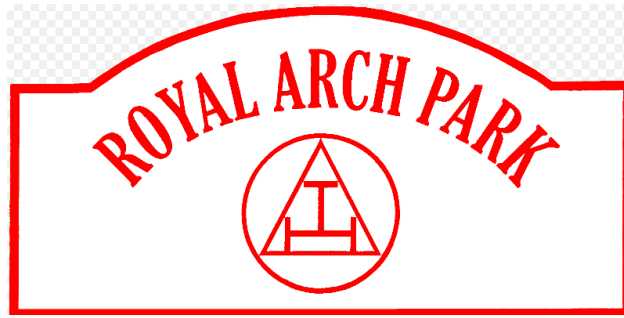
Application forms for life membership can be found under the Forms tab on the website of all three grand bodies. New contributions for life memberships can be mailed to:

York Rite Life Membership Memorial Foundation

David Flood, Secretary

POB 23322

Seattle, WA 98102-0622 (Please use the Zip + four)



Companions (and anyone else who might read this):

You might be asking yourself, "What's a Royal Arch Park and why should I be interested?" I am glad you asked. The Royal Arch Park is composed of 20+ acres of land located 9.5 miles east of I-405 on the Maple Valley Hwy (also known as Hwy 169). Who owns it? The (formerly 22) Chapters of Royal Arch in King County. "Why would I be interested?" It sits beside the Cedar River and has three open air kitchens. The park is green, lovely, and available to rent for picnics, Family Reunions, Company Activities, Lodge, Chapter, Council or other Masonic activities (including putting on Open Air Degrees.) The York Rite has their annual picnic there every summer in July. (Well, not this year, thanks to COVID-19, the Governor, and Grand Master). It is also the site of the annual Haunted Forest of Maple Valley which allows non-profit groups to raise money for their organizations. A LOT of DeMolay, Rainbows, and Job's Daughters have profited by participating. Members of the Sons of Hiram Riding Club and a couple other groups have volunteered to help run security during the Haunted Forest where 8,000+ people walked the trails in 2019 in hopes of getting scared.

If you are interested in learning more about the Park, you can talk to or email me. You can find several pictures and comments by going to their Facebook Page. For information about cost and availability, email park manager Will at: willvis73@yahoo.com (Thanks to COVID-19, the park rentals have dramatically increased!)

Sincerely and fraternally,

**EC John Burrage
Secretary
Royal Arch Park Board**



Upcoming Events

Official Visits/Upcoming Events—July 2020/August 2020

Grand High Priest

None

Illustrious Grand Master

My apologies for not being able to make an Official Visit to Crescent Council #18 or Seattle Council #6 due to the COVID pandemic. I promise I will come and visit and share fellowship with you after we are allowed to return to in-person meetings. Thank you for your understanding.

Grand Commander

None

York Rite WA, LLC
Officers for 2019—2020

President	Robert Monroe
Vice-President	David Aponte
Treasurer	Rabi K. Peifer
Secretary	Roger Pankey
Member	Richard M. Kovak
Member	Scot Sageser
Member	Alan Spreen

FORM 990 Requirements review.

It is time to take a different view of Lodge, Chapter, Council and COMMANDERY business. By now we have realized that the IRS requires an INFORMATION filing. It is recognized that if the gross income of the Masonic Body is less than \$50,000 AND Total Assets less than \$500,00, it can file a 990N. The 990N can only be filed electronically. Gross income is defined as all income without regard to expenses, so be careful when you review your books at the end of the year. To file you must have the TIN or EIN (Tax Identification number/ Employer identification number) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. The Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderys tax status is generally 501 c (10) and your Grand Secretary has the number issued to your organization. Donations to a 501 c (10) are generally not Tax Deductible to the Donor unless it is used for one of the six purposes outlined in the Internal Revenue Code. If gross income exceeds \$50,000 then a 990EZ or 990 must be filed.

