



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
425 N Park Ave

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE--AMERICANISM

During the month of February Montana Masonic lodges are required by the Code of Statutes to conduct an observance for Americanism. Every year the lodges dutifully perform this requirement, sometimes by uniting with other organizations. Ours is not the only American organization that annually honors our country through Americanism or patriotic programs. Various civic, youth and veterans' organizations all observe Americanism with similar regularity. However, the difference between Masons honoring Americanism and these other organizations is that Masons have been involved in the formation of our country since its very beginning. Masonry has never been just a spectator or latecomer to Americanism. Masonry is Americanism and was the movement and force behind Americanism.

The first Grand Lodge of Masons in the United States was the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was formed in 1733. The United States Army was formed 42 years later in 1775, with General George Washington, a Mason, as its first General. The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, the product of obvious strong Masonic influence. The United States Constitution was written in 1787 through the efforts of Masons such as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Masons were in the cold at Valley Forge, in trenches in France in World War I, on the islands of the South Pacific and the fields of Europe in World War II, in the rice paddies of Vietnam and in the Pentagon on 9-11. Masons served as Presidents of the United States from the country's inception and during its most trying times. We helped rebuild Europe through the Marshall Plan and establish democracy in Japan.

Masons were never satisfied to be sidelines and cheerleaders to American's formation and prosperity. Our country has been a model for formation of other democracies throughout the world. We provided the moral principles, motive, leadership and action that are admired by other counties. Our brothers put their Masonic principles into action and some have even given their lives for the ideals of Masonry and Americanism.

When you observe Americanism, remember that you are simultaneously observing the success of Masons creating a great country embedded with Masonic principles such as freedom of thought and religion, charity to defeated enemies and equality in the law for all. Masonry was the philosophy behind America's democracy and equality. The principles of Masonry spawned our rights as Americans. You cannot observe Americanism without observing Masonry. The two are indistinguishable.

Fraternally yours,

David L. Nielsen, Grand Master

141st PROCEEDINGS MAILED

Copies of the Annual Proceedings for the 141st Annual Communication have been mailed to each Lodge Secretary. Each lodge was mailed a paper copy and an electronic copy of the proceedings.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Thomas R. Page	Flint Creek No. 11	12/10/2007
Keith H. Logan	Missoula No. 13	12/12/2007
Edwin R. Cummer	Missoula No. 13	01/10/2008
Robert E. Brown	Missoula No. 13	01/11/2008
Earl L. Sample	Missoula No. 13	04/ /2007
Louis F. Kinney	Missoula No. 13	07.01/2006
Arnold G. Holding	Missoula No. 13	10/22/2007
Roy Forrester, Jr	Dillon No. 16	12/15/2007
John W. Fullerton	Bozeman No. 18	11/29/2007
Orville W. McCarver	Bozeman No. 18	12/24/2007
Clarence Curdy	Bozeman No. 18	12/14/2007
Jamie Patterson	Mount Moriah No. 24	09/26/2007
Everett V. Kapptie	Cascade No. 34	12/21/2007
Robert E. Buecheler	Ionic No. 38	12/33/2007
Gene P. DeBree	1,3,5,41,51,157	01/01/208
James A. Cox	Ottawa No.51	12/02/2007
Palmer A. Hoovestall	Hiram No. 52	01/05.2008
Floyd L.Johnson	Euclid No. 58	05/18/2007
Walter O. Forsman	Euclid No. 58	12/11/2007
Bernard H. Prentiss	Sitllwater No. 62	12/29/2007
Lloyd M. Stout	Judith No. 86	11/07/2007
Allen J. Johannesen	Columbia Falls No. 89	09/29/2007
Allan O. Greene	Columbia Falls No. 89	12/01/2007
Forra F. "Bunk" Huckins	Powder River No. 135	12/10/2007
Dana H. Myrick	Bozeman NO. 18	01/06/2007

