



GRAND LODGE AF&AM of MONTANA

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Greetings Brethren,

I am convinced that each Mason in Montana can, and should, look to the future with a sense of expectation and enthusiasm. As your Grand Master, my wish is that the fraternity will once again be recognized as an organization of men who make a difference.

Stress the Importance of Leadership within your Lodge. We offer unparalleled opportunities for present and future officers to learn how to be leaders. As leaders of the Craft yourselves, you should be in the forefront, encouraging your members to attend your District Meetings and other opportunities offered by your Grand Lodge. If you believe in leadership development as the Masters of your lodges, then your officers will learn to value it as well. If you accept the challenge of learning to do your job better, they will too. The Standards you set are the Standards you will get!

I think the best guidance I ever got was from the inauguration speech of John F. Kennedy in January of 1961. On a very cold and bright day in D.C., he said, "With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth...asking His blessing and His help but knowing that here on Earth, God's work must surely be our own."

If it is to be, it is up to me! You and me, my Brothers!

Hurricane Katrina Relief

Mother Nature has wreaked havoc on our Brothers and Sisters in the Gulf Coast states. Many are finding themselves homeless, and some are grieving for the loss of loved ones. The Grand Lodge of Montana is asking those of you, whether it be your Lodge or individually, to be as charitable as you feel you can be. There are many agencies set up to be the conduit for your relief donations. The Masonic Services Association, or M.S.A., is dedicated to helping Masonic affiliated victims. Please give your attention to the message below from our friend PGM Richard E. Fletcher, and keep these good people in your thoughts and prayers.

The education tidbit for your Lodge to discuss this month is: What is a Cowan?

The Junior Deacon says it every meeting, "Keep off all cowans and eavesdroppers". What is a Cowan? (Open up the Lodge for discussion After a short discussion, the following answer may be used. This answer can be found in Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia and numerous other places. If another or more explanations are found, please let the committee on Education and Research know them.)

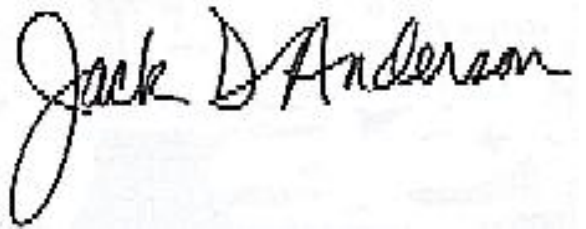
In the days of operative Masons in most localities, there would also be men who had learned to build walls or dikes without being apprenticed to the trade or being admitted to a Lodge. In Scotland, a "dry diker" was known as a "Cowan",

which meant that he built without using mortar, but instead stacked his rocks which could not stand the test of time, and Cowan is also defined as a "Mason without the word." William Schaw was the King's Master Mason and Warden General of the Craft. He drew up a code of trade regulations, customs and a code of conduct that the Scottish Masons must follow. These were known as the Schaw Statutes of 1598 that ordered that "no Master or Fellow of the Craft receive any Cowans to work in his society or company, nor send none of his servants to work with Cowans." Cowans could be employed by Master Masons for any kind of work, provided that no regular craftsman could be found within fifteen miles. Originally the word was not derogatory; however, the Masonic order degraded it to mean an impostor or eavesdropper, or one who has not been regularly admitted into a Lodge.

Thank you, Brethren, for your attention and participation. Together, as Craft Masons, we can make a difference!

Thanks for your concern,

Jack D. Anderson, Grand Master



MSA APPEAL FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Louisiana - Mississippi - Alabama

Hurricane Katrina has devastated several states. The full extent of the damage is still not known but the need is urgent. Because it is impossible to know the full extent of the damage at the present time, the responses to the appeal will be divided equally between the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. (There is a separate appeal out for Florida as well.)

Specific gifts will go to the Grand Lodge that is designated. Undesignated gifts will be divided with one third going to Louisiana, one third to Mississippi and one third to Alabama. All contributions, in whatever amount, from Grand Lodges, Lodges, Individuals, or Appendant Masonic Bodies will be acknowledged by MSA with most grateful thanks.

