

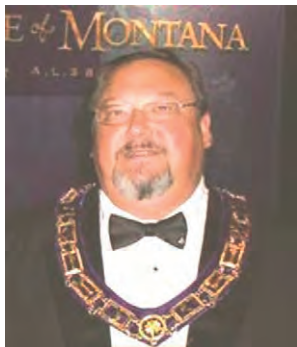
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From The Grand East

My Brothers:

Please accept my personal invitation to you and your ladies to attend the 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana on June 21, 22 and 23, 2012, in Billings. We believe we will have something of interest for everyone.

For voting delegates: We will be voting on six Grand Master's recommendations, one holdover constitutional change from last year, two resolutions submitted from Lodges, and the budget and per capita for next year.

Several of these items concern the financial health of your Lodges and the Grand Lodge, and are of extreme importance to the Craft. We will also hold a Silent Auction to support the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

For the visitors: Billings is the largest city in Montana. The city is experiencing rapid growth and a strong economy; it has had and is continuing to have the largest growth of any city in Montana. Billings was nicknamed the Magic City because of its rapid growth from its founding as a railroad town in 1882. The city is named for Frederick H. Billings, a former president of the Northern Pacific Railroad. With one of the largest trade areas in the United States, Billings is the trade and distribution center for most of Montana, Northern Wyoming and western portions of North Dakota and South Dakota. Billings is also the retail destination for much of the same area. With more hotel accommodations than any area within a five state region, the city hosts a variety of conventions, concerts, sporting events and other rallies.

Area attractions include -Yellowstone National Park, Pompey's Pillar, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Pictograph Cave, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Zoo Montana, Yellowstone Art Museum, Red Lodge Mountain Resort and the Beartooth Highway.

For all: There will be adequate time for socializing with brothers and ladies from around the state, as well as from other jurisdictions. During the Master Mason's banquet, we will have a guest speaker, Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

Finally, brethren, I want to thank you all for your support during this past year. I ask that you continue that support by attending the Grand Lodge Communication. It will give me a chance to see you again, and thank you in person.

SEE YOU ALL IN BILLINGS!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W L Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William L. Alexander, II, Grand Master

Greetings Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Billings, the largest city in Montana, which thrives on Western Hospitality. The 146th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana will be held at the Crowne Plaza, downtown Billings, which will allow for great shopping and sightseeing! I will be providing more detailed information in the registration packets.



The events for the Annual Communication will kick off on Thursday, June 21st with a Vesper Service at 5:00 P.M. followed by a no host social at 6:00 P.M. and the Grand Master (invitation) Banquet at 7:00 P.M. Dress for this event is formal.

The ladies luncheon will be held on Friday, June 22nd, in the Sky View Room of the Crowne Plaza. A room with a spectacular view of Billings and the rim rocks, which are a significant land formation that defines the "Magic City". We will enjoy a hat show presentation by Lorraine Marsh, featuring feathered hats, keeping with the theme of the luncheon. Lorraine's hat shows are famous in the area. Her first hat show, in 1986, was to support the Shriner's Hospital and she continues the hat shows to raise money for children. She has over 1000 hats and has almost as many hat boxes to preserve the hats. After the luncheon, you may want to get started discovering Billings (shopping or sight seeing) or simply relax in the hospitality room visiting or concentrating on a jigsaw puzzle (or two), which will be set up during the session.

The Master Masons Banquet will be held on the evening of Friday, June 22nd. The dress for this event is western attire, so shine up your cowboy boots and join us. Featured speaker for the Master Masons Banquet will be Ronald A. Seale, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander, AASR- Southern Jurisdiction.

On Saturday, June 23rd, there is a breakfast at 7:00 A.M. for those registered. After breakfast, you will be free to discover Billings while shopping at Lou Taubert's Western Wear, Cricket, Gainan's, Cactus Rose, Yesteryears Antique Mall, or sightseeing at the Yellowstone Art Museum, the Moss Mansion, Heritage Museum, relaxing at the Sage Spa, or if you prefer, venture to the west end of Billings for shopping at the Rimrock Mall, and the many stores in the surrounding area. There are several great places to have lunch downtown as well as on the west end of Billings. The hospitality room will be open from 7:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

Don't forget to return to the Crowne Plaza by 4:00 P.M. in preparation for Installation of incoming Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers for 2012-2013 starting at 5:00 p.m. Immediately following Installation will be a reception for the newly installed Grand Master and Officers.

We look forward to seeing you in Billings, Montana in June! Be sure to contact me at (406) 749-6280 or email: carla.at.the.ranch@gmail.com, if you have any questions!

Happy Trails

Carla Lawrence-Alexander, First Lady



Special Guest Speaker: This year we have the pleasure to welcome **Ronald A. Seale, 33^o**, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction.

Notice For Balloting On Grand Lodge Officers

During the 146th Annual Communication, the voting delegates will be voting for officers for the following: Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The various duties of these officers are specified within the Constitution and Code of Statutes.

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 to wear their Past Master's Apron. There will be a limited number of plain paper aprons available for use.