The 990EZ may be used if Gross Receipts are less than \$200,000 AND total assets and less than \$500,000. If Gross Income is greater than \$200,000 or total assets are greater than \$500,000 then a Form 990 must be used. In the past the 990EZ and 990 could be filed using paper copies. With the new year these forms must be filed electronically. And as usual with the government, it is apparently not that simple. The following is quoted from “2019 Instructions for Form 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax”

“What’s New”

Required electronic filing by exempt organizations. For tax years beginning on or after July 2, 2019, section 3101 of PL 116-25 requires that returns by exempt organizations be filed electronically. If you are filing Form 990 for a tax year beginning on or after July 2, 2019, you must file the return electronically, Limited exceptions apply. . . .Electronic filing requirements have not changed for Form 990 filers with tax years beginning before July 2, 2019 (which includes calendar year 2019 Forms 990). Required electronic filing for calendar year filers will apply for tax years beginning in 2020 and later”

The key lies to understand when your tax year begins. NOT ALL LODGES, CHAPTERS, COUNCILS AND COMMANDERIES OPERATE ON A JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 TAX YEAR. Your return will be due on the 15th day of the 5th month following completion of your tax year.

At the time I write this I am reasonably certain I will not be able to file a Form 990 or Form 990EZ from my home computer. I am still investigating how to do that.

Remember, I am not an attorney and I am not a CPA. If you have questions you should seek qualified assistance from an attorney or CPA. Please do not ask a member of your Masonic Body who is an attorney or CPA to give you free advice. He/she probably has technical conflict of interest in doing so, and he makes his living doing so.

REC Merle Iverson, Grand Treasurer

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 Grand Council Recorder's Desk

TO: All Recorders of Councils for 2019-2020 year

Each of you need to register with MMS (<https://www.masonic-web.com/mms/>).

You must use Internet Explorer and it must be in compatibility mode for you to use MMS. Just follow the instructions of the web site complete this part of joining.

If you are a new user, please register for a new User Account. The system will setup your log on and a one-time password to open the MMS. If you are a previous user and forgot your password, select Recover your password.

If you are also a Recorder of a Commandery, all you need to do is request access to Council.

If you have any problems with MMS, please contact

Michael Holland: michael@pnwnet.net

David Aponte: REGC2011@live.com

Michael Smitson: RSM_Grand_Recorder_WA@comcast.net

Also, if you do not see your name as Recorder of your Council, send Bryan Bechler your name, Council, and your email. (bry.kat@frontier.com).

I will take the list of Recorders from the Focus next month (March Focus) and update the Web Site. Please help us get this done as quickly as we can.

Once you have checked or entered all the members of your Council in MMS, you will need to enter the Officers of your Council in MMS. We are trying to use this part of MMS to collect and print out the names of those who will receive ballots at Grand Sessions.

Next year, almost all the required reports that you send in will be pulled from MMS. Please ask questions about MMS if you need any assistance in any part of using MMS.

Thank you very much for being our Recorders for this year!

MIC Michael A. Smitson

Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington

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.

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YORK RITE REGISTRY

CHAPTERS of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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District #1:

Bellingham Bay Chapter No. 12

Meets 3rd Monday at Bellingham Lodge, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA. Dark July and August. Dinner at 6:30PM, stated meeting at 7:30PM.

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

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

High Priest:	EC James Gaskill	(360) 672-1999	jimgaskill155@gmail.com
Secretary:	MEC Louis Bartrand	(360) 679-3403	lbartrand@comcast.net

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
Secretary:	MEC Anthony C. Schwab	(425) 334-6696	a.c.schwab@comcast.net

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	pankeypickers@comcast.net

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 Daniel Southerland	(253) 508-9410	danielsoutherland@live.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 Cody P. Davis	(206) 778-9649	cody.patrick.davis@gmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Coe Tug Morgan	(206) 632-2970	notpgm@comcast.net

Issaquah Chapter No. 39

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

High Priest:	EC Greg Fisher	None listed	gregdfisher@hotmail.com
Secretary:	MEC Jerry E. Whitney	(206) 241-7510	jrwitnee@comcast.net

Falls City Chapter No. 54

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

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

District #4:

Enumclaw Chapter No. 42

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

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

Robert B. Palmer Chapter No. 46

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

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

Triple Tau Chapter No. 66

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

High Priest:	EC Augusto Yutuc	(253) 838-2409	ogut.yutuc@gmail.com
Secretary:	MEC Jerry E. Whitney	(206) 241-7510	jrwitnee@comcast.net

District #5:

Tacoma Chapter No. 4

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

High Priest:	VEC Al Luberts	(253) 777-6707	al.luberts@gmail.com
Secretary:	C John Yeager	(253) 625-3567	yeagerjohn@hotmail.com

Olympus Chapter No. 27

Meets on the 4th Monday at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except July and August. Hosted dinner provided by York Rite body at 6:30PM.

