



## Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana

### The level

**FEBRUARY 2007**

**NO. 428**

### GRAND MASTER'S CLASSES FOR 2007

- March 10 - Drummond
- April 21 - Lewistown
- May 19 - Forsyth

The "Request for Conferral of Degrees" form for each candidate must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than twenty-one days prior to the scheduled class. If there are not twelve or more confirmed candidates by the deadline, the class will be cancelled.

1. All candidates must have received the Entered Apprentice degree in their lodge or in another lodge by courtesy work, and have passed proficiency in the first degree, prior to coming to the Grand Master's class. Only the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees will be conferred during the Grand Master's classes during February, March and May.
2. For the April Grand Master's Class the above restrictions are not applicable. The "Request for Conferral of Degrees" form still must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than twenty-one days prior to the class.

However, there will be no minimum number of candidates for the April class; this class will be conducted regardless of the number of candidates. In addition, the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred in this class.

Worshipful Masters ensure that a mentor accompanies each of their candidates. The role of mentor is extremely important, and using a total stranger from another lodge as mentor

takes away much of the bonding that is necessary for the candidate to feel welcome and at ease. Finally, please inform all members of your Lodge that appropriate attire for candidates, mentors, and sideliners is coat and tie.

Call your District Officer or call the Grand Lodge Office and check for any changes in class date, time or location.

**Note:** Due to logistical consideration the GM Class of 19 May has been changed to be held at Hiram Lodge NO. 52 in Forsyth.

### DUE DATE FOR GRAND MASTER'S CLASSES

Request for Conferral of Degrees are due for each of the various GM Classes are listed below. Forms for each class must be received by the Grand Secretary by these dates:

<u>GM Class</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
10 March, Drummond	20 Feb
19 May, Forsyth	30 April

### MASTER BUILDER AWARD

Contact W. Bro. Paul Peterson for questions or for copies of the worksheets for the Master Builder program. You should have a copy of the form in your Lodge Assistance Package, the same form used last year. Or call Bro. Paul at 585-7430.

## THE LEVEL EVENTS TO REMEMBER

### Annual Returns Due Prior to 15 March

#### March

- 3 GL Idaho Degree exemplification  
Portneuff NO. 18, Pocatello
- 10 GM Class—Drummond (FC & MM)
- 10 York Rite Chapter Degrees, Missoula
- 14 Legislative Night – Helena
- 15 Grand Lodge New Mexico
- 16 Grand Lodge Japan
- 17 Fraternal Mother of the Year Nominations due to Committee Chairman
- 25 GM visit to Livingston
- 27 GM Visit Fort Harrison VA Hospital
- 28 Morning Star 5 PM Night
- 31 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting  
—Wolf Point

#### April

- 2 Candidate Registration for GM Class of 14 April due
- 5 Maundy Thursday
- 6 Good Friday
- 8 Easter
- 14 York Rite Council Degrees - Hamilton
- 16 GM Visit to Valley 21
- 17 GM Visit to Hiram 52
- 21 GM Class—Lewistown (EA,FC,MM)
- 26 GM/GS Visit to Libby 85
- 28 International Night @ Creston BC & Bonners Ferry, ID
- 30 Candidate Registration for GM Class of 19 May due to be held in Forsyth

#### May

- 12 York Rite Commandery Orders  
—Missoula
- 13 Mothers Day
- 19 GM Class @ Forsyth 7:30 am  
(FC & MM Only)
- 28 Memorial Day
- 31 Montana Grand York Rite @ Miles City  
Grand Lodge of Arizona

### THE MONTANA MASONIC NEWS

Lodges are encouraged to submit photos and articles about news and events. You are the news and we need you to make submissions of interest to our readers.

Pieces submitted should be typed, double-spaced and preferably accompanied by a computer disk in neutral PC format (MSWord preferred with formatting off) or via e-mail. Editor:

Montana Masonic News  
c/o Grand Secretary  
PO Box 1158

Helena, Montana 59624

or e-mail to [mtglsec@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:mtglsec@grandlodgemontana.org).

**TOAST TO THE FLAG**

by John J. Daly (188-1976)

Here's to the red of it—  
there's not a thread of it,  
no, nor a shred of it  
in all the spread of it  
from foot to head.

But heroes bled for it,  
faced steel and lead for it,  
precious blood shed for it,  
bathing it Red!