The lambskin apron is the prized possession of every Mason. In order to protect it from the deterioration of frequent use, it is customary to wear as a substitute, a white cloth apron supplied by the Lodge. Some Lodges provide special aprons with blue trim and appropriate emblems for their officers, and most Grand Lodges have more elaborate aprons for their officers. To be "properly clothed," a Mason must wear the apron in Lodge unless, as an officer, he wears the appropriate apron supplied him by the Lodge or Grand Lodge.

Within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana Masons always wear their aprons outside of clothing; not under the coat or jacket.

Nominations Of Masonic Home Trustees

During the 146th Annual Communications the voting delegates will be asked to approve nominations of Master Masons to serve on the Masonic Home Board of Trustees. The term will be for 3 years each.

The Masonic Home Committee will present the names of nominees to fill the vacancies of members whose terms have expired; further nominations may be made from the floor, although no member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees shall serve for more than two full consecutive terms.

Tyler's Register

All Master Masons are reminded to find the Check In Station and verify your status as a voting or non-voting member, and also remember to sign the Tyler's Register. **Current Dues Card:** Brothers are expected to present the current Montana Dues Card when they check in at Session. The current dues card will be red in color and show the expiration date of December 31, 2012. The barcode on the dues card will be scanned to expedite check in and verify voting status. Failure to bring and present your 2012 Dues Card may result in you not being allowed to participate in Session.

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Grand Masters Recommendation 2012-01

A Grand Masters Recommendation to strike section 1040 C from and amend Section 37090 of the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Montana.

Be it resolved that Section 1040. C, of the Code and Statutes be amended and removing the following:

1040. DISPENSATIONS. The Grand Master may grant dispensations for;
~~C. Balloting for and conferring of degrees upon applicants without referring their applications to a committee of investigation. The lodge shall give due notice to each of its members of the meeting at which a ballot on any application will be taken and the purpose thereof. Application for each dispensation shall be by the lodge after unanimous vote; . . .~~

and be it further resolved that Section 37090 of the Code of Statutes be amended as follows:

37090. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. All petitioners for the degrees shall be referred to a committee of three appointed by the Master. ~~unless dispensation has been granted by the Grand Master to receive them without reference to a committee.~~ The Master shall not delegate. . . .

Grand Master's Rationale:

The right of the individual Lodge to properly investigate petitioners should not be usurped by the Grand Master. The responsibility and duty of an investigation committee, assigned by the W.M. of a constituent lodge, to carefully and thoroughly inquire into the character and reputation of an applicant for the degrees or affiliation should not be something a Grand Master can waive or infringe upon.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would remove the Grand Master's authority under Section 1040 to grant dispensations for a lodge to ballot on a candidate without an investigation by a committee of a constituent lodge. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.



50 Year Award

Stephen D. Marsh, Rimrock No. 149, was presented his 50 Year Award by MWGM Will Alexander on December 28, 2011.

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Grand Masters Recommendation 2012-02

A Grand Masters recommendation to amend section 1040 H and Section 39030 C of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana.

Be it resolved that Section 1040 H and Section 39030 C of the Code and Statutes be amended and adding the following:

1040. DISPENSATIONS. The Grand Master may grant Dispensations for:

H. The conferring of more than one degree upon a candidate at any one meeting, provided that each individual candidate is accompanied by an individual mentor/coach from the candidates Lodge, resulting in a 1:1 ratio of candidates to mentor/coaches present. The mentor/coach shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master of the candidates lodge. Application for such Dispensation shall be by the Lodge after majority vote: and....

39030. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFERRING DEGREES. No lodge in this jurisdiction shall confer:

- A. Any degree on Sunday;
- B. Any degree upon a candidate at the meeting at which he is elected to receive it;
- C. More than one degree upon a candidate at any one meeting without dispensation of the Grand Master, and then only if accompanied by a mentor/coach as described in Section 1040 H;
- D. Any of the degree work . . .

Grand Master's Rationale:

The *Coach's Handbook (Section Four of the Montana Masonic Manual)* declares that, "The candidates of today are the craft of tomorrow, who will convey our great heritage of Freemasonry on to posterity. Among them are the Masters and Grand Masters of the future. It is our duty to give them proper and thorough instructions. The future of the candidate as a Mason lies in the hands of his coach." As Grand Master, I feel that point very poignantly. I was that man, being instructed by a coach, who became that future Grand Master. My foundation for that future superstructure was laid with those first stones, guided and shaped by a relationship with my mentors.

The *Coach's Handbook* also states that, "The candidate's most intimate connection with the lodge and with Freemasonry is usually with his coach." We accept this as so self-evident, that it has practically gone unremarked in recent years. That a man's coach is not with him to participate in three distinct evenings, let alone all at once, is, or ought to be, a mistake bordering on the offensive. The initiation is the most intimate ceremony to whom a Mason will be the recipient. A coach or mentor that cannot be trifled to share that intimate experience with his candidate has already said that he does not take his duties and responsibilities seriously.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would modify the Grand Master's authority under Section 1040 to grant dispensations for a lodge to confer more than one degree on one candidate at any one time to require that each candidate have a separate mentor/coach. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

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Grand Masters Recommendation 2012-03

A Grand Masters recommendation to amend section 1050 E. POWERS.

