

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MONTANA



SUMMARY OF THE 142nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Most Worshipful Grand Master David L. Nielsen., opened and presided over the 142nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana held Helena, Montana, on June 26, 27 and 28, 2008.

ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNICATION

Total Chartered Lodges: 99	Chartered Lodges present: 61
Elective Grand Officers present: 6	Chartered Lodges <u>not</u> represented: 38
Appointed Grand Lodge Officers present: 12	Distinguished Guests: 26
Past Grand Masters present: 9	Others present not entitled to vote: 7
Worshipful Masters present: 26	Proxies Worshipful Master: 4
Senior Wardens present: 20	Proxies Senior Warden: 6
Junior Wardens present: 8	Proxies Junior Warden: 8
Secretaries present: 28	
Past Masters Not Included above: 33	Total entitled to Vote: 163
Grand Lodge Officer –Emeritus: 1	Total Registered: 196

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2008 - 2009

Robert A. Coleman (121) **Most Worshipful Grand Master**
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Thomas L. Lund (38) **R.W. Deputy Grand Master**
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John J. Mangen (135) **R.W. Senior Grand Warden**
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William L. Alexander II (65) **R.W. Junior Grand Warden**
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Bruce W. Lahti (34) **R.W. Grand Treasurer**
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Reid L. Gardiner (3) **R.W. Grand Secretary**
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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 2008 – 2009

Thomas M. Duffy (58) **W. SR. Grand Deacon**
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Thomas W. Chisholm (153) **W. JR. Grand Deacon**
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Donald S. Cerovski (1/37/59/68) **W. Grand Marshal**
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Brian J. Murphy (1/6/136) **W. SR. Grand Steward**
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Lewis K. Smith, III (3,41) **W. JR. Grand Steward**
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Burk “B.J.” Rhodes (57) **W. Grand Standard Bearer**
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Gerald “Jerry” Anderson (155) **W. Grand Sword Bearer**
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Joseph R. Simpson (86) **W. Grand Pursuivant**
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Don Nelson (121) **W. Grand Tyler**
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James O. Tollefson (96) **W. Grand Chaplain**
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Gordon N. Crandell, Jr.(109) **W. Grand Historian**
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John O. Baber (101) **W. Grand Organist**
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Andrew S. Gardiner (5) **W. Assistant Grand Secretary**
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MONTANA MASONIC HALL OF FAME

Lawrence A. Hale, Ionic No. 38

SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

Distinguished Service Medal (Silver) Jon Tester (95)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) Clifford D. Brophy (62), Bert Bouma (3, 51),
R. Bruce McGinnis (5)

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Jerry Hinman, Victor No. 43

LEGISLATION GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- GMR - 2008-01:** Recommending that Grand Lodge be a member of the Masonic Service Association of North America and proposing new Code Section. **PASSED**
- GMR - 2008-02:** Recommending that Grand Lodge be a member of the Rocky Mountain Conference and proposing new Code Section. **PASSED**
- GMR - 2008-03:** Recommending that all Master Masons not completing the Proficiency Examination for the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degrees by December 31, 2008, be suspended and amending Code Section 39070. **PASSED**
- GMR - 2008-04:** Recommending allowing a Lodge to declare a Brother Proficient, amending Code Sections 1040, 1050 and 39030, and proposing new Code Section. **PASSED**
- GMR - 2008-05:** Recommending that a Master Mason may not dimit until the Proficiency Examination for the Master Mason Degree is completed and amending Code Section 39060. **FAILED**
- GMR - 2008-06:** Recommending that the power of a Grand Master to Make Masons At Sight be limited, amending Section 1050(E) and deleting Section 1040(H) Code of Statutes. **FAILED**
- GMR - 2008-07:** Recommending that Grand Lodge adopt for use the Lewis Jewel. **PASSED**

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- R-2008-1:** A resolution amending Section 3130 (District Officers) of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana establishing districts and the authority to alter or change said districts. **FAILED**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- CR-2008-1:** A resolution to delete Section 7070 of the Code of Statutes, (Grand Lodge Charity Fund) **PASSED**
- CR-2008-2:** A resolution to delete Section 7080 of the Code of Statutes (Masonic Relief Association) **PASSED**
- CR-2008-3:** A resolution to amend Section 28080 of the Code of Statutes -Lodge Treasurer **PASSED**
- CR-2008-4:** A resolution to amend Section 25070 of the Code of Statutes -(Annual Returns **PASSED**
- CR-2008-5:** A resolution to amend Section 41020 of the Code of Statutes-Life Memberships **FAILED**
- CR-2008-6:** A resolution amending Section 37060 (Affiliation) of the Code of Statutes **PASSED**

HOLD OVER LEGISLATION

- Jurisprudence Recommendation 2008-01:** A recommendation to amend Section 450 of the Constitution providing clarification to how a quorum is determined for the Annual Communication. **PASSED**
- Note:** Constitutional Amendment holds over for 143rd Annual Communication and will need a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to pass.

OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN

- Special Committee on Recognition** – To extend mutual recognition to: Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Washington & Jurisdiction, Grand Lodge of Ukraine, Grand Lodge of Espirito Santo (Brazil), Grand Lodge of Mauritius, and the Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina. **PASSED**

GRAND LODGE BUDGET

- Grand Lodge Budget for 2008-2009, Passed as amended. Per-capita and Reinstatement Fee for 2008-2009 **\$25.30.** **PASSED**

TWO MASONIC HOME BOARD TRUSTEES ELECTED

(3 Year Term, Expires 2011) Ed Stede (61), PO Box 175, Wisdom, MT 59761

(3 Year Term, Expires 2011) Jack D. Anderson, (55), PGM, 522 10th St, Havre, MT 59501

HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE

Elected as a Trustee of the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame, Bert Williams (21).

GRAND MASTER'S EDICT AND DECISIONS

In accordance with the Code the following Edict's and Decision's of the Grand Master were presented to the Annual Communication to be ratified or rejected.

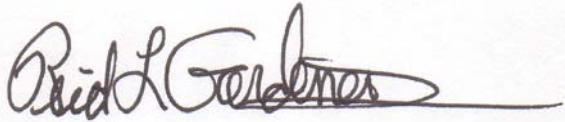
Decision No. 2007-1 – Whether brothers who received their Masonic degrees through a One Day Class since 1995 must complete the proficiencies for those degrees or be suspended
NOT RATIFIED

Decision No. 2008-1A – Whether a brother who is a Master Mason but has not completed proficiency in all three degrees may dimit from his lodge.
NOT RATIFIED

Legislative action adopted at the 142nd Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

The 143rd Annual Communication will be held June 25, 26, and 27, 2009 in Glasgow, Montana.

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Reid L. Gardiner

R.:W.: Grand Secretary