When making contributions, checks should be sent to:

MSA Disaster Relief Fund
8120 Fenton Street, Ste. 203
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785

Most sincerely,
RICHARD E. FLETCHER, 301-588-4010
PGM Executive Secretary

GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASSES

For the current 2005-2006 Masonic year, MWGM Anderson has set the following dates for the Grand Master's One Day Classes. These are the four scheduled dates for the GM's One Day Classes.

Billings	October 8, 2005	Great Falls March 4, 2006
Missoula	April 8, 2006	Bozeman April 22, 2006

BIKES FOR BOOKS

It's time to be thinking about participation in the Bikes For Books Program. The kick-off date for this Masonic year is February 1, 2006.

Lodges can receive 50% matching funds up to \$400.00 from the Montana Masonic Foundation. You must submit your receipts to the Grand Secretary by 1 June 2006. Please let the Grand Secretary know if you will be participating and how many schools, grade levels and bikes you are planning on supporting so that the proper number of Bikes for Books posters and bookmarkers can be provided to you. Contact your District Officer or the Grand Lodge Office for more information and Posters for the Schools.

LIMITED EDITION PRINT

“At Prayer on the Journey West”

There are still copies of this limited edition print available. The cost is \$100.00, and the proceeds go to support the Montana Masonic Museum. There are copies of the order form in your Lodge Assistance package and online at the Grand Lodge website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://www.calsnet.net/mtgrandlodge>

Sept 23	Fri	Scottish Rite Statewide Reunion Great Falls (Sept 23-24)
Sept 24	Sat	Malta Lodge No. 57 Cornerstone, 2pm
Oct 8	Sat	Red Cross of Constantine - Billings
Oct 8	Sat	GM One Day Class-Eastern District
Oct 15	Sat	Al Bedoo Ceremonial-Billings
Oct 15	Sat	Rocky Mountain District Meeting - Butte 9am
Oct 17	Mon	Missoula District Meeting - Missoula 6pm Dinner -7pm Meeting
Nov 1-4		GM at Lafayette Lodge - Seattle
Nov 5	Sat	Headwaters District Meeting - Three Forks
Nov 12	Sat	Northern Lights District Meeting - Wolf Point
Nov 19	Sat	Miles City District Meeting - Glendive 11am
Nov 29	Tue	Beartooth District Meeting – Location TBA 7pm

MASONIC BOLO TIES AVAILABLE

The very stylish Square and Compass Bolo Ties are available for \$20.00 from the Grand Lodge Office or any District Officer. Payment is due at time of purchase.

MONTANA MASONIC BALL CAPS AVAILABLE

The Grand Lodge office now has a supply of the new Montana Masonic Ball Caps available. The cost is \$15.00. Payment at time of purchase is required.

MONTANA MILITARY MEDALLION

Remember the Montana Military Medallion is still available for those qualifying Montana Masons:

1. All active duty members of the Armed Forces
2. National Guard and Reserve Units on active duty stationed in a hostile or combat area
3. Civilian in a direct support role to the Armed Forces in a hostile or combat area.

Please refer to the Lodge Assistance Package Volume 1 for a copy of the Order Form or contact the Grand Lodge Office.

MONTANA MASONIC HALL OF FAME

Just a reminder that nominations for the Hall of Fame are due BEFORE April 1, 2006. The instructions and Nomination Form (Form No. 29) are contained within the Lodge Assistance Package, Volume 1, or contact the Grand Lodge Office.

MASTER BUILDER AWARD

The 'commitment Letter' is due to W. Brother Paul Peterson during the month of September. The commitment Letter and basic Master Builder Program is contained within the Lodge Assistance Package, Volume 1, or contact W. Bro. Paul at 1-800-216-1985.

GRAND MASTER'S DIRECTIVE TO LODGES

The Monthly Bulletin is provided to each WM, Instructor, and Secretary, and to PGMs, Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen. The information contained within the Monthly Bulletin is to be made available during each Lodge Meeting. The Grand Master's Message should be read or presented to the Lodge during the meeting. The responsibility to ensure that information is disseminated should be shared by the WM and Secretary.