Be it resolved that Section 1050. E, of the Code and Statutes be amended and adding the following:

1050. POWERS. The Grand Master may:

E. Make Masons at sight and for this purpose may summon to his assistance such Brethren as he may deem necessary. Masons made at sight for the purpose of accelerated degrees, commonly known as Occasional Lodges or One –Day Classes shall not be exempted from proficiency requirements as provided for elsewhere in this Code:

Be it further resolved that Section 39070 be amended by minor wording changes in subsection A, by adding a new subsection B, and re-lettering all following subsections:

39070. PROFICIENCIES. The following shall be required for proficiencies to advance or be eligible to be a lodge officer.

A. Except as specified in B below, a A lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to a higher degree ~~if~~ after he has given satisfactory evidence, by strict examination, that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in the degrees which he has already taken. The following examination must be completed as a minimum:

1. The candidate shall express his knowledge by answering in writing the questions listed in each degree contained in the following manuals;
 - a. Approaching the Portals;
 - b. Entered Apprentice; Degree Proficiency;
 - c. Fellow Craft Degree Proficiency;
2. Memorization of the obligation for each Degree; and
3. Completion of an examination consisting of questions and answers from the first section of the lecture of each degree contained in the mnemonics as follows:
 - a. For the Entered Apprentice Degree - from line 20 on page 25 through the giving of the word on line 24 of page 26;
 - b. For the Fellow Craft Degree - from line 23 on page 85 through the giving of the word on line 13 of page 87;

B. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft who may be advanced as provided by Section 1050 E, or Section 1040 H, is not excused from the requirement to give a satisfactory proficiency. However, he must give satisfactory evidence, by strict examination, that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in these degrees within one year of receiving the degrees, or he must be suspended by his lodge, unless the lodge, before the expiration of the one year, shall by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting extend the time once for a definite period not exceeding one year and upon good cause being assigned for the delay. Any member who has been suspended for failure to return proficiency shall have the right to apply for reinstatement by completion of proficiency requirements

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B.C. To be eligible for a lodge office a member must have given satisfactory examination that he is entirely proficient and qualified in the Master Mason degree, as well as the preceding degrees. The following examination for proficiency in the Master Mason degree must be completed as a minimum:

[No other changes to Section 39070 other than re-lettering the subsections.]

Grand Master's Rationale:

We should not create two classes of Masons: those who are bound to us and our rules, and those to whom the rules (including the rights and privileges) do not apply. All of our candidates ought to be given the same rights and privileges, and not held back from receiving those rights and privileges, simply because they received their degrees with multiple individuals.

Question 34 in the *Entered Apprentice Proficiency* booklet asks: "What are the rights of an Entered Apprentice Mason?"

Our answer includes: "The Entered Apprentice Mason has the right to be instructed and examined. If he is proficient and worthy, he has the right to ask for advancement to the next degree.

That man is entitled to an "apprenticeship" under a mentor or coach. The *Coach's Handbook (Section Four of the Montana Masonic Manual)* says that, "He has been accepted for further training. His coach, like the Master Mason of old, is bound to teach him, by precept and example as well as by instruction." Our Apprentice has a *right* to be properly instructed.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would modify the Grand Master's powers under Section 1050 to make Masons at sight requiring that Masons at sight meet the same proficiency requirements required of all candidates. This appears to be a clarification of existing candidate requirements. There may be a problem with the requirement of a proficiency before receiving the next degree. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

SESSION COURTESY

While you should be as comfortable as possible, remember that you are attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and to dress appropriately.

When entering or leaving the tyled Lodge room remember to salute the East. You may do so from the door without approaching the altar.

As a courtesy to the others in attendance, please turn your cell phones and pagers to silent or vibrate. If a cell phone goes off and causes a distraction during Session the Grand Marshal will escort the Brother from the room.

If you need to engage in conversation, please go outside of the Lodge room.

When addressing the Grand Master or the Brothers through the East, please approach one of the microphones and state:

- < Your Name
- < Lodge and Lodge Number

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Grand Masters Recommendation 2012-04

A Grand Masters recommendation to amend Sections 1050 V and Section 39030 C.

Be it resolved that Section 1050. V., of the Code and Statutes be amended and adding the following:

V. Waive the restrictions on the number of candidates a Lodge may confer the degrees on, provided that each individual candidate is accompanied by an individual mentor/coach from the candidates lodge, resulting in a 1:1 ratio of candidates to mentor/coaches present. The mentor/coach shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master of the candidates lodge.:

39030. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFERRING DEGREES. No lodge in this jurisdiction shall confer:

- A. Any degree on Sunday;
- B. Any degree upon a candidate at the meeting at which he is elected to receive it;
- C. More than one degree upon a candidate at any one meeting without dispensation of the Grand Master, and then only if accompanied by a mentor/coach as described in Section 1040 H;
- D. Any of the degree work . . .

Grand Master's Rationale:

The *Coach's Handbook* says of the candidate that, "One of the greatest privileges extended to him is that of being taught by one man, his coach, who can best express Masonry's man-to-man friendship and brotherhood."

Similarly, the *Coach's Handbook* says of the coach, "To the coach is given the great privilege and responsibility of acting as his new brother's counselor and friend."

That the reciprocal relationship of candidate, and coach, can be demonstrated by substituting one for the other, in the place of a privilege extended, is sufficiently clear evidence that a candidate is deserving of having his coach or mentor present when he is received into our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would remove the Grand Master's powers under Section 1050 to in waiving the restrictions on the number of candidates to receive degrees at the same time to require that each candidate have a mentor/coach. This would be consistent with GMR 2012-02 regarding dispensations.