High Priest:	MEC Michael Pursey	(360) 908-5354	deebo_99@yahoo.com
Secretary:	REC Robert Monroe	(360) 801-2237	robertmonroe@hotmail.com

Angeles Chapter No. 38

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

High Priest:	EC Clint Beyer	(360) 374-9476	clintbeyer@olynet.com
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 Clayton LaVigne	(360) 388-1302	masonicbarber@yahoo.com
Secretary:	EC John H. Vivian	(360) 280-0154	john@wwgemlab.com

Cowlitz Chapter No. 9

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 Andrew Caveness	(509) 933-4612	andrew.caveness@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 Charles R. Davis	(509) 943-5843	cr_eddavis@frontier.net
Secretary:	VEC Floyd L. Snyder	(509) 967-5757	flsnyder@charter.net

District #8:

Walla Walla Chapter No. 1

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

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

Dayton Chapter No. 5

Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month except June, July, August, November and December at the Waitsburg Masonic Temple, 102 W. 2nd St., Waitsburg, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

High Priest:	VEC Mark Scott	(509) 529-2547	m.scott1@charter.net
Secretary:	MEC Robert Truesdale	(509) 382-2379	bobt@daytonwa.net

Evergreen Chapter No. 10

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

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

District #9:

Spokane Chapter No. 2

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spokane-york-rite-tickets-520958200>

High Priest:	EC Tom Hodgins	(509) 448-5745	tom_hodgins@hotmail.com
Secretary:	VEC Michael D. Holland	(509) 951-4962	michael@pnwnet.net

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Wenatchee Chapter No. 22

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

High Priest:	EC Bob McLandress	(509) 679-7309	Goldminer61@nwi.net
Secretary:	VEC Steven Guffy	(509) 662-7607	steveg@nwi.net

Okanogan Valley Chapter No. 41

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

High Priest:	VEC Rick Kelly	(509) 476-2856	gto@gdicom.net
Secretary:	C Brad Wood	(509) 486-0973	gwbw211@hotmail.com

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Arch No. 1:

Naval Council No. 11

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except July and August. Stated meetings begin at 7:30PM.

Illustrious Master:	IC Scot P. Sageser	(360) 692-6550	ssageser@gmail.com
Recorder:	IC Robert Monroe	(360) 801-2237	robertmonroe@hotmail.com

Crescent Council No. 18

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

Illustrious Master:	IC Jim Taylor	(360) 689-7135	firstcpr@yahoo.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 Monday of each month except for July and August at the Maplewood Masonic Center, 2626 Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA. Stated meeting at 7:30PM. Hosted dinner begins at 6:30PM.

Illustrious Master:	IC James Gaskill	(360) 672-1999	jgaskill@cablespeed.com
Recorder:	IC Douglas Jerome	(360) 672-0459	jammeguy1@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 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 1/2 Main St., Bothell, WA. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM. Potluck dinner (main course provided) begins at 6:30PM.

Illustrious Master:	IC Perry Meyring	(425) 808-0808	pmeyring@hotmail.com
Recorder:	IC Roger Pankey	(206) 542-1937	pankeypickers@comcast.net

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:	RIC David Aponte	(253) 592-4401	regc2011@live.com
Recorder:	IC Kenneth Cowen	(253) 380-8271	cowenpuppy@aol.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 E. 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 Michael Palko-Dean	(253) 217-8291	DadMike@comcast.net
Recorder:	IC Loren Franz	(253) 569-3060	mtemple1007@qwestoffice.net

Arch No. 5:

Alpha Council No. 20

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

Illustrious Master:	IC Larry Byrd	(360) 960-8967	lbyrd1947@gmail.com
Recorder:	IC John H. Vivian	(360) 280-0154	john@wwgemlab.com

Arch No. 6:

Vancouver Council No. 10

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

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

Arch No. 7:

Ellensburg Council No. 26

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

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

Arch No. 8:

Zabud Council No. 7

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

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

Zadok Council No. 23

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

Illustrious Master:	IC Richard Redick	(509) 735-0612	sealedN4head@gmail.com
Recorder:	MIC Floyd Snyder	(509) 967-5757	fhsnyder@charter.net

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.