Here's to the white of it—  
thrilled by the sight of it,  
who knows the right of it,  
but feels the might of it  
through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it  
made manhood dare for it,  
purity's prayer for it  
keeps it so white!

Here's to the blue of it—  
beauteous view of it,  
heavenly hue of it,  
star-spangled dew of it  
constant and true;  
diadems gleam for it,  
states stand supreme for it,  
liberty's beam for it  
brightens the blue!

Here's to the whole of it—  
stars, stripes and pole of it,  
body and soul of it,  
sun shining through;  
hearts in accord for it,  
swear by the sword for it,  
thanking the Lord for it,  
Red White and Blue!

**HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

**APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM** to be used to nominate a Master Mason to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame are contained within your Lodge Assistance Package or contact the Grand Secretary.

Section 10030 of the Code of Statutes states that Montana Master Masons who have performed eminent and outstanding service to Montana Masonry as well as having contributed to the growth of their community, state or the United States may be elected to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame.

Membership shall be by nomination from constituent lodges. This award program shall be administered as provided for by Grand Lodge in 1986. See Administrative Procedures.

If your lodge is nominating a member to the Hall of Fame, complete the **APPLICATION - NOMINATION FORM**; use the completed form as the cover of your booklet of substantiating evidence of worthiness and endorsements by Brothers and Citizens.

**MONTANA MASONIC LICENSE PLATE**

The Masonic Family license plate is a must purchase new plates anyway for a cost of \$15.00 to the state when you renew. So please consider helping the Montana Masonic Foundation by buying a Masonic Family license plate and in doing so contributing an additional \$25.00 each year directly into the Foundation to be endowed forever.

## THE LEVEL

## CELESTIAL LODGE



<b>Member</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Celestial Lodge Date</b>
<b>John Clarke Gilpin</b>	<b>Gallatin 6</b>	<b>27 January 2007</b>
<b>Kenneth Baldwin</b>	<b>Bozeman 18</b>	<b>02 February 2007</b>
<b>Zales N. Ecton, Jr</b>	<b>Manhattan 59</b>	<b>03 November 2006</b>
<b>Lee W. Trickey</b>	<b>Ionic 38</b>	
<b>Bernie A. Swift</b>	<b>Ionic 38</b>	
<b>Harold P. Hammer</b>	<b>Hiram 52</b>	<b>21 December 2006</b>
<b>Roger B. Krebs</b>	<b>Augusta 54</b>	<b>22 January 2007</b>
<b>Leonard L. Rice</b>	<b>Three Forks 73</b>	<b>10 February 2007</b>
<b>Alton F. Ingraham</b>	<b>Mission Valley 73</b>	<b>05 January 2007</b>
<b>Ronald R. Archer</b>	<b>Pondera 80</b>	<b>20 January 2007</b>
<b>George A. Beyer</b>	<b>Bigfork 150</b>	<b>14 January 2007</b>
<b>Charles W. Heisey</b>	<b>Valley 21</b>	<b>07 February 2007</b>
<b>Wilber L. Anderson</b>	<b>Ekalaka 120</b>	<b>December 2006</b>
<b>George W. Yeager</b>	<b>Choteau 44</b>	<b>31 December 2006</b>
<b>Basil R. Fultz</b>	<b>Benton 25</b>	<b>23 January 2007</b>
<b>Bill Johnstone</b>	<b>Benton 25</b>	<b>02 January 2007</b>
<b>Gene A. Kelly</b>	<b>Benton 25</b>	<b>19 January 2007</b>

# CELESTIAL LODGE

The members listed below may or may not have been reported and are now listed for record

Rodney Boyer	Bozeman 18	06/13/2002
Edmond Burke	Bozeman 18	10/24/2003
Robert Kleinschmidt	Bozeman 18	05/10/2003
David K. Peterson	Choteau 44	06/13/2003
Chester L. Hartz	Choteau 44	08/08/2004
Almer L. Thorson	Livingston 32	09/20/2006
James Uhl	Livingston 32	04/04/2005
Archie H. Lucht	Bigfork 150	06/07/2006
John H. Lake	Livingston 32	05/17/2003
Lew M. Fleege	Manhattan 59	05 November 2005

*My Brethren, the roll of the workmen has been called, and one more Master Mason has not answered to his name,*

*He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them he has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use.*