Congratulations
50-YEAR MEMBERS

Gallatin No. 6	Ernest W. C. Webster	3/09/05
Bozeman No. 18	Arthur Allison	9/05/05
Choteau No. 44	Alfred B. Guthrie	9/21/05
Malta No. 57	Paul Stengel	9/22/05
Unity No. 71	Roy D. Holliday	9/24/05
Terry No. 74	Jack Pearman	9/24/05
Rapelje No. 122	Wayne E. Erfle	6/14/05

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

September 2005

Note: The following is based upon 27% of the 101 Lodges having submitted the required Monthly Report. **The following Lodges DID submit a Monthly Report:** 2,11,13,17,18,22,24,32,33,35,41,43,46,51,56,63,68,72,73,78,85,90,101, 121,144,149,151

RAISED

<u>Lodge Name & No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Bozeman 18	Adam Patrick Hudgins	6/16/05
Livingston 32	C. Gary Horner	3/15/05
Livingston 32	Herman E. Wilson	4/26/05
Livingston 32	Britton M. Gray	6/21/05

Total Raised: 4

DIMIT TO NON-AFFILIATE

<u>Lodge Name/No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Total Dimit - 0		

REINSTATED

<u>Lodge Name/No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Total Reinstated - 0		

DUAL/PLURAL/WITHDRAWAL/TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP

<u>Lodge Name/No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>	
Missoula 13	Jason Eric Burrell	5/17/05	Transfer from Libby No. 85
Livingston 32	Patrick Louis Horn	3/1/05	Affiliation
Livingston 32	Thomas Willis Wagner	4/26/05	Transfer from Gallatin No. 6
Livingston 32	Thomas James Weik	3/15/05	Plural with Sts. John No. 92

Total: 4

CELESTIAL LODGE

<u>Lodge Name/No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Flint Creek 11	Ned C. Hardy, Sr. (Plural Carbon No. 65)	8/1/05
Mystic Tie-Riverside 17	Anthony Hinton	8/10/05
Mystic Tie-Riverside 17	George S. Pehl	7/28/05
Butte 22	Edward Alfred Bentley	8/5/2005
Butte 22	Richard James Harry	5/5/05
Mt. Moriah 24	Morton LaTourrette	6/14/05
Livingston 32	James E. Harper	2/12/05
Victor 43	Robert E. Graves	8/8/05
Ottawa 51	Arthur Moore Hall	8/4/05
Belgrade 68	Dale H. Davis	7/13/05
Corinthian 72	Thomas W. McMichael	8/23/05
Corinthian 72	J. Melvin Williams	8/7/05
Three Forks 73	Wilbur W. Weston	8/21/05
Cut Bank 82	Richard More	8/11/05
Lower Yellowstone 90	Conrad Gustafson	8/6/05
Loyalty 121	Lowell Burnison	7/17/05
Loyalty 121	William Sansaver	7/17/05
Huntley Project 144	Jerry Clyde Fleming	7/7/05
Rimrock 149	Charles Duke	7/28/05
Rimrock 149	Robert Propp	7/7/05

Total Deceased: 20

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 28

**GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF MONTANA
GRAND MASTER'S CLASSES
LODGE AND CANDIDATE REQUEST TO CONFER DEGREE**

Note: This Form is required for each Petitioner. Complete, sign, affix the Lodge Seal, and mail to: Grand Lodge, PO Box 1158, Helena, Montana 59624-1158 (You may copy this form in the quantity needed.)

NAME AND NUMBER
OF LODGE: _____

(Print)

NAME OF
PETITIONER: _____

(Print full given first, middle and last name)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER/
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Signature of Petitioner)

MENTOR Name

Lodge _____

I, _____, Secretary of the above named Lodge hereby request that the following degree(s):

Entered Apprentice []

Fellow Craft []

Master Mason []

Circle class date:

Billings, October 8, 2005

Great Falls, March 4, 2006

Missoula, April 8, 2006

Bozeman, April 22, 2006

Registration Form due one week prior to class

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the Petitioner whose signature appears above has completed all requirements of petitioning, investigation, balloting, etc. He has paid all of the required Candidate Fees (paid initiation fee due the Grand Lodge in advance); and Lodge Degree Fees (paid in advance to the member Lodge); and the current year's dues. The Lodge will assign and have present a Mentor for each candidate. I will insure that each candidate completes his proficiencies within **SIX months** and report the same to the Grand Secretary.

Lodge Secretary (Signature)

_____, Date

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