



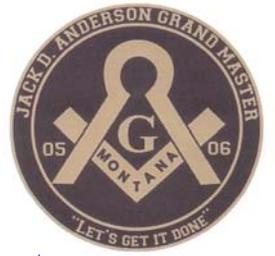
GRAND LODGE AF&AM of MONTANA

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MASONIC ASSISTANCE SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS "M.A.S.O.N." PROGRAM

The M.A.S.O.N. matching funds request forms are available from the Grand Secretary or any District Officer. Lodges and Masonic Youth Groups will be asked to find worthy causes in their local community that need help, then apply to the Foundation for matching funds that are raised by them for the purpose. The charitable effort can be public or fraternal.

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 prior to 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 and if you need Bikes for Books posters (*avg 4 per school*) and bookmarkers (*one bookmarker per participating student*), Serialized Masonic metallic labels are available for each bike. NOW is the time to start talking about this in Lodge and talking with the Schools. Contact your District Officer or the Grand Lodge Office for more information and Posters for the Schools.

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' and questions should be addressed to W. Brother Paul Peterson. 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 MASTERS COMMEMORATION

The unveiling of the 14th plaque of Grand Masters will take place at the Grand Lodge Museum on 425 North Park in Helena.

Bronze plaques on the outside of the building name 10 Grand Masters each.

Saturday October 29

Lunch at 1 pm

Unveiling at 2 pm

Reception to follow



Greetings Brethren,

I trust that your summers went well, that what was sown has been harvested and that we are ready to do the work needed to keep our Lodges moving forward.

October 8th was a great day for Masonry in our state. Twenty nine (29) new Master Masons were raised to the sublime degree! The work was done in extra fine fashion, with candidates from across the state and the lessons presented by Brothers from as far as Malta to Broadus to Belgrade and of course many from Billings! The Scottish Rite of Billings embraced the chance to help these men become Masons by opening their facility for us to use all day. The Nobles of AlBedoo hosted a dinner for the new members and it was another time for great fellowship! A big thank you to both these appendant bodies for their support!

A matter of great importance has come to the attention of the Grand Lodge office. Our Code and Statutes section 27030 addresses proficiency and the need to be deemed proficient in all three degrees before being entitled to serve as a Lodge Officer. A survey revealed that many of our Lodges elected officers were not recorded in Grand Lodge as being proficient. We have contacted these members and asked that they follow up on this requirement. Most Worshipful Jack R. Levitt, PGM of California and a Past Master of Bozeman Lodge #18, during his many times of traveling our state teaching leadership to our Lodge officers informed us that "The Standards You Set are the Standards You Get". This can not be more evident than Lodges allowing officers to serve without having proved proficiency in the three degrees of Masonry. This is a requirement of the Code and must be adhered to. Please arrange to see this is done as soon as possible and whenever a new member proves up, make sure it is in the minutes of the Lodge and proper notice sent to the Grand Secretary on the monthly report. All Master Masons who complete their proficiency will be issued a wallet sized card attesting to his being proficient, after this has been reported to the Grand Lodge.

The program Bikes for Books was a success its first year thanks to the efforts of MWPGM David L. Prewett. I look forward to even more Lodges encouraging young people to read this coming year. The program is the same as last year, matching funds, dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$400.00. It is not too soon to get the ground work laid for the program to kick off after February 2006. Contact your schools and get the promotional posters from Grand Lodge now. Your Lodge will be well rewarded for its labors.

A new Charity is being started and you should be receiving your lapel pin and appeal letter soon. MASONIC ASSISTANCE SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS or "M.A.S.O.N." The donations received will be deposited into the Montana Masonic Foundation, the charitable arm of our Grand Lodge. These monies are endowed and the principle is never to be used, only the interest and growth. Lodges and Masonic Youth Groups will be asked to find worthy causes in their local community that need help, then apply to the Foundation for matching funds that are raised by them for the purpose. Montana's Masonic Family can Stand Sure that the Grand Lodge is there with them and for them into the future!

The Masonic Family also has a license plate available at your county courthouse. The money collected from these sales goes directly into the Montana Masonic Foundation for Charity. Won't you consider this attractive plate for your car, truck or RV so you can proudly display your membership?

Please enjoy your membership in Freemasonry and share it with others who are not members yet. There are many good men in our communities, talk about our Craft to them.

Thank you, Brethren, for your attention and participation. Together, as Craft Masons, we will continue to make a difference! LET'S GET IT DONE!


Jack D. Anderson, Grand Master

MASONIC TIDBIT

The Masonic tidbit this month is The Lion's Paw which is a Masonic token. In our third degree, King Solomon tells of the strength of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. The Lion's Paw is a symbol of the Mystic Tie, the bond between Masons, the strength which comes from unity.