This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

Covering of Lodge

When our ancient brethren met "on a high hill or in a low dale," the "clouded canopy or starry-decked heaven" was their only covering. If the lodge is considered as a symbol of the world, then the "Starry-decked heaven" is the only possible "covering of the lodge." In general, it is a symbol of the universality of Freemasonry.

-Coach's Handbook, Section Four

Presentation Of Lodge Banners

Continuing with the long standing tradition, Lodges are again requested to bring their Lodge Banner for display during the Annual Communication. The Banners will be posted about the Lodge room. Please make arrangements to ensure that your Lodge is represented with your banner.

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Grand Masters Recommendation 2012-05

A Grand Masters Recommendation to strike section 1060 L from the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Montana.

Be it resolved that Section 1060 . L of the Code and Statutes be amended as follows:

1060 DUTIES. The Grand Master shall:

L. Penalize a lodge for balloting without jurisdiction the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the Grand Treasurer for the credit of the Masonic Home Fund for the Grand Lodge General Fund;

Grand Master's Rationale:

The argument of whether or not Grand Lodge should be in the business of levying fines for infractions of our code, constitution and requirements is not what is to be debated here. The issue is whether or not we should be in the business of levying fines for the benefit of other entities.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would remove the Grand Master's duties under section 1060 to change the payment of the fine of \$50 for balloting without jurisdiction from the Masonic Home Fund to the Grand Lodge General Fund. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

Grand Masters Recommendation Number 2012-06

A Grand Masters Recommendation to amend Section 39071 of the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Montana.

Be it resolved that Section 39071 of the Code and Statutes be amended as follows:

39071. LODGE DETERMINE OF PROFICIENCY.

~~A. Upon approval by a lodge after a majority vote at a stated meeting on a written application submitted pursuant to this section, the lodge may in accordance with this section excuse the brother from completing any or all of the requirements in 39070 in any of the three degrees and declare the brother proficient.~~

~~B. The lodge may excuse the requesting brother from all or part of the requirements of 39070 as it desires. As a condition of its approval of the application the lodge may require the requesting brother to attend and complete suitable substitute education on the degree for which the proficiency is being excused.~~

~~C. The application must:~~

~~1. Be submitted by the requesting brother on a form approved for use by the Grand Master and signed by the requesting brother;~~

~~2. State sufficient cause why the brother is unable to complete the proficiency in accordance with 39070;~~

~~3. Be submitted at a stated meeting subsequent to the meeting in which the degree was conferred that was the basis for the proficiency requirement;~~

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~~4. Be read to the lodge at a stated meeting and held over for at least one subsequent stated meeting before being voted upon;~~

~~5. Be approved by a majority vote at a stated meeting; and~~

~~—6. Be retained with the minutes of the meeting in which the vote was taken and the action thereon summarized in the minutes.~~

~~D. If the application contains specific medical information as the basis for the sufficient cause, immediately after the results of the vote are declared by the Worshipful Master, the Secretary shall redact all specific medical information from the application. If the application is granted because of medical limitations the Secretary shall only report in the minutes that the sufficient cause was because of medical reasons and may not record the specific medical condition.~~

A. A brother may be excused from the requirements in section 39070 for medical reasons only. In no case is a brother excused from section 39070 A.-1. In order to hold office a brother must meet and complete the requirements of Section 27030 and 39070.

Grand Master's Rational:

Section 27030 states that “No one shall be eligible to office who is not in good standing and who has not passed satisfactory examination for proficiency in all three degrees.”

Section 39070 establishes minimum requirements for proficiencies, and

Section 39071 allows all those proficiency requirements to be waived.

This is so confusing, and the three sections are so antagonistic, that section 39071 needs to be struck from the Code of Statutes in its present form and replaced with a medical exception only.

Section 39071 permits a Lodge to skirt all of the proficiency requirements of Section 39070 for *any reason*, as long as the Brother requests exemption, and the Lodge, by majority vote, approves. With section 39071 in its present form, all of the privileges of Masonry are available with **no effort** on the Brothers' part; and, since the lodge can now excuse a Brother from all or part of the requirements of 39070, this also creates a conflict with Section 27030 of the Code, which may allow that Brother who is now eligible to hold office.

For this reason, our newly made Brothers -- unless handicapped by serious medical conditions which occur while taking the degrees -- should all be aware of those things that are required and prohibited by Masonry. To allow Brothers to progress through the degrees without demonstrating satisfactory proficiency in the proceeding degree not only lessens the value that we place on our Obligations (and who and what we are Obligated to), but in the long run it short changes the Brother and his Lodge.

I, for one, do not want Brothers who have not returned satisfactory proficiencies sitting as officers. Why not? The first section EA lecture asks, “What makes you a Mason?” The answer is, “My Obligation.”

Our Obligations make us aware of those things that are required of, and prohibited by, all Masons. Listening to the ritual once does not make a Mason; however, practicing, and *contemplating* the memorized ritual— including our Obligations to God, others, and ourselves - does, and thus the requirements to do so.