*His labors here below have taught him to divest his heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*Strengthened in his labors here by faith in God, and, confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.*

*Author unknown*

## THE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

**January/February**

**Note: The following is based upon 31% of the 100 Lodges having submitted the Monthly Report.**

### RAISED

Matthew A. Baum	Morning Star 5	01/24/2007
Darin M. Jones	Missoula 13	01/16/2007
Johnathan P. Pulse	Missoula 13	01/13/2007
Charles H. Bassett, III	Bozeman 18	02/01/2007
Denver L. Cobb	Livingston 32	01/08/2007
Gregory T. Hurley	Livingston 32	01/08/2007
Michael J. Welton	Lower Yellowstone 90	11/01/2006
Gayle David A. Hermann	Bigfork 150	01/13/2007
Gary L. Lindsay	Bigfork 150	02/13/2007

### Dimit To Non Affiliate

Ronald A. Martin	Morning Star 5	01/24/2007
Donald K. Shay	Corinthian 72	12/31/2006
Bunny A. McBride	Corinthian 72	12/31/2006

### Affiliations

Mark C. Wildung	Missoula 13	02/06/2007	Scobey 109
Russell C. Clark	St's John 92		Granite 119, CT
Herman J. Seibert	Stillwater 62	03/09/2006	Corinthian 72
Larry N. Tipton	Stillwater 62	12/14/2006	H.A. Green 250, WA
Edwin P. Smalley	Trinity 152	12/14/2006	From Non-affiliate, MA
Richard W. Thomas	Sentinel 155	01/15/2007	Missoula 13
Gayle R. Florence	Cascade 34	11/15/2996	With Kettle Falls 130, WA
Gale A. Lair	Doric 53	02/20/2007	Star In The West 40

### Withdrawal of Dual/Plural Membership

Fred G. Nelson	Corinthian 72	01/27/2007	From Yellowstone 26
Eugene J. Compton	Boulder Basin 41	12/30/2006	From Mystic Tie 17
Russell C. Clark	St's John 92	11/09/2006	From Granite 119, CT

**Reinstatements**

Dennis A. Gray

Euclid 58

11/21/2006

**Suspended NPD as of 12/31/2006**

Thomas S. O'Dowd	Morning Star 5	Keith P. Fank	Sentinel 155
Delford R. Stamy	Morning Star 5	Richard Albin	Lower Yellowstone 90
Roger T. Wihlborg	Morning Star 5	Mykael D. Jorgenson	Pryor Mt 151
Eugene A. Alexander	Missoula 13	John Oser	Pryor Mt 151
James D. Caras	Missoula 13	Dennis W. Stephens	Livingston 32
Michael E. Delgado	Missoula 13	Richard D. Thorson	Livingston 32
Carey G. Hail	Missoula 13	Lance T. Goodman	Livingston 32
Stephen G. Langley	Missoula 13	Terry Russell	Livingston 32
Arron D. Lee	Missoula 13	Cory Gardner	Livingston 32
Jimmy D. Rhoden	Missoula 13	Kiel Peckenpaugh	Livingston 32
Rodney James	Mystic Tie 17	Charles A. Lunde	Livingston 32
Ernest R. Nunn, III	Valley 21	David K. Vaughan	Bigfork 150, 12/2002
Robert Briney	MT Moriah 24	Casy J. Goffena	Unity 71
Joseph Engel	MT Moriah 24	James M. Browning, III	Unity 71
John Goldberg	MT Moriah 24	Jeffery H. Gates	Unity 71
Paul Keith	MT Moriah 24		
Michael Parks	MT Moriah 24		
William Reynolds	MT Moriah 24		
Patrick Towle	MT Moriah 24		
Ronald D. Moore	Hiram 52		
Gene W. Holloway	Hiram 52		
Kenneth W. Reiersen	Hiram 52		
Jeffery K. Young	Mission Valley 78		
John W. Hamilton, III	Mission Valley 78		
Stephen H. Day	Mission Valley 78		

**NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

When reporting any membership change to Grand Lodge; new Master Masons, Affiliations; Death or reinstatement, please include their current U.S. Mailing address with your report.

When reporting membership changes please use their full given name. If the brother also uses a nickname or his middle name add that in in quotation marks.

One address per person, if you have "snowbirds" they need to pick one address to use for Masonic Mailings.

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