Note: All Lodges are required to submitted a report monthly even if there are no membership changes.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Douglas E. White	Mission Valley No. 78	12/29/2007
Joseph Loos	Bigfork No. 150	10/30/2007
Willis Jones	Pryor Mountain No. 151	12/22/2007
John P. Jones	Mount Moriah No. 24	09/06/2006
Dale C. Wilson	Lower Yellowstone No. 90	01/11/2008
Lowell E. McGhie	Cut Bank No.82	02/12/2007
Thomas C. Ross	Chinook No. 50	12/24/2007
Oliver H. Halingstad	Chinook No. 50	11/24/2007
David S. Remy	Havre No. 55	03/2007
Gustavus A. Loberg	Judith No. 86	UNK
Eugene T. Reiner	Mount Moriah NO. 24	04/28/2007
Logan W. Morgan	Pryor Mountain No. 151	10/01/2007
Ralph K. Parker	Kalispell No. 42	11/26/2007
John F. Bruce	Morning Star No. 5	12/30/2007
Earl H. Conver	Morning Star No. 5	01/24/2008
Paul F. Shaner	Acacia No. 33	12/03/2007

INSTRUCTORS

3120. INSTRUCTORS. It shall be the duty of the Instructor to

- A. Hold schools of instruction and instruct the officers of the lodges in the ritual;
- B. Prepare officers of the lodge to prepare for advancement;
- C. Instruct in those portions of the Constitution and Statutes of Grand Lodge which relate to the government of the lodge;
- D. Instruct in the proper administration of the affairs of the lodge; and
- E. Encourage preservation of the Ancient Landmarks.

Each Grand Master annually shall appoint and commission one Instructor in each lodge, who shall serve at his pleasure and whose commission shall expire on the first day of the next Annual communication following his appointment. The Grand Lodge Officer, within whose district the lodge lies, shall recommend appointment of such Instructor after consulting with the Senior Warden or Worshipful Master elect if he is not the Senior Warden. Following the close of the annual communication, commissions shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and mailed to the lodges for presentation to the lodge Instructor. In the performance of his duties the Instructor shall be the personal representative of the Grand Master.

SUSPENDED NON –PAYMENT OF DUES (NPD)

*ODC No Prof RTN

James K. Bergum*	Helena No. 3	Harlod L. Belcher, Jr	Cascade No. 34
Ernest R. Nunn, III*	Helena 3, Valley 21	Donald C. Enquist	Cascade No. 34
Robert J. Bailey	Missoula No. 13	Paul E. Gemberling	Cascade No. 34
Anthony R. Gonzalo	Missoula No. 13	William B. Moore	Cascade No. 34
John Moore	Missoula No. 13	David Victor Stinar	Cascade No. 34
Timothy D. Lewis	Missoula No. 13	Scott H. Butler	Victor No. 43
Dennis T. Murphy	Missoula No. 13	John R. Kastner	Victor No. 43
Shawn T. Ratchford	Missoula No. 13	John T. Clifford	Hiram No. 52
Jesse C. Robinson	Missoula No. 13	Charles O. Pickar, Jr	Hiram No. 52
Robert C. Ecker	Valley No. 21	James E. Weis	Hiram No. 52
Tracy M. Kreutzer	Valley No. 21	Louis C. Eckstein	Stillwater No. 62
Scott W. Dunham	Butte No. 22	George V. Cutler	Belgrade No. 68
Max M. Lohringel	Butte No. 22	Thomas L. Haidle*	Corinthian No. 72
James T. Fredrickson, Jr	Butte No. 22	Gregory E. Smith*	Corinthian No. 72
Donald M. Durland	Butte No. 22	Larry D. Herman	Corinthian No. 72
Ernest Asher	Mount Moriah No. 24	Stephen B. Nowak*	Three Forks No. 73
Clarence Eide, Jr	Mount Moriah No. 24	John A. Edwards	Three Forks No. 73
William Leipheimer	Mount Moriah No. 24	Phillip R. Reinemer, II	Circle No. 136
John Swisher	Mount Moriah No. 24	Jerry Jones	Trinity No. 152
Gregg L. Ceaser	Ashlar No. 29	Kevin Steffan*	Trinity No. 152
Francis H. Marlier*	Ashlar No. 29	John Allen	Trinity No. 152
Trevor R. McNeff	Ashlar No. 29	Richard Emerson*	Trinity No. 152
Christian J. Degele	Ashlar No. 29	Bryan McMillan	Trinity No. 152
Dean M. McGinnis*	Ashlar No. 29	Douglas L.ockhart Vergin	Trinity No. 152
Robert Van Riper	Ashlar No. 29	Earl Ebert*	Trinity No. 152
Scott T. Anderson*	Cascade No. 34	Robert Anderson, III	Trinity No. 152
Shane B. Eastman*	Cascade No. 34	Larry L. Parks	Chinook No. 50 2003
Gerald H. Kasman	Cascade No. 34	David H. Andrew, III	No. 49 & No.73
William M. Schulte*	Cascade No. 34	Rodney E. Sandell	VC No1 *& MT. No.2

