



GRAND LODGE AF&AM of MONTANA

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Greetings Brothers,

Another month of Masonry in Montana has come and gone!

As this bulletin will arrive during the Season of Thanksgiving, I trust that all is well with you and yours. We do have much to give thanks for! Our Faith, Our Family, Our Country and Our Lodge! If not for our Freedoms, which are secured by the countless thousands that have served in our Armed Forces since the days of George Washington until the current efforts to squash terrorism by our brave Military forces of today, we might not be able to worship freely and assemble as we please today. I do hope that you were able to participate in some form or manner on Veterans Day to show your support for our Veterans. May you and your Lodge have a wonderful season to give thanks!

Our Grand Chaplain would like to thank the Lodges that have sent him notice of our departed Brethren so he can send condolences to the family in a timely manner. You can contact him at: Brother Glenn A. Ophus W. Gr. Chaplain, 2062 Mountain View Rd, Big Sandy 59520 or phone him at 378-3249 or email him at diamond4@mtintouch.net. On the topic of sickness or distress, if your Lodge has a Brother who is just a little down or who is seriously ill, please let me know and I will give him a phone call to try to lift his spirits. Several Grand Masters have given this gesture of Brotherly Love before and it is a great way to brighten up a Brothers day.

Now is my time, to give my thanks to all of you, for your support of your Grand Lodge and its endeavors to help the less fortunate by applying for the M.A.S.O.N. program and for sending your donation for the "Montana's Masonic Family Can Stand Sure" Lapel pin so you can be a part of the important undertaking of increasing the Montana Masonic Foundation to allow our charitable good works to continue into the future and forever!

Until we meet again,

Jack D. Anderson, Grand Master

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

Big Fork - April 8, 2006

Bozeman - April 22, 2006

MSA APPEAL FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Katrina and Rita devastated several states. We as Masons should be proud that as of October, the Masonic Community has responded to the appeal with \$500,000.00 already sent to the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. When making contributions, checks should be sent to:

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

MASONIC TIDBIT

THE WARDENS' COLUMNS

One of the most frequently corrected errors in lodge procedure is the failure of a Warden to raise or lower his column appropriately. Almost every Brother sitting in the lodge room knows the proper position of the Wardens' columns during labor or while at refreshment, and will hasten to signal a Warden if the emblem of his office is awry.

The origins of the columns are sketchy, but it was not until approximately 1700 that King Solomon's Pillars began to appear in Masonic writings and ritualistic documents. Undoubtedly, as suggested by contemporary references and illustrations, the pillars soon became artistically designed pieces of furniture to stand in the lodge room as objects for study. There was probably no uniformity of practice in this development. Some lodges had large columns, some small, some ornate, some plain, some drew them on the floor cloth. However, it is generally believed, as stated in Mackey's Encyclopedia, that the Senior Warden's column represents the pillar Jachin, while the Junior Warden's column represents the pillar Boaz, those having been the impressive adornments on the Porch of King Solomon's Temple. Their names signify Establishment and Strength. When first allowing Speculative members to join with them, the traditions of operative craft lodges had lingered, and as the Senior Warden was the officer in charge of the workmen; naturally his column represented his authority and superintendence while at labor. To give the Junior Warden some similar authority, an imaginative speculative ritualist probably hit on the idea of putting him in charge of the Craft during refreshment

By 1760, as suggested by the exposé publication of Three Distinct Knocks, the Wardens of a lodge had acquired miniature columns representing the pillars, Jachin and Boaz, which they carried in processions and raised or lowered on their pedestals to indicate whether the lodge was at labor or at refreshment. Thus the raising and lowering of the Wardens' columns became sanctioned by custom and Grand Lodge approval, and has been practiced for over two hundred and fifty years. "Up in the West during labor; down in the West at refreshment. Down in the South during labor; up in the South at refreshment."

Thus my Brothers, it is not a complicated or mysteriously symbolic act; it is a simple means to indicate silently, to entering Brethren the status of the lodge, but let a Junior Warden forget to lower his column when the lodge is called from refreshment to labor, and many a frantic gesture from the side lines will remind him of his dereliction!

