

Evergreen State Priory No. 41



Knights of the York Cross of Honour

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A Conclave of the Knights of York Cross of Honour was opened at 1:00 PM by Eminent Prior, Lewis D. Peck on April 12, 2008 at the Ellensburg Masonic Lodge #39 in Ellensburg in due form with sixteen members in attendance which included the following officers:

Eminent Prior:	Louis Peck	Prelate:	Harry Houston
Dep. Prior:	William Scott	Orator:	James Stephens
Warder:	Bryan Bechler	Herald:	Ward Koeberle
Registrar:	R. Dale Fluaitt,	Sentinel:	Donald J. Beck

An opening prayer was recited and the Pledge to the Flag was accomplished, after which we went into the Initiation of our candidate John G. James. Two other candidates were scheduled to be initiated: Joel Canterbury who was back logged at his place of work and unable to attend, and Wayne L. Roberts who was ill. We will try to initiate these York Rite members at our next meeting.

The initiation team consisted of the Elected Officers and the following members gave the special lectures: Knights Harry Houston, Blue Lodge; James Stephens, Chapter; Bryan Bechler, Council; and Ward Koeberle, Commandery; Jewel, Crown and Knighting by Eminent Prior Lewis Peck. When the initiation was completed the Eminent Prior opened the floor for all Members to congratulate our newest KYCH Member John G. James.

After the initiation was completed, the following business was conducted:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the January 19, 2008 meeting were read and approved.
2. Audit report: The Audit Committee reported on the audit of the Treasury books. They reported the Audit showed good record keeping and everything was in order. The Audit Committee gave no recommendations.
3. Financial report: The Registrar gave the status and balances of our checking, savings, and Certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts. The Registrar stated the CD matured on 20 March 2008 and rolled over automatically. It was found out the CD rolled over from a 4.63 % interest rate to a 1.24% interest rate. The automatic roll over was recommended at the January meeting so the Members could decide how to invest our funds and give advise in April. (Side note: The Treasurer renegotiated successfully with the B.O.A. on April 18, 2008 to get a higher interest rate of 2.48 %. The CD was back dated to the original date of March 20, 2007 and Matures on July 18, 2008.)

The Members discussed past donations to Charity by this organization. It was Moved and Seconded that we donate again to the Convent General Medical Research Foundation \$500.00 as we have done for the past few years. The motion passed. The Treasurer will send a check of \$500.00 to the Convent General Medical Research Foundation.

4. Dues: The Secretary stated there were thirty three Members delinquent in their dues. He also stated there was no record of how much they owed or when they last paid their dues. The reason is that as the dues are only \$2.00 per year it is not cost effective to send out dues notices. The solution for this problem will be shown under the NEW BUSINESS of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dues: After a discussion about the dues problem, a motion was presented that anyone who does not have life membership and became a member in 1983 or before would have their dues remitted and they would now automatically become Life Members.

Any person who became a Member after 1983, and is not a Life Member and owes dues would have their past dues obligation remitted and would only owe dues for 2008 and forward. The motion passed

unanimously. It is hoped that these Knights will submit \$50.00 for their Life Membership so this Priory will have 100% Life Members. Letters and dues notices will be sent with explanations. THIS IS A ONE TIME EVENT!

2. Certificates: The Eminent Prior Lewis presented Knights Charley L. Chapman and R. Dale Fluaitt with the Convent General KYCH awards of Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with One Quadrant (KYGCH) because they served as the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Washington.
3. Elections: It was moved and seconded that all present officers be moved up one spot in line to serve in the 2008 -2009 officer cadre of Evergreen State Priory #41. The motion was passed unanimously. There was an opening for the Sentinels' office and two Knights had filed as per our Bylaws. As only one of the applicants was present, he was elected to the office of Sentinel.

Pro-temp Registrar R. Dale Fluaitt was elected Registrar. All officers were installed by Eminent Prior Lewis Peck.

After the installation the gavel was turned over to our new Eminent Prior William H. Scott, the new Eminent Prior presented Eminent Lewis with a Past Prior's Jewel. Past Eminent Prior Lewis gave a short departing speech and passed out bookmarks titled "Masonic Landmarks" to each member.

Officers for 2008 – 2009 are as follows:

Eminent Prior:	William H. Scott	Prelate:	James T. Stephens
Dep. Prior:	Bryan D. Bechler	Orator:	Ward T. Koeberle
Warder:	Harry R. Houston	Herald:	Donald J. Beck
Registrar:	R. Dale Fluaitt	Sentinel:	Anthony C. Schwab

4. KYCH Books on Ceremonies: The Registrar informed all members that the Ceremony book from the Convent General Edition dated 1961; Reprinted 1985 is OBSOLETE and advised all to discard this Edition. The current Ceremonies book is the 1961 Edition, Reprinted 2000. To replace your book, the cost is \$2.00. The Registrar is preparing an 8.5 inch by 11 inch version. It will be an exact copy, page per page.

Regular business was concluded and the Priory was closed in due form at 2:50 PM

The next Conclave date and location is yet to be determined.

Submitted

Approved

R. Dale Fluaitt, Registrar

William H. Scott, Eminent Prior