Donald C. Enquist*	Delta No. 128	Dennis P. Corbett	Ottawa No. 51
Don Gilbreath*	Ottawa No. 51	John P. Wind	Acacia No.33
Robert S. Wind	Acacia No. 33	Ray Loftin	Acacia No. 33
Garold D.Jette	Mission Valley No.78		

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

November/December (supplement)

The following is based upon 61 of the 100 Lodges having submitted the required out of 100 reports required.

RAISED

Gregory D. Beach	Missoula No. 13	01/15/2008
Cale T. Fisher	Missoula No. 13	01/15/2008
Jakob B. Parker	Missoula No. 13	01/15/2008
Mark A. Sickich	Missoula No. 13	01/15/2008
Samuel S. Smith	Missoula No. 13	01/15/2008
Aaron D. Briceno	Butte No. 22	12/18/2007
David A. Montgomery	Cascade No. 34	12/12/2007
Daniel R. Benson	Ottawa No. 51	12/07/2007
Daniel R. Fisher	Ottawa No. 51	12/07/2007
Joseph A. Fisher	Ottawa No. 51	12.07/2007
Larry D. Foose	Euclid No. 58	01/15/2008
Ernest W. Pallett	Capt Scott No. 98	12/17/2007
Justin E. Shad	Columbia Falls No. 89	05/16/2007
Terrell D. Gates, II	Columbia Falls No. 89	05/16/2007
Dale H. Nilson	Malta No. 57	12/05/2007
Ernest W. Pallett	Capt Scott No. 98	12/17/2007
Richard A. Corrigan	Sentinel No. 155	11/10/2007
Donald E. Watts	Malta No. 57	12/05/2007

AFFILIATIONS

Robert W. Heaton	To Helena No. 3 12/17/2007	Retain Slaton No. 1094 TX
Thomas C. Ewing	From Missoula No13 12/18/07	To: Mountain No. 110
Jerry C. Hanson	From Missoula No13 12/18/07	To: Sentinel No. 155
Donald L. Hovland	To: Missoula No. 13 Dec 2007	
Kenneth E. Madden	To: Missoula No. 13 Dec 2007	
Jeffery A. Madden	To: Missoula No. 13 Dec 2007	
Jerry D. Balschuw	To: Dillon NO. 16 11/15/07	Retain: Virginia Falls 226, WI
Thomas L. Wagner	To: Dillon No. 16 11/15/07	Retain: Sebastian 232, FL
Delmer L. Bradway	To: Valley No. 21 12/03/07	Retain: Big Horn 43, WY
Darin W. Donaldson	To: Ashlar No.29 12/31/2007	From: Rimrock No. 149
Daniel R. Logan	To: Ashlar No. 29 12/31/2007	
Edward E. Thompson	From: Euclid No. 58 12/18/2007	To: Parker 142, FL
Robert D. Miller	To: Euclid No. 58 12/18/2007	From: Harmony 110, SD
William F. Gertson	To: Euclid No. 58 01/01/08	From: Benton No. 25
Harry R. Boughton	From: Belgrade No. 68 12/01/07	To: Euclid No. 58
Robert W. Dunkley	To: Columbia Falls No. 89 12/05/07	From: Fordoche 292, LA
Ronald F. Mitchell, Sr	From: Capt Scott NO. 98 12/28/07	To: Occidental No. 72, WA
Craig L. Bersuch	From: Friendship 37 12/10/07	To: Capt Scott No. 98
Charles T. Bersuch	From: Friendship 37 12/10/07	To: Capt Scott No. 98
Eugene W. Murphy	From: Lavina Temple 101 01/9/2008	Retain: Ashlar No. 29
Herbert A. Baker	To: Sentinel No 155 5/7/2007	From: Missoula No. 13
Robert A. Simpson	To: Belgrade No. 68 1/8/08	Retain: Peoria #31, AZ
Ky D. Idler	To: Kyle No. 96 1/16/08	From: NorthStar No. 46

