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GRAND MASTER'S CLASSES FOR 2007

- May 19 - Broadus

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.

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.

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 considerations the GM Class of 19 May has been changed to be Powder River Lodge No. 135, 201 W Holt, Broadus, MT.

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>
19 May, Broadus	30 April

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 (original photos or digital image only. 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.

THE LEVEL EVENTS TO REMEMBER

April

- April 26 GM Visit to Libby #85
- April 27-28 Scottish Rite Reunion, Great Falls
- April 28 GM Visit to Idaho/BC International Day (Creston & Bonners Ferry)
- April 30 Grand Representative Reports Due
- April 30 Candidate Registration for GM Class
May 19th Due

May

- May 1 GM Visit to Doric #53, Big Timber
- May 9 Scottish Rite Reunion, Helena
- May 10 Scottish Rite Reunion, Helena
- May 12 York Rite, Commandery Orders, Kalispell
Scottish Rite Reunion, Helena
- May 19 GM Class, Broadus (FC & MM)
KYCH, Great Falls
- May 28 Memorial Day
- May 31 Montana Grand York Rite, Billings
Grand Lodge of Arizona

June

- June 1 Montana Grand York Rite @ Billings
Grand Lodge of Arizona
Grand Lodge of Manitoba
- June 7-9 Grand Lodge of Oregon,
Welches, Or
- June 14-16 OES Grand Chapter, Helena
- June 21-23 141st Annual Communication
- Bozeman

MONTANA MASONIC LICENSE



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.

Chris Hodapp, Author

Guest Speaker at

Master Masons Banquet

W. Brother Hodapp is a co-author of "[Laudable Pursuit: A 21st Century Response to Dwight Smith](#)". He has written for the "The Indiana Freemason" magazine on both Masonic history and current practices, and has reported on Masonic customs in the UK, France and elsewhere. He is a moderator for [Hiram's Forum](#), a Masonic internet project for the Grand Lodge of Indiana. And the author of [Freemasons for Dummies](#), [The Templar Code for Dummies](#) and, [Solomon's Builders](#).

MASTER BUILDER AWARD

Contact W. Bro. Paul Peterson for questions on the Master Builder program. . Or call Bro. Paul at 585-7430.

141st Annual Communication

Pre-Registration Forms for the 141st Annual Communication, June 21,22 and 23 have been mailed to each lodge. I

A Special Edition of the Montana Masonic News will be mailed in the next few days. This special "Session" issue will contain a Pre Registration Form, Agenda, Legislation, and other Session related information. Thus insuring that every Master Mason will have a pre-registration form and the opportunity be well informed as a voting delegate.

Pre-Registration Forms and Agenda are also available on-line at the Grand Lodge website www.grandlodgemontana.org

PRESENTATION OF LODGE BANNERS

Continuing with the long standing tradition Lodges are again requested to bring their Lodge Banner for presentation during the Annual Communication. The sitting Worshipful Master or his designee will be presented in public procession. The Banners will be posted about the Lodge room. Please make arrangements to ensure that your Lodge is represented with your banner.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

The Monthly Bulletin is mailed to the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Instructor of each Lodge. Please make the contents of the bulletin available to your members at

APRONS FOR SESSION

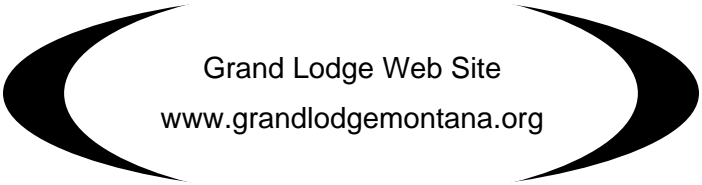
Again this year all officers are encouraged to bring and wear the apron appropriate to their office or station within the lodge. Also, all Past Masters are encouraged wear their Past Master's Apron. There will be a limited number of plain paper aprons available for use. Within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana Masons always wear their aprons

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.