Grand Lodges that do not use Wardens Columns are: Alabama, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin, and New York does not use them in all of its Lodges!

For another interesting speculation on the origin of the Junior Warden's column, our readers are referred to the February, 1959, Short Talk Bulletin, "The Better to Observe the Time."

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.

MAGNETIC MASONIC AUTO RIBBIONS AVAILABLE

The Grand Lodge office now has a supply of the new "magnetic" Masonic Auto Ribbons available. The cost is \$5.00. Payment at time of purchase is required.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- Please remember when reporting membership information to use the Brother's full given name (not his nickname) this is important for our historical records.
- When reporting a brother as being Reinstated, Affiliated, or Raised please make sure that you provide their mailing address. We cannot complete their Masonic Record or return them to the database until we have a mailing address.
- 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.

ANNUAL DUES

- 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

- 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. 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.

ANNUAL RETURN PACKAGES

- Be watching for the 2005 ANNUAL RETURN PACKAGES - Within the next two to three weeks the Annual Return Packages will be mailed to all Lodges addressed to the Lodge Secretary. 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. Be watching for a large white envelope that is marked "2005 Annual Return Package".

LODGEICAL

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

NEW PROFICIENCY CARD

- The new Proficiency Card for Master Masons is now available. The process will be that once a new brother is raised and has completed his Montana Master Mason Proficiency and the required information has been provided on the Monthly Report to create his Masonic Record the Proficiency Card will be mailed to the member. Secretaries may request Proficiency Cards for existing members by providing the date of MM Proficiency and current address of the member.

BIKES FOR BOOKS

- The preliminary design of this program is to approach a local school, usually elementary, and have the school library run a reading promotion program. If your Lodge wants to participate, contact the Grand Secretary for more information. The Montana Masonic Foundation will award 50% matching funds up to \$400. Grand Lodge will provide Posters, bookmarkers, and a Masonic decal and number to be placed on the winner's bike.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 19 Sat Miles City District Meeting – Glendive 11am
 Nov 29 Beartooth District Meeting - Laurel 7pm

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

Jan 1 Sun Al Bedoo Shrine Installation
 Jan 7 Sat Algeria Shrine Installation
 Jan 21 Sat Baghdad Shrine Installation

Feb 1 Kick Off of Bikes for Books

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

Congratulations

50-YEAR MEMBERS

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Missoula	13	Charles Bernhard Jacobson	11/08/05
Butte	22	James W. Priestley	11/29/05
Benton	25	John Gleason Lepley	11/07/05
Benton	25	Loran Arthur Perry	11/19/05
Westgate	27	Robert E. Nolte	12/09/05
Ashlar	29	John George Michunovich	11/25/05
Ruby	36	James G. Schulz	11/10/05
Star in the West	40	Donald William Marshall	11/11/05
Havre	55	Orland Dale Eliason	12/29/05
Terry	74	Trent Fredrick Turnbull	11/28/05
Saints John	92	Jack Richard Westwood	11/10/05
Scobey	109	Stanley Noel Richardson	11/01/05
Delta	128	Rex Leon Oliver, Jr	11/09/05
Circle	136	Gerald Edgar Murphy	11/15/05
Pryor Mountain	151	Norman R. Sitton	11/18/05

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
October - November 2005**

RAISED

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>
Yellowstone	26	Charles Thomas Barthelmeh	4/26/2005
Stevensville	28	Kevin T Aldrich	10/18/2005
Kalispell	42	Gary Ray Treweek	10/20/2005
Lincoln	157	Jeremy Johnson	10/26/2005

Total Raised - 4

DIMIT TO NON-AFFILIATE

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>	
Mission Valley	78	Richard G. White	10/19/2005	Non-affiliate

Total Dimit – 1

REINSTATEMENT

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Num.</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Activity Date</u>	
Cascade	34	Thomas David Hartford	10/11/2005	Sus. 1985
Cascade	34	Lee C. Briner	10/25/2005	Sus. 1985
Boulder-Basin	41	Gerald W. Kirtley	11/1/2005	Sus. 2004
Ottawa	51	Theodore R. Fisher	10/7/2007	Sus. 1987