REINSTATEMENT

Joseph Engel	Mount Moriah No. 24 12/31/2006	01/07/2008
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DIMIT TO NON AFFILIATE

Robert J. Thomas	Missoula NO. 13	12/14/2007
Kelly J. Cassutt	Bozeman No. 18	12/06/2007
Lenard Lowthain	Rimrock No. 149	11/21/2007
Russell Olin	Kalispell No. 42	01/17/2008
Ramsey M. Adair	Hiram No. 52	12/31/2007

INCORPORATED LODGES

The following is a list of Lodges believed to be incorporated and currently in Good Standing with the State of Montana. Please review your articles of incorporation for compliance with Code Section 22020. It is possible the lodges listed here will be sent a Form CTL-4 for corporate taxes. If you receive such a notice please contact the RW Brother Bruce Lahti who will assist you in preparing a letter asking for exemption.

Virginia City No. 1, Montana Lodge No 2, Helena No. 3, Gallatin No. 6, Diamond City NO. 7, Flint Creek No. 11, Bozeman No. 18, Sheridan No. 20, Valley NO. 21, Ashlar No. 29, Ruby No. 36, Ionic No. 38, Mount Jefferson NO. 56, Belgrade NO. 68, Musselshell NO. 69, Three Forks NO.73, Terry No.74, Mission Valley No 78, Pondera No. 80, Libby No. 85, Columbia Falls No. 89, Lower Yellowstone NO. 90, Saints Johns No. 92, Eureka No 93, Treasure No 95, Lavina Temple No 101, Western Star No. 104, Mountain No 110, Troy No. 126, Circle Lodge NO. 136, Shelby Lodge NO. 143, Huntly Project No. 144, Hot Springs NO. 153.

**INCORPORATED
TEMPLE ASSOCIATIONS**

Temple Associations and most other related associations that have been formed by lodges and incorporated **are taxable entities and as such must file the CTL-4 form** with the State of Montana.

DATES AND EVENTS

Nominations for the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame are due prior to 1 April 2008

Proposed Resolutions are due 25 Feb. See Nov/Dec Issue NO. 433 for format instructions.

**ANNUAL RETURNS DUE
PRIOR TO 15 MARCH**

The 2007 Annual Return work-package and instructions have been mailed to the Secretary of each Lodge. Remember that the certification of completion of the audit of lodge finances and the financial disclosure worksheet are part of the annual return.

25070. ANNUAL RETURNS. Annually, on or before the 15th day of March, every chartered lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and correct report of its transactions for the 12 months preceding the first day of January.

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LODGE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

In the “Blueprint” for the year MWGM Nielsen established the process for Certification of Lodge Instructors. Instructors: Each lodge will have an instructor appointed. However, there will be a higher recognition of instructor—the “certified instructor.” For a lodge instructor to be certified, the instructor must meet the following criteria:

- a. Attend a lodge of instruction at one of the district meetings during 2007-2008;
- b. Complete and pass the Grand Lodge’s open book test on the Constitution and Code within the previous five (5) years; and
- c. Conduct a lodge of instruction.

Each Instructor was mailed the “Self-Certification” form to use in reporting completion of the requirements. In addition Code Section 3120 identifies the duties and responsibilities of Lodge Instructors.

The pin shown will be awarded by the Grand Master to those Instructors who complete the certification process.