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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 Marvin Colburn, Jr.	(360) 608-4015	navyidc1980@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Richard Hallett	(360) 274-8149	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 Joseph McAlister	(253) 241-0358	airborne51@me.com
Eminent Recorder:	SK Alfred Luberts, Jr.	(253) 777-6707	al.luberts@gmail.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	john@wwgemplab.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 Daniel Southerland (253) 508-9410 danielsoutherland@live.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 Geoffrey Joosten (206) 707-3256 geoffreyjoosten@comcast.net
Eminent Recorder: SK Jerry Whitney (206) 241-7510 jrwitnee@comcast.net

District No. 4

Juan De Fuca Commandery No. 17

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

Eminent Commander: SK Tim Hamm (360) 670-3053 None
Eminent Recorder: SK Theodore E. Shanks (360) 582-0253 ual777boss@aol.com

Malta Commandery No. 18

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Bremerton Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA, except for July and August. Stated meeting begins at 7:30PM.

Eminent Commander: SK Dick Dexter (360) 692-6876 rldexter@centurylink.net
Eminent Recorder: SK Robert Monroe (360) 801-2237 masonmonroe16@hotmail.com

District No. 5

Hesperus Commandery No. 8

Meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 W. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, 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 Windell (360) 678-6893 windma@isomedia.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Michael Belle Isle (360) 720-1199 mbrain858@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: SK George Fischer (717) 870-7669 g.p.fischer53@gmail.com

District No. 6

Temple Commandery No. 5

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at the Ellensburg Masonic Temple, 1111 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 Nick Henderson (509) 674-1335 nickhenderson7557@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.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spokane-york-rite-tickets-520958200>

Eminent Commander: SK Gene Endslo (509) 270-9420 endslo@gmail.com
Eminent Recorder: SK Michael D. Holland (509) 951-4962 Michael@pnwnet.net

District No. 8

Washington Commandery No. 1

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

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

Pasco Commandery No. 21

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

Eminent Commander: SK Michael Duncan (509) 946-9894 DuncanMr50@charter.net
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York Rite College

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York Rite College Grand Governor's Message

Greetings Companion Knights—

As in the June FOCUS, little has changed with respect to living with the Coronavirus-19 (CV-19). However, all Washington colleges have elected new officers for the coming year and would have had them installed by now. But the York Rite Sovereign College of North America (YRSCNA) had directed us to elect them but not install them until we could meet in person. This was per the Bylaws, so all have held off on installations. Just recently the Secretary General's office sent out a directive that Governor General MPDB Blaine H. Simons has authorized us to proceed with our installations using a virtual method, even a shorten version of the installation ceremony so long as we do not violate any Grand Lodge regulations. So, the Washington Colleges have elected to use the ZOOM.com virtual method and should have their new officers "installed" soon. Grand Lodge and the York Rite Grand Sessions have been changed to virtual meetings too. The York Rite Grand Session have been shortened to one morning, Saturday, July 4, 2020 with each YR Body getting 1.25 hours to do business and installation. There will be no Honoria conducted this Grand Sessions. Most discussion items will be carried over to the Grand Sessions in 2021.

The YRSCNA 63rd General Assembly as we normally assemble has been cancelled for 2020 and the Order of the Purple Cross class will be merged with the 2021 class next year. The 2020 General Assembly will be replaced by two virtual meetings, one on Thursday, August 6th for the Board of Directors and the second on Saturday, August 8th for the Regents and Regent Ex-Officio (Grand Governors). More details will be forthcoming on what will be done at this latter meeting. The virtual installation of the new General Grand officers will be done on the 8th. More on this next in the July FOCUS.

Please keep safe and begin to enjoy the summer as some of the CV-19 restrictions begin to be lifted.

God Bless one and all.

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York Rite Colleges

Kamiakin York Rite College No. 28

Governor: PCK Bobby Baxter (509) 987-7361 hotrod tater@yahoo.com
Secretary: EDB Floyd L. Snyder (509) 967-5757 flsnyder@charter.net

Meet at the following dates and places at 10:00AM. Lunch reservations: Contact secretary one week prior to meeting.