Grand Lodge Web Site
www.grandlodgemontana.org

THE LEVEL
CELESTIAL LODGE



Member	Lodge	Celestial Lodge Date
Neil Fleming McGill	Missoula 13	03/06/2007
Hiram Rodgers	Dillon 16	02/20/2007
John Stockhill	Yellowstone 26	01/03/2007
Wilbur Armstrong	Ashlar 29	01/21/2007
Clifford B. Garr	Monitor 35	03/24/2007
John Valach, Jr	Friendship 37	03/14/2007
Milton A. Cookson	Friendship 37	01/17/2007
Sydney Kraabel	Harmony 49	01/02/2007
William R. Niven	Ottawa 51/Lincoln 157	03/15/2007
Elvis E. Mortensen	Ottawa 51	03/05/2007
Dale L. Gibson	Mount Jefferson 56	03/22/2007
	Three Forks 73	
James R. Russell	Pondera 80	03/26/2007
Alvin C. Myhre	Cut Bank 82	03/24/2007
Sheldon J. Haroldson	Plentywood 91	01/18/2007
Dale C. Hurlbert	Plentywood 91	02/05/2007
Dale E. Scofield	Kyle 96	02/26/2007
John W. Black	Kyle 96	03/14/2007
Larry J. McCollough	Lavina Temple 101	03/28/2007
Richard "Taz" Worden	Billings 113	02/02/2007
Owen B. Ketchum	Rapelje 122	03/15/2007
Kenneth J. Davis	Rimrock 149	03/14/2006
Vern D. Clark	Lincoln 157	03/14/2007
Richard Swana	Lincoln 157	03/15/2007

CELESTIAL LODGE

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

Lenoard L. Mashino	Dillon 16	04/08/2007
Archie D. Hayden	Dillon 16	05/12/2006
Royal G. Vick	Harmony 49	03/14/2006
Jean L. Smith	Harmony 49	10/13/2006
Frank M. Head	Harmony 49	09/30/2006
Vale L. Johnson	Harmony 49	10/22/2006
Fred C. Root	Harmony 49	03/04/2007
Barr E Zeidler	Plentywood 91	06/07/2006
Jerry E. Niederhauser	Plentywood 91	06/25/2006
Max P. Rasmussen	Plentywood 91	11/26/2006
Raymond A. Harvey	Plentywood 91	12/22/2006
Alton H Paulson	Plentywood 91	12/22/2006
Franklin J. Griffin	Plentywood 91	05/04/2003

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**

March/April

Note: The following is based upon 34% of the 100 Lodges having submitted the Monthly Report.

RAISED

Thomas C. Ewing	Missoula 13	03/10/2007
Donny G. Devers	Dillon 16	01/22/2007
Chad D. Bebee	Malta 57	03/21/2007
David E. Elkins	Malta 57	03/21/2007
Michael R. Baker	Belgrade 68	02/27/2007

Dimit To Non Affiliate

Robert B. Grummett	Ashlar 29	01/21/2007
Lewis K. Meaney	Harmony 49	12/31/2007
Lloyd C. Glass	Harmony 49	12./31/2007
John A. Hunt	Harmony 49	12/31/2007
Ted W. Edison	Haromny 49	12/31/2007

Dimit to Join Other Lodges

Robert Chaney	From Rimrock 149	12/31/2005	To Star In The West 40
James W. Green	From Rimrock 149	112/31/2006	To Prior MT 151

Reinstatements

Dale Mortensen	Gallatin 6	Susp 12/31/2006	Reinst 03/01/2007
Ernest R. Nunn	Valley 21	Susp 12/31/2006	Reinst 03/30/2007
Caey J. Goffena	Unity 71	Susp 12/31/2006	Reinst 03/24/2007
Gerald R. Granning	Plentywood 91	Susp 12/31/89	Reist 09/06/2006
Dave Rahn	Rimrock 149	Susp	Reist 01/01/2006

Suspended NPD as of 12/31/2006

Terry J. Burke	Harmony 49	Donald Alwejab	Rimrock 149
Bruno Frila	Harmony 49	Dennis Cox	Rimrock 149
Rudolph A. Johnos	Harmony 49	Darrin Donaldson	Rimrock 149
Terrance J. Knight	Harmony 49	Mark Jones	Rimrock 149
Robert L. Ranney	Harmony 49		
Samuel T. Stem	Harmony 49		
Richard A. Winters	Harmony 49		
Coury W. Foust	Harmony 49		
Dennis R. Gibbs	Harmony 49		
Robert C. Kirchman	Harmony 49		
David R. Lynch	Harmony 49		
Bryan L. Standley	Harmony 49		
Ted J. Stetler	Harmony 49		

Affiliations

Ronald F. Barron	To Diamond City 7	03/08/2007	Retain Livingston No. 32
Mark C. Wildung	To Missoula 13	02/02/2007	Retain Scobey No. 109
Gregory L. Treible	To Missoula 13	03/06/2007	Retain Euclid NO. 58
David B Bharles	To Plentywood 91	01/03/2007	Retain MT Moriah 51, ND

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