We should bear in mind that relaxing or eliminating the proficiency requirements has not led to an increase in membership.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This recommendation would amend Section 39071 to limit a lodge's ability to waive the proficiency requirements under Section 39070 to medical reasons only. It would also disallow the waiver of proficiency requirements to hold office. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

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Holdover from 145th Annual Communication

Resolution R-2011-05

A resolution amending Section 360 to correctly identify the name and function by changing the term Life Membership to Lodge Endowment Membership.

Be it resolved that Section 360 of the Constitution be amended to read:

360. REVENUE. The revenue of Grand Lodge, which can be required from constituent lodges, may be derived only from the following sources:

- A. Fees charged for dispensations, charters, certificates, diplomas, and other documents issued under its authority;
- B. Assessments levied upon lodges, which shall always be equal and uniform, in proportion to their membership and degrees conferred;
- C. Funds, dues, and proceeds of all property of dissolved lodges in its jurisdiction; and
- D. That part of the Life-Lodge Endowment Membership Fund of a dissolved lodge that may be allocated to it.

Proponents Rationale:

Re-title “Life Membership” system to “Lodge Endowment Membership” to clarify the actual function of this system. There are no changes to the system beyond the re-title. A “Paid Life Member” title seems to indicate there will be no additional membership fees or assessments due by the member when that is not the way this system functions. Members of this system will be classified as a Lodge Endowment Member (LEM). This is to establish that the member has secured an endowment for his lodge for its future.

Submitted by Ashlar No. 29 and Butte No. 22

Jurisprudence Committee Comments:

This is an amendment of Constitution section 360 to change the name of the revenue source “Life Membership” to “Lodge Endowment Membership”.

This was previously passed by the necessary number at the prior communication of Grand Lodge and will require an affirmative vote of three fourths of the members present to pass



The 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana will be June 21, 22 and 23, 2012. The Session Hotel and location of all Session events will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Annual Session and all events will be on the 3rd Floor.

Hotel Reservations - Everyone attending will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. If you do not wish to stay at the Crowne Plaza you can call one of the other local hotels.

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Ask For Room Block: Grand Lodge of Montana

Room Rate: \$99.00 +tax

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Tabled from 145th Annual Communication - pending disposition of R-2011-05

Resolution R-2011-04

A resolution amending Section 41020 to correctly identify the name and function by changing the term Life Membership to Lodge Endowment Membership (and 41040, 20020, 22070).

Be it resolved that Section 41020 be amended to read:

41020. ~~LIFE~~ Lodge Endowment MEMBERSHIP. A lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a system of ~~life-lodge endowment~~ membership which shall forever exempt a member from the payment of dues therein. It must provide that:

A. ~~Life-Lodge Endowment~~ membership shall be granted upon payment of a sum of money named therein; and

B. The sum shall not be less than twelve and one-half times the annual dues, plus one year's dues, nor not less than \$360.00 and one year's dues, whichever is greater. In the event of the dissolution of a lodge having a system of ~~life-lodge endowment~~ membership, or if a ~~life-lodge endowment~~ member transfers his membership to another lodge in this jurisdiction by way of affiliation and so requests, a member's portion of the assets of its ~~life-lodge endowment~~ membership fund shall be credited to the lodge to which the membership is being transferred, if that lodge has a contract with its members for ~~life lodge endowment~~ membership. The original amounts paid for ~~life lodge endowment~~ membership shall be forever kept and maintained as a permanent ~~life lodge endowment~~ membership fund under the following conditions:

A. Only interest or dividends paid in cash on bank deposits or from authorized investments in securities shall be available for general use;

B. The funds shall be kept in a trust fund administered by Grand Lodge; and

C. Each year in January Grand Lodge shall send to each lodge their portion for each ~~life Lodge endowment~~ member therein, even though the life member has died. A ~~life-lodge endowment~~ member suspended or expelled and thereafter restored and again elected to membership in the same lodge is also restored as a ~~life lodge endowment~~ member. Each year the Secretary, shall send by first class mail to his last known address, or deliver in person, a membership card to each ~~life lodge endowment~~ member in good standing. If the card is returned by the post office for three consecutive years as unclaimed or the addressee unknown, the Secretary shall send the card by registered mail to the last known address of the ~~life-lodge endowment~~ member. If such registered mail is returned by the post office, the Secretary shall:

A. Note it in the minutes;

B. Report the fact to the lodge;

C. Remove the member from the roll book of the lodge; and

D. Transmit to the Grand Secretary, with his annual report, a notice that such ~~life lodge endowment~~ member has been removed from the lodge roll and the reason therefore.

If such ~~life-lodge endowment~~ member be found he shall be restored to the roll book of the lodge and that fact certified to the Grand Secretary with the next annual report. Amounts may be voluntarily added to a ~~life-lodge endowment~~ membership at any time in amounts not less than \$25.00 by the member or as a memorial but may not be returned for any reason.