May: 1st Saturday at Richland Masonic Temple, 412 Thayer St., Richland, WA

December: 1st Saturday at Spokane Masonic Center, 506 W. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA

Rainier York Rite College No. 54

Governor: PCK
Secretary: PCK George P. Fischer (717) 870-7669 rainiercollege@gmail.com

Meet the following dates and places at 10:00AM: (note: Contact secretary to verify time).

February: Meet the 1st Saturday at 10:00AM at Camanio Lodge No. 19, 27205 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA.

May: Meet the 1st Saturday at 10:00AM at Camanio Lodge No. 19, 27205 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA.

September: Meet the 2nd Saturday at 10:00AM at Camanio Lodge No. 19, 27205 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA.

Tahoma York Rite College No. 197

Governor: PDB W. Gary Norton (360) 412-1738 ptah@830@comcast.net
Secretary: VEDB Jerry E. Whitney (206) 241-7510 jrwitnee@comcast.net

Meets at the following dates and places at 10:00AM: (note: Contact secretary to verify time).

February: Meets the 4th Saturday at the Pyramid Masonic Center, 1700 S. 340th St., Federal Way, WA.

April: The stated meeting scheduled for Tahoma York Rite College No. 197 on Saturday, 25 April 2020, is **CANCELLED**."

October: Meets the 4th Saturday at the Centralia Masonic Center, 218 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA.



Evergreen Priory No. 41 KYCH



Knights of York Cross of Honor

E. Jeffrey Craig	Eminent Prior
Floyd Snyder	Deputy Prior
W. Gary Norton	Warder
Ivan "Merle" Iverson	Registrar
Alexander Jordan	Prelate
Rabi Pfeifer	Orator
Michael Holland	Herald
Paul Reckamp	Sentinel
VE Bryan D. Bechler, PP	Personal Representative District No. 24

Greetings Knights!

I pray this missive finds you and yours safe and healthy in this time of pandemic uncertainty.

Dispensation has been received from Convent General to move our Annual Meeting from April to our October 2020 meeting, and that will be our next meeting. Stay tuned for details.

The annual meeting in October will see us doing the induction of several proposed new members, the annual Official Visit of our Convent General Deputy, elections and installation. Remember, if you are interested in entering the Priory Officer Line you must so advise our Recorder before the end of December.

Since this rescheduling move causes us to elect and install out of time, and to be fair to the incoming slate of officers, Convent General has issued dispensation for us to not hold elections again in April 2021. Rather, the elected team of officers installed in October 2020 will serve until the Annual Meeting in 2022 when we will return to the regular election cycle as indicated in our By-Laws.

Unusual happenings for unusual times. Check on each other, keep your spirits up, stay healthy and safe. Be ready to jump back into Masonic happenings once the restriction on our activities is lifted.

If you are aware of anyone who should be among our numbers, or again if you are interested in entering the officer line in the Priory, please let our Secretary, Merle Iverson, know.

**++Jeff Craig, Prior
Evergreen State Priory #41
KYCH**

Evergreen State Priory #41 Emergency Plan

Whereas, Evergreen State Priory #41 Bylaws indicate the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers shall occur in April each year, and

Whereas, The Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons has issued an edict that no Masonic meetings shall until after May 30, 2020, and it is a virtual reality that the edict will be extended, and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Washington has closed all schools until April 24th, closed all restaurants, bars and most public buildings until further notice, and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Washington has advised that all citizens over the age of 60 should shelter in place, now let it be resolved that:

1. The annual election and installation of officers will be postponed until the regular meeting on an unscheduled date & time in October 2020 and that
2. As the officers now in office shall have served 18 months in office, the
3. The next election and installation of offices shall occur at the regular Annual Meeting in April, 2022, thus they will have served for 18 months, and then
4. Evergreen State Priory #41 will revert to the timing specified in its bylaws.