Total Reinstated - 4

DUAL/PLURAL/WITHDRAWAL/TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Stevensville	28	Keith A. Krueger	10/18/2005	Chain Lake 64 in MN
Monitor	35	John L. Morrison	6/12/2005	Butte 22
Doric	53	Wayne Mark Moore	10/17/2005	Lake City 0127 in NY
Euclid	58	Daniel Thomas Brannon	11/1/2005	Knapp 462 in PA
Euclid	58	William Doyle Daniels	11/1/2005	Tyrian 439 in CA
Columbia Falls	89	Edmond L. Tredway	10/3/2005	Dimit to #120 in OK

Total Dual/plural/withdrawal/transfer - 6



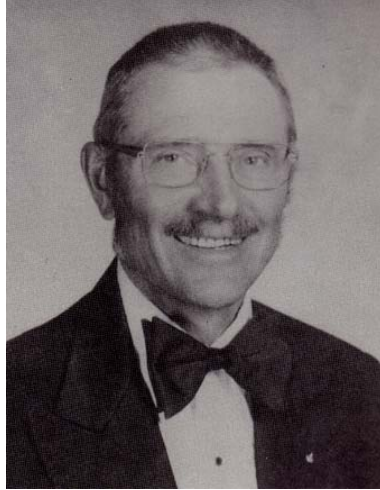
CELESTIAL LODGE

<u>Lodge name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Missoula	13	Glenn L. Parmeter	10/15/05	
Mystic Tie/Riverside	17	Ralph G. Huckaba	09/29/05	1992 Hall of Fame
Mystic Tie/Riverside	17	James M. Buie	10/18/05	
Valley	21	William V. Guffey	09/24/05	
Butte	22	Martell Duane Johnson	11/14/05	
Yellowstone	26	William H. Cain	09/09/05	
Yellowstone	26	Ray R. Woodward	10/16/05	
Ashlar	29	George W. Carey	10/28/05	
Mission Valley	78	Harland D. Seljak	10/01/05	
Judith	86	Robert L. Varner	10/23/05	
Plentywood	91	Clarence A. Romo	12/17/03	
Western Star	104	Francis Dean Hess	11/04/05	
Delta	128	Orville G. Callender	06/16/05	
Delta	128	William Ray Briggs	08/19/05	
Powder River	135	Roland C. Holt	09/26/05	
Powder River	135	Donald Sterling	10/01/05	
Lincoln	157	Robert P. Didriksen	10/29/05	

Total Deceased - 17

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 32

FRANCIS D. HESS
MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTER
1925-2005



Francis Dean Hess, Grand Master 1979-1980

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Francis D. Hess was born February 15, 1925. He attended rural elementary school in the Denton area and graduated from Stanford High School. He attended Montana State College at Bozeman. For many years he operated the farm where he was born.

MW Brother Francis was a member of Western Star Lodge No. 104 having been initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 25, 1946; Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft on April 3, 1946; and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 13, 1946. Brother Francis served as Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1963 and Lodge Instructor in 1980. He is a Past Officer of the three York Rite bodies of Lewistown. A member of the Great Falls Scottish rite and a Noble of Al Bedoo Shrine of Billings. He held memberships in the Order of High Priesthood; Order of the Silver Trowel; Past Officers Association of Montana; Oro Y Plata Concave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was also a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and a member of the Big Sky York Rite College. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Most Worshipful Brother Hess received his 50 Year Award on May 13th, 1996.

Most Worshipful Brother Hess was a dual member with Kenai Lodge No. 11 of Soldotna, Alaska. He had a special fondness for Alaska and supported the formation of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Alaska serving as the only Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Alaska near Montana.

Most Worshipful Brother Francis D. Hess was called to the Celestial Lodge on Saturday, November 4th, 2005. He will be missed.

Masonic Rites were conducted by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Donald E. Kimmel in Lewistown on Saturday, November 12th 2005.