Judah was one of twelve sons of Jacob, who on his deathbed, spoke of Judah as a Lion. In ancient Israel, the Lion was upon the standard of the tribe of Judah. "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" was the Christian interpretation of the phrase springing from Revelation Chapter 5 verse 5, "Behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David. He hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof."

The idea of a resurrection is curiously interwoven with the Lion in all ages and was connected with resurrection long before the Man of Galilee walked upon the earth. In ancient Egypt, a Lion raised Osiris from a dead level to a living perpendicular by a grip of his paw; Egyptian carvings show a figure standing behind the Altar, observing the raising of the dead, with its left arm raised, forming the angle of a square.

Not to be confused with our mode of recognition, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah is Biblically considered as signifying a coming redeemer who would spring from the tribe, or symbolizing the Christ.

MSA APPEAL FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Katrina has devastated several states. The need is still urgent. Specific gifts will go to the Grand Lodge that is designated. Undesignated gifts will be divided with one third going to Louisiana, one third Mississippi and one third to Alabama. (There is a separate appeal out for Florida as well.)

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY



The 2005-2005 Montana Masonic Directory has been mailed. Two copies were sent to each lodge one for the WM and one for the Secretary. Additional copies are available for \$5.00 each.

Please remember when reporting membership information to use the Brother's full given name (not his nickname) this is important for our historical records.

New Master Masons need to be reported on the Monthly Report immediately following being raised (including those raised during the Grand Master's One Day Class) and be sure to provide their preferred mailing address as well.

Make a note to report the completion of the Master Mason Proficiency on the Monthly Report as soon as the brother has been deemed proficient as a Master Mason.

It's time to start thinking about annual dues, take a look at your supplies on hand and see if you need to order Dues Envelopes, Dues Cards (standard stock or Lodgeical version). We have only a very limited supply of dues card holders and they will not be restocked when gone so if you use them you may want to order some from one of the various Masonic Supply Companies.

FEES- All Fee's for Degrees must be paid prior to the degree work.

Code Section 37080 states that a lodge shall not confer a degree without charge or donate a fee back to an applicant under any pretext whatever; or Confer the three degrees for a fee of less than \$50.00; or confer a degree without the fees being paid in advance. These fees for degrees remain with the Lodge.

The "Candidate Fee" must also be paid in advance of the first degree this should not be confused with the "Degree Fee" the Candidate Fee is addressed in Code Section 6030. NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND MASONIC HOME CONTRIBUTION, In addition to the fees for the degrees, each petitioner shall pay to the lodge the sum of: (A.) Five dollars, which sum shall be forthwith remitted to the Grand Secretary for remission to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association; and (B.) Ten dollars, which sum shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary with the next monthly report after the election of the applicant. The sum shall then be paid forthwith by the Grand Secretary to the Treasurer of the Masonic Homes of Montana.

Annual Return Packages should be ready to be mailed to all Lodges in December, remember the completed form must be returned to Grand Lodge prior to 15 March. If you have been keeping copies of your Monthly Report and have them handy it will only take a few minutes to complete the Annual Return Package.

For assistance and questions on using Lodgeical please contact W. Bro. Norman Schultz at (661) 273-5280 or e-mail at norm@lodgeical.com

GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASSES

For 2006, MWGM Anderson has set the following dates for the Grand Master's One Day Classes.

Great Falls - March 4, 2006

Missoula - April 8, 2006

Bozeman - April 22, 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 MTG 7pm
Oct 19 Wed Great Falls District Meeting - Choteau

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 Beartooth District Meeting - Laural 7pm

Dec 3&4 Scottish Rite Honormans - Helena
Dec 10-11 GLO QTRY Meeting – Great Falls

DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

January Sts John Observance
February Americanism Observance
23 Feb Resolutions Due to Grand Lodge
March Annual Returns due Prior to 15 March
17 March Fraternal Mother Nominations Due
April Hall of Fame Nominations Due prior to 1 April
Public Schools Observance prior to 1 June

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.