E Jeffrey Craig

++E Jeffrey Craig
Eminent Prior

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Registrar/Treasurer

United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine



St. Alban Conclave—2020

Puissant Sovereign: KC Rabi Peifer (360) 220-7628 rkpeifer.mason@gmail.com
Secretary: KC W. Gary Norton, PS (360) 412-1738 Ptah830@comcast.net

****August 25th, 2020: 148th United Grand Imperial Council, Pittsburgh, PA. (One-day Session) (**This is a date change)**

August 29th, 2020: Ladies event, Washington Wine Express, 12:00PM to 4:00PM, Mount Rainier Railroad. – CANCELLED (Cancelled due to the closure of Mount Rainier Railroad (no longer in business) and the imposed restrictions as a result of the “China Virus” (aka: Coronavirus, COVID-19).

January 9th, 2021: Stated Meeting, “Annual Assembly”, 5:00PM, Tacoma Scottish Rite building, 817 South Vassault Street, Tacoma, WA.

St. Olav Conclave—2020

Puissant Sovereign: KC Alan T. Spreen (253) 370-3484 alan.spreen@yahoo.com
Secretary: KC Bryan D. Bechler, PS (360) 691-2861 bry.kat@frontier.com

February 1st: Stated meeting at Damascus Lodge No. 199, 111 E. Stanley St., Granite Falls, WA beginning at 1:00PM.

August 15th: Stated meeting and picnic. Place to be determined. 1:00PM.

October 24th: Stated meeting at Centralia Masonic Lodge, 218 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA beginning at 1:00PM. Election of officers for 2021.

December 12th: Annual meeting. 11:30AM no-host lunch at the Fishin’ Hole Restaurant, 103 Brumfield Ave., Montesano, WA. Meeting will commence at 1:00PM at Wynooche Masonic Lodge, 308 S. 1st St., Montesano, WA.

St. Raphael Conclave—No input

Puissant Sovereign: KC
Secretary: KC

Pacific Council No. 30 Allied Masonic Degrees



VB Lawrence M. Byrd	Sovereign Master
R. Rico Barrientes	Senior Warden
Robert Monroe	Junior Warden
VB David A. Aponte	Secretary
Joseph L. McAlister	Senior Deacon
Wilfred Reyes	Junior Deacon
James M. Scardelis	Chaplain
Anthony J. Annable	Tyler

Chinook Council No. 77 Allied Masonic Degrees

VB Bryan D. Bechler	Sovereign Master
	Senior Warden
	Junior Warden
VB Richard M. Kovak	Secretary
	Senior Deacon
	Junior Deacon
	Chaplain
	Tyler

The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon



Tahoma Chapel No. 3

Stated meeting that was scheduled for 28 March 2020, has been rescheduled for Saturday, 20 June 2020, at 1:00PM. There will be an Officers meeting and rehearsal at 11:00AM. Location is Pyramid Masonic Center, 1700 South 340th St., Federal Way, WA. The primary item of business on the agenda is the election of Officers

W. Gary Norton	Worthy Master
Mark DeBarondes	Eminent Prior
Dale Imbleau	Marshal
Joseph L. McAlister	Deputy Marshal
Joseph L. McAlister	Treasurer
David A. Aponte	Secretary
Jack L. Wise	Almoner
Lawrence M. Byrd	1 st Working Knight
Loren E. Schrock	2 nd Working Knight
Vacant	3 rd Working Knight
Michael R. Pursey	4 th Working Knight
Peter J. Stidd	Herald
Edwin T. "Skip" Sanford	Doorkeeper
Michael D. Holland	Cellarer
Richard E. MacKinnon	Cellarer
Michael A. Smitson	Sentry

Cascade Chapel No. 20—No input

Worthy Master
Eminent Prior
Marshal
Deputy Marshal
Treasurer
Secretary
Almoner
1st Working Knight
2nd Working Knight
3rd Working Knight
4th Working Knight
Herald
Doorkeeper
Cellarer
Cellarer
Sentry

Clontarf Council No. 69 Knight Masons



John R. Smiley II	Excellent Chief
Floyd L. Snyder	Senior Knight
Christopher J. Booth	Junior Knight
Rabi Peifer	Scribe
Michael A. Smitson	Treasurer
Garry J. Randles	Senior Warden
Scot P. Sageser	Junior Warden
Ryan T. Winters	Director of Ceremonies
E. Jeffrey Craig	Priest
Anthony Annabel	Steward
Joseph Einertson	Sentinel

Cousins,

Due to a schedule conflict our next meeting date has shifted from July 18th to August 1st. The location has not changed and remains Benton City Lodge, 114 Alma, Ave, Benton City, WA. Please RSVP to our Cousin Jay White at (white1500@msn.com) with a cc to me at (rkpeifer.mason@gmail.com). Gather at 1100 with and start around 1300. We will be conferring the Knight of the East and Knight of the East and West degrees. Take care and be safe Cousins.

