

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MONTANA



SUMMARY OF THE 140th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jack D. Anderson opened and presided over the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Montana held at Havre, Montana, on June 22, 23 and 24, 2006.

ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNICATION

Total Chartered Lodges:	100	Chartered Lodges present:	64
Elective Grand Officers present:	6	Chartered Lodges <u>not</u> represented:	36
Appointed Grand Lodge Officers present:	13	Distinguished Guests:	30
Past Grand Masters present:	14	Others present not entitled to vote:	5
Worshipful Masters present:	22	Proxies Worshipful Master:	0
Senior Wardens present:	17	Proxies Senior Warden:	0
Junior Wardens present:	12	Proxies Junior Warden:	5
Secretaries present:	22	Lodge Instructors present:	16
Past Masters Not Included above:	48	Less Brothers holding multiple offices:	14
Grand Lodge Officer –Emeritus:	1		
Total entitled to Vote:	146	Total Registered:	181

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED

M.: W.: GRAND MASTER	THOMAS E. VALENTE, JR. (6/18) [Patricia]	8624 Panorama E, Bozeman, 59715	406-586-7882 (H)	539-7882 (C)	TomEVale@aol.com		
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LEGISLATION

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- GMR 2006-1.** Continue support of the Masonic Service Association **Passed**
GMR 2006-2. Continue support of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference **Passed**
GMR 2006-3. Continue support of the Montana Masonic News **Passed**
GMR 2006-4. To amend Section 240 to change the title of appointed Grand Lodge Officers ***Passed**
To "Very" Worshipful. ***Holds Over to next Session**
GMR 2006-5. To supplement contributions to the George Washington National Masonic **Failed**
Memorial by contributing an assessment of .25 per dues paying member.

HOLDOVER LEGISLATION

- GMR 2005-4.** That the Deputy Grand Master be the Grand Master Elect, making it unnecessary
to elect him Grand Master. (*Constitutional Change*) **Passed**
GMR 2005-5. Specifies the time and place to return the secret work by a Grand Lodge Officer.
(*Constitutional Change*) **Passed**

RESOLUTIONS

- R-2006-01** To amend Section 34010 A., to cover the manner in which one obtains **Passed**
membership if other than in the lodge petitioned.
R-2006-02 Seeks to clarify the manner in which Grand Representatives are appointed **Passed**
and what their duties are.
R-2006-03 Seeks to change the time and place of annual lodge elections from **Failed**
April-May to December-January.
R-2006-04 Seeks to change the time for installation to no later than the first regular **Withdrawn**
stated meeting in February.
R-2006-05 Seeks to allow working or advocating for or against candidates for office **Out of Order**
both at the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodge level. (**Amended/Failed**)
(*The amendment that would have allowed R-2006-05 to be in order- Failed*
Therefore it was Ruled Out-of-Order)
R-2006-06 Seeks to remove the multiple collection of Per Capita from plural members. **Failed**
R-2006-07 Seeks to allow non-Masonic affiliation for residency at the Masonic Home **Failed**
R-2006-08 Seeks to grant authority to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home to **Passed**
allow non-Masons to receive assisted care living services at the Masonic Home.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION

- By vote of the Craft the mutual recognition was extended to the following **Passed**
Gran Lodgia "Occidental Mexicana"
Gran Logia del Estado De Guerrero
Gran Logia D'Andorra
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado (Wyoming, Utah & South Korea)

GRAND LODGE AND MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION BUDGET

Grand Lodge Budget and \$22.00 per-capita	Passed
Reinstatement Fee for 2006-2007 \$22.00	
Montana Masonic Foundation Budget	Passed

MASONIC HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE ELECTED

BRAD L. HUFFMAN (80) 7763 US Highway 91 N, Conrad 59425

TWO MASONIC HOME BOARD TRUSTEES ELECTED

(1 Year Term) Bruce W. Lahti (34) 41 Dune Ridge Lane, Great Falls 59404 454-3690

(3 Year Term) Frank "Tom" Keith (16) PO Box 448, Dillon 59725

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Montana Masonic Hall of Fame	Jimmie E. Trowbridge (38) and Bertum Williams (21)
Distinguished Service Medal (Silver)	Bruce W. Lahti (34)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)	Bill Conner (3), Ed Stede (61), Phil Blaisdell (42)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)	Russell Roy (42), William Gamble (26)
Secretary of the Year	William Cleaton (22)
Grand Lodge Fraternal Mother of the Year	Barbara Anderson

Those resolutions adopted at the 140th Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication. The proposed constitutional change GMR-2006-4 was approved and will be held over for final action at the 141st Annual Communication.

The 141st Annual Communication June 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2007 Bozeman, MT

Fraternalv submitted.



Reid L. Gardiner

R. : W. : Grand Secretary