Congratulations

50-YEAR MEMBERS

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Helena	3	Edward E. Bowers	10/29
Flint Creek	11	Zane G. Murfitt	10/17
Bozeman	18	Walter F. Mason	10/27
Valley	21	Henry Brunner	10/25
Ashlar	29	Daniel E. Sande	10/14
Glendive	31	John Hamilton	10/18
Harmony	49	Fred C. Root	10/22
Doric	53	Edward E. Matre	10/20
Trinity	152	David S. Klehm	10/27

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES August-September 2005

Note: The following is based upon 30% of the 101 Lodges having submitted the required Monthly Report. **The following Lodges DID submit a Monthly Report:** 2, 6, 9, 11, 13, 17, 18, 21, 28, 29, 32, 33, 38, 42, 43, 46, 51, 57, 63, 66, 71, 72, 78, 82, 85, 95, 96, 106, 121, 128, 144

RAISED

Bozeman Valley	18 Adam Patrick Harris	6/16/2005
Valley	21 Charles William Heisey*	10/8/2005
Valley	21 Dennis Charles Snellman*	10/8/2005
Ashlar	29 Christopher Lee Caruso	10/8/2005
Ashlar	29 Darren Andrew DeHass	10/8/2005
Ashlar	29 Dean M. McGinnis	10/8/2005
Ashlar	29 Shane L. Farnsworth	10/8/2005
Havre	55 Ralph M. Montgomery*	10/8/2005
Malta	57 Donald "Mark" Kunze*	10/8/2005
Malta	57 Jerry Frank Mahan*	10/8/2005
Malta	57 Ronnie Harold Allery*	10/8/2005
Wisdom	61 John Foster Hillman*	10/8/2005
Stillwater	62 Robert Lee Dalrymple*	10/8/2005
Unity	71 Alan James Olson*	10/8/2005
Unity	71 Carl Casey Funk*	10/8/2005
Unity	71 Edward Lloyd Berg*	10/8/2005
Corinthian	72 John Anthony Bruski*	10/8/2005
Corinthian	72 Lester LaMar Hankes*	10/8/2005
Corinthian	72 Rob Kelly Schessler*	10/8/2005
Corinthian	72 William Lubke Bruski*	10/8/2005
Three Forks	73 Gary Allan Quick*	10/8/2005
Saints John	92 Robert Travis Lynam*	10/8/2005
Billings	113 James Howard Eichel*	10/8/2005
Billings	113 Jason Scott Brown*	10/8/2005
Billings	113 John Marshall Cooke*	10/8/2005
Billings	113 Rodney Wayne Hessler*	10/8/2005
Billings	113 Sigfried Robert Flansburg*	10/8/2005
Huntley Project	144 Robert John Williams*	10/8/2005
Rimrock	149 Jacob Michael Pease*	10/8/2005
Rimrock	149 John Richard Gregory*	10/8/2005

Total Raised: 30

* Not yet reported on Monthly Report by Lodge. Raised at GM Class 8 Oct.

DIMIT TO NON-AFFILIATE

Total Dimit – 0

REINSTATEMENT

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Ashlar	29	Jack W. McKee	9/13/2005
Corinthian	72	Dallas B. Decker	9/19/2005

Total Reinstated - 2

DUAL/PLURAL/WITHDRAWAL/TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP

<u>Lodge Name/No.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Gallatin 6	Tracy Wilson	6/29/05 Dimit No.6 to Ephrata 167, WA
Ashlar 29	Bart Hensley	10/07/05 Dimit No.29 to Corinthian No.72*
Ottawa 51	Wayne Allen Tice	9/23/05 Withdraw dual from 51
Mission Valley 78	Jeff Newgard	5/18/05 Took dual from Compass 24, WA

Total: 4

*Paperwork pending



CELESTIAL LODGE

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gallatin	6	Clifford A. Farrington	09/20/05
King Solomon's	9	Douglas Ashton	09/19/05
Dillon	16	Morgan L. Hall	07/26/05
Mystic Tie/Riverside	17	Ralph Gray	09/05/05
Bozeman	18	William Bessley	06/13/05
Stevensville	28	Lester Meisner	08/04/05
Ashlar	29	John W. Daniel	07/19/05
Ashlar	29	George W. Anderson	08/05/05
Ashlar	29	Gordon I Sveinson	08/31/05
Ashlar	29	Earl L. Armstrong	09/05/05
Livingston	32	Maynard Lee Hewitt	09/07/05
Cascade	34	William Sederholm	05/07/03
Monitor	35	Charles E. Smith	09/12/05
Star in the West	40	Thomas Beck	06/30/05
Kalispell	42	Michael A. Stotts	09/22/05
Victor	43	Robert E. Graves	08/08/05
North Star	46	Bert Osen	09/22/05
Golden Eagle	66	Eugene W. Teesdale	07/17/05
Cut Bank	82	Edward J. Shurr, Jr.	05/15/05
Galata	106	Grant A. Flage	09/07/05
Delta	128	Daniel J. Simon	09/16/05
Huntley Project	144	Arthur Jerome Haley	09/21/05
Sentinel	155	Howard James Sowre	10/06/05

Total Deceased - 23

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 59