A Traditional Irish Blessing for you:

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Fraternally,

Rabi Peifer, KCZ, Scribe
Clontarf Council



Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests



Immaculate Tabernacle No. XXXIX

Edwin T. (Skip) Sanford	Preceptor
Ivan "Merle" Iversen	Deputy Preceptor
Michael Holland	Seventh Pillar
Theodore Shanks	Sixth Pillar
E. Jeffrey Craig	Fifth Pillar
Jerry Whitney	Fourth Pillar
Marion Windell	Third Pillar
W. Gary Norton	Second Pillar
B. Gene Fish	First Pillar
Nick Henderson	Inner Guard
Harold Hobbs	Outer Guard
Patrick Stanton	Registrar

The next meeting will take place on July 11th which will be the annual picnic in the park at Mt. View Park in Ellensburg.

October 10th: Annual business meeting to be held at Ellensburg Masonic Temple.

**The Masonic Order of Athelstan
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Bryan D. Bechler	Worshipful Master
Michael A. Smitson	Eminent Prior
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Charles Schubert	Captain of Guard
Charles Persinger	Captain of Guard
James C. Norto	Burgh
Keven E. Betterton	Burgh
Geoffrey S. Joosten	Burgh
Anthony C. Schwab	Burgh
E. Jeffrey Craig	Guard
Richard M. Kovak	Immediate Past Master

Regular meetings of Salish Court No. 96 for 2020

Due to recent letter from Grand secretary dated 13 April 2020, there will be no meetings until further notice due to CV19.

**May 29, 2020—Cancelled
July 31, 2020—Unknown
October 30, 2020—Unknown**



EVERETT ASSEMBLY NO. 242
SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT (SOOB)

No input



Washington Masonic Charities – Making a Real Difference

Br. Ken Gibson, Executive Director 253.442.2525 ken@wa-masoniccharities.org

Washington Masonic Charities is one of the best kept Masonic secrets, yet as Freemasons, each of us should be proud of the amazing work our Fraternity has accomplished this past year. Our good work shouldn't be a secret anymore, so I invite you to help us turn the tide by sharing this news.



Masons Care – Older Adult Outreach - *Our Masons Care program served 756 older adults and people in need during this past Masonic year.* We helped meet their urgent needs, helped them remain independent and in their homes, while providing their families and loved-ones the peace of mind knowing that they were safe

and well looked after. Types of assistance included housing, respite care, long term care, plumbing issues, food, clothing, and more. To this day we continue to provide support and assistance for individuals who had lived in the Masonic Retirement Center, making sure they are healthy, happy, and safe.

The Masons Care program or Washington Masonic Charities saved older adults, their families, and communities more than \$5 million in costs for assisted care or long-term care. Of this, 72% of our clients were Masonic, and we saved them \$3.5 million in care costs. This program provided a value of nearly \$10 for every \$1 we spent on staffing costs necessary to help people meet their need. Our skilled staff are our primary resources – we work hard to coordinate needs, goals and resources, often leveraging external resources to save costs on our end.

Operation Masonic Relief – So many of our Lodges and Masonic groups have lost contact with older Brothers and widows, yet many are in great need. Operation Masonic relief helps fix this, by working with your group to improve its connections with older Brethren and widows.

Masonic groups are invited to get involved with Operation Masonic Relief. Our staff and volunteers consult with your Masonic group to reconnect with your older Brothers and widows, strengthen relationships, and provide meaningful connections. Unavoidable things happen sometimes, so our skilled Certified Senior Advisor staff will be there as a backstop when your Masonic group sees a need with an older Brother or widow that is bigger than you can assist with. Your group will benefit by being more engaged and fulfilled through better relationships – your older Brethren and widows will benefit by having stronger connections and help when they need it. A more engaged Fraternity is a healthy Fraternity.

Contact Br. Byron Cregeur at 253.442.2505 X 110 or byron@masonscare.org for more information, to get involved, or if you know someone who could use assistance.

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