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41040. ASSESSMENTS. A lodge may levy assessments on its members for payment of lodge indebtedness by majority vote if provided for in its by-laws, which is collected and the non-payment thereof enforced the same as dues. Assessments must be paid by all members, except that the lodge may exclude from payment of the assessment:

- A. Life Lodge Endowment members;
- B. Members who have received the Montana 50 year certificate and pin; and
- C. Members who do not have the ability to pay.

be it resolved that Section 20070 be amended to read:

20070. HISTORIC LODGES.

- J. They shall be exempt from:
 - 1. The contributions levied on lodges and the payment of any per capita assessment;
 - 2. The minimum annual dues and life lodge endowment membership charge imposed by this code;

and Be it resolved that Section 22070 be amended to read:

22070. PROPERTY RIGHTS. The surrender or revocation of the charter of a lodge, when declared by Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the lodge and its members; and all its funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of every kind including its life lodge endowment membership fund, shall be transmitted, within three months of the surrender or revocation, to the Grand Secretary.

Proponents Rationale:

Re-title “Life Membership” system to “Lodge Endowment Membership” to clarify the actual function of this system. There are no changes to the system beyond the re-title. A “Paid Life Member” title seems to indicate there will be no additional membership fees or assessments due by the member when that is not the way this system functions. Members of this system will be classified as a Lodge Endowment Member (LEM). This is to establish that the member has secured an endowment for his lodge for its future.

Submitted by Ashlar No. 29 and Butte No. 22

Jurisprudence Committee Comments:

This is holdover legislation from the 2011 Annual Communication which would change the designation of Life Membership to Lodge Endowment membership in Sections 41020, 41040, 20020, and 22070. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

Points Of Entrance

Perfect Entrance into the lodge and upon the covenant, penal responsibilities, and instruction. Illustrated by the Cardinal Virtues.

-Coach's Handbook, Section Four

THE MONTANA FREEMASON

R-2012-01

A Constitutional Amendment to grant to qualified Master Masons of the Jurisdiction of Montana membership in Grand Lodge, authority to represent their lodge at annual communications of Grand Lodge, and power to vote.

Be it resolved that Sections 230, 450, 620 and 640 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana be amended as follows:

230. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. The officers and members of Grand Lodge shall consist be comprised of:

A. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tyler, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian, Grand Organist, and Assistant Grand Secretary;

B. Such officers as it may from time to time create;

C. The Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters of this jurisdiction;

~~D. The Masters and Wardens or their proxies duly constituted, and the Treasurer and Secretary, without right of proxy.~~ All Master Masons in good standing of a constituent lodge of Montana who have made suitable proficiency in all three degrees. This does not include those Master Masons whose only membership in Montana is in a historic lodge.

~~E. Such Past Masters who qualify as Past Masters of this jurisdiction as provided for elsewhere in this Code (28060).~~

450. QUORUM. The annual communication of Grand Lodge shall not be opened, nor shall any business be contracted therein, unless a majority of the chartered lodges of the jurisdiction be represented. A lodge may be represented by ~~one or more of the following:~~

~~A. Its worshipful master;~~

~~B. Its wardens;~~

~~C. Proxies of its worshipful master and/or wardens;~~

~~D. Its secretary.~~

~~E. A past master who is in good standing in the lodge.~~

any member of the lodge in attendance who is also a member of Grand Lodge [Section 230]. A smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall be in attendance.

620. VOTES. ~~The following shall each be entitled to one vote:~~ All Master Masons of the Jurisdiction of Montana will be entitled to vote at the annual communication.

~~A. — Elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers;~~

~~B. — Past Grand Officers;~~

~~C. — Masters, Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries of chartered lodges; and~~

~~D. Past Masters of chartered lodges.~~

All members of the Grand Lodge of Montana present at the annual communication will be entitled to one vote. [Section 230]

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640. PROXIES. ~~Whenever the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden cannot attend the annual communication he may grant a proxy in writing to some member of his lodge to act in his stead. The proxy must be issued by him at least two days prior to the annual communication and he must notify the other officers of granting the proxy. If either the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden has died during his term of office or has permanently moved from this jurisdiction the lodge may, at a regular meeting held at least two days prior to the annual communication, elect a proxy for such officer. If the member designated as proxy does not use it, the credential cannot be used by anyone else. No proxies will be allowed. Only members of the Grand Lodge may vote at Annual Communications. [230].~~

Submitted by Euclid Lodge #58

Proponents rationale:

This initiative would foster better attendance at the annual communication with all Master Masons having a voice in Grand Lodge. This would promote a stronger Grand Lodge by its constituent lodges and would show greater interest in Grand Lodge overall. Many men do not attend Grand Lodge because they believe they do not have a voice there and attendance is really only needed by voting delegates.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This Resolution would amend the constitution to allow all proficient Montana Master Masons in good standing to vote on Grand Lodge business. It would also eliminate the provision for proxy voting.

This resolution would amend the constitution and would require referral to a special committee to report and recommend passage or defeat; if passed by a simple majority, it would be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the next annual communication, at which time it would require a vote of three fourths of the members present to be adopted. Sections 810, 820.

Voting Members And Delegates To Grand Lodge

Have you ever been at a Lodge meeting or function and heard some brother comment that Grand Lodge did this or did that and have ever wondered just who is Grand Lodge? Who is it that makes decisions? Well, the answer is, the voting delegates present at each annual communication vote to enact or amend legislation. This consists of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Officers from each Lodge in good standing, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary and, all Past Masters of chartered Lodges. To help put that into perspective, currently there are over 1,700 voting members of Grand Lodge.

The following is taken from the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana. By Code the following shall each be entitled to one vote:

- Elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers; Past Grand Officers; Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of chartered Lodges; and Past Masters of chartered Lodges. Cumulative voting is prohibited. No member or delegate shall have more than one vote.

Proxies: Whenever the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden cannot attend the annual communication he may grant a proxy, in writing, to some member of his Lodge to act in his stead. The proxy must be issued by him at least two days prior to the annual communication, and he must notify the other officers of the granting of the proxy. If either the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden has died during his term of office or has permanently moved from this jurisdiction, the Lodge may, at a regular meeting held at least two days prior to the annual communication, elect a proxy for such officer. If the member designated as proxy does not use it, the credential cannot be used by anyone else. If a proxy is being given, it should be given to a member of the Lodge other than a Past Master, as they have a vote. If attending as a Proxy, the member must present his current Montana Dues Card and the Proxy card to the registration committee. Tie Vote. The Grand Master shall have a regular vote in all matters before Grand Lodge. In case of a tie vote, he may also cast the deciding vote.

THE MONTANA FREEMASON

R-2012-02

A Resolution, Amending Section 6030 of the Code of Statutes

Be it resolved that Section 6030 of Article VI of the Code and Statutes be amended as follows:

6030. CONTRIBUTION FEE TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL AND THE MASONIC HOME OF MONTANA. ~~In addition to the degree fees (37080), each Entered Apprentice shall pay to the lodge \$5.00 to support the George Washington Masonic Memorial and \$10.00 to support the Masonic Home of Montana. These fees shall be paid only once by the candidate. The lodge shall remit the fees collected and annually include them as part of the Annual Return process. Once all fees have been received through the Annual Return process the combined fees from all lodges for Masonic Home of Montana and the George Washington Masonic Memorial will be remitted to them by the Grand Secretary.~~
A. In addition to the degree fees (37080), each Entered Apprentice shall pay to the lodge \$10.00 to support the Masonic Home of Montana. This fee shall be paid only once by the candidate. Additionally, each lodge will pay \$1 per member to support the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The lodge shall remit the fees collected and annually include them as part of the Annual Return process. Once the fees have been received through the Annual Return process the fees, from all lodges for the George Washington Masonic Memorial and the Masonic Home of Montana, will be remitted to them by the Grand Secretary.

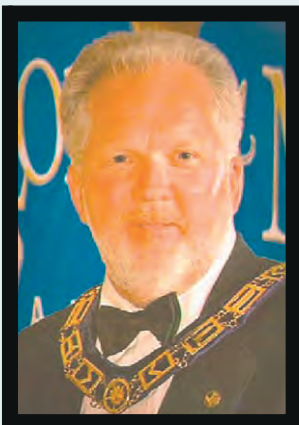
Submitted by Euclid Lodge #58

Proponents rationale:

The George Washington Memorial is getting similar support from Grand Lodges around the country. This amendment would remove the \$5 fee paid by each candidate and replace it with a \$1 fee paid by the lodge per member annually. How the lodge pays the fee is up to the lodge. Whether it be by collection from the members, a fund raiser or simply writing a check, that is up to the individual lodges.

Committee on Jurisprudence Comments:

This resolution would amend section 6030, modifying the fee paid to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and making it an annual fee for each member. This recommendation would change the code of statutes and would require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present to pass.

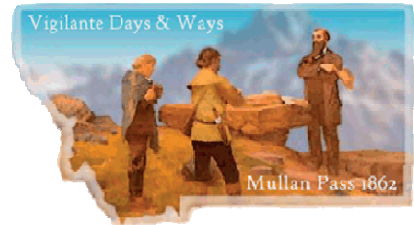


Installation and Reception

Grand Master-elect Thomas M. Duffy and Lady Cindy cordially invite all of our brethren, visitors and friends to the Installation and Reception of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers. The Installation will take place at the Crowne Plaza at about 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 23rd. The reception will be held in the Crowne Plaza following the installation. The reception will include a mini buffet. Tickets are required and can be purchased on site.

GRAND LODGE AF & AM of MONTANA
PRE-REGISTRATION
 146th Annual Communication, June 21, 22, & 23, 2012
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27 N 27th Street, Billings, Montana

Mail this Form to
146th Grand Communication
PO Box 1158
Helena, MT 59624-1158



Registration must be Received prior to June 1, 2012

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (Name Badge Will Be Completed From This Information)

NAME: _____
 (Full Given Name)

TITLE: _____

NAME OF LODGE: _____ **LODGE NO.:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

ACCOMPANIED BY (Ladies name): _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

Please complete the top section and mail it in even if you do not plan to purchase any meals.

Tickets are limited and availability is not guaranteed after June 1st

Friday, June 22, 2012

Men's Luncheon (Italian Sandwich/Fruit/Dessert) No. ___ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon/Tour (Chicken Chef Salad/Dessert) No. ___ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Master Masons (& Ladies) Banquet

(Prime Rib) No. ___ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

(Chicken Oscar) No. ___ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

(Vegetarian) No. ___ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Breakfast (Men & Ladies) (Breakfast Buffet) No. ___ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Men's & PGM's Luncheon (Turkey Bacon Club/Dessert) No. ___ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Reception for New Grand Master & Grand Lodge Officers No. ___ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

(Light Buffet, Beer Bar)

Total Activity Amount: \$: _____

Payment for Activities:

Check Enclosed# _____ *(Please make checks payable to: 146th Annual Communication)*

Credit Card (Master Card or Visa Only): _____ **Expires:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Registration/Credentials and Session will be at the Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

**146th Annual Communication
Crowne Plaza Hotel
27 N 27th Street, Billings MT
(406) 252-7400**

(Block of Rooms under "Grand Lodge of Montana" - Block Room Rate—\$99.00 +Tax)

Hotels available in the immediate area include:

**Clock Tower Best Western
2511 1st Ave North
(406)259-5511**

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415 North 29th
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1116 North 28
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547 Garden Ave
(406) 252-3104**

Tentative Agenda

(Full agenda will be available in the Session Program)

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

5:00 p.m. Vespers – Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012

8:30 a.m. Public Grand Opening (Ladies welcome) – Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

10:00 a.m. Formal Opening of Grand Lodge

10:00 a.m. Election of Grand Officers

1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor

1:45 p.m. Call to Order

Committee Reports

Reception of Montana Past Grand Masters

Reception of 50 Year Masons

Reception of Visiting Grand Lodge Officers

4:30 p.m. Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment

6:00 p.m. No Host Fellowship - Crowne Plaza 3rd Floor

7:00 p.m. Master Masons Banquet - Crowne Plaza 3rd Floor

Featured Speaker: Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander,

AASR-Southern Jurisdiction

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (for those registered)

9:00 a.m. Call to Labor– Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

Legislation

11:55 a.m. Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment

1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor

Finance Final Report with Budget

3:00 p.m. Formal Closing of 146th Annual Communication

4:30 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2012 - 201, Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

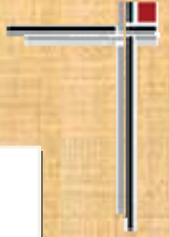
Grand Lodge Officers Public Installation, follow by the Reception for the new Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, will take place on the 3rd Floor of the Crowne Plaza. All Masons, ladies, families and friends are invited.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE 146th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RULES OF ORDER. The following rules of order shall govern the deliberations at each Annual and Special Communication of Grand Lodge:

- A. The Grand Master shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour fixed for the meeting of Grand Lodge, when the journal shall be read, if called for;
- B. During the hours of business the members are to keep their seats and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall, or absent himself from the service of Grand Lodge unless he has permission, or is unable to attend;
- C. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice upon any subject without permission of Grand Lodge, unless it is merely to explain, and if any member is twice called to order at any meeting for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offense of the same nature, the presiding officer shall, without challenge, order him to leave Grand Lodge, and he may further be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as Grand Lodge may deem proper.
- D. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of each member present to vote, unless for good cause Grand Lodge shall excuse him, but no member shall vote upon any question in the event of which he is personally interested;
- E. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and there shall be no debate thereon until it is stated by the chair;
- F. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, if the chair or Grand Secretary desire it;
- G. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but the following:
 - 1. To adjourn;
 - 2. To lay on the table;
 - 3. To commit;
 - 4. To substitute; and
 - 5. To amend or to postpone indefinitely.The motion to adjourn shall always be in order and be decided without debate. These motions shall have precedence in the order above listed;
- H. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof, but this rule shall only be applicable to an original motion;
- I. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except in filling up blanks, when the largest sum and longest time shall be put first;
- J. There shall be no appeal from the rulings of the Grand Master as the presiding officer;
- K. No report shall be received from any of the committees of Grand Lodge, unless the same shall be reduced in writing, and signed by at least a majority of the members thereof; and
- L. No committee, without special leave, shall sit while Grand Lodge is at labor.



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Attire for Session

Thursday, June 21

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo
Visiting Dignitaries – Black Tuxedo
Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie
Ladies – complimentary to the men

Friday, June 22nd (Session)

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo jacket with Black Tuxedo pants
Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie
Master Masons Banquet -
ALL - Western Attire, GLO Sport Coat and Tie
Ladies – complimentary to the men

Saturday, June 23rd

Session

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo/Black Bow Tie
Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie
Installation and Reception for new Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers
Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo/Black Bow Tie
Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie
Ladies – complimentary to the men

Attention Visiting Grand Lodge Officers

Please contact the Grand Lodge Office for Registration Forms and additional information concerning registration for Visiting Grand Lodge Officers.

Please call 406 442-7774 or email: mtglsec@grandlodgemontana.org.

Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference



The 2012 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, July 20-21, 2012 at the Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The 2013 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of Montana, July 19-20, at the Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana.

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Summons To Attend The 146th Annual Communication

All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters of Constituent Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, who are presently in good standing, are hereby summoned to attend the 146th Annual Communication to be held on June 21, 22 and 23, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Billings, Montana.

Every Brother entitled to vote at the Annual Communication shall "due answer make" by attendance, with illness or other just reason which puts attendance beyond the length of his cabletow alone excusing him. Worshipful Masters and Wardens unable to attend will appoint qualified Proxies to attend and vote in their stead. All members will need to show their current 2012 Dues Card, and if attending as a Proxy they must present the signed proxy card.

Each chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented in Grand Lodge. All Master Masons in good standing of recognized Lodges are cordially invited to attend.

W. L. Alexander
William L. Alexander, II, Grand Master