

Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana



THE LEVEL

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Greetings From The Grand East

To my Brothers, I bring Greetings,

Spring has sprung, even here on the High-line! As this bulletin arrives, your Lodge should be conducting your elections for Officers per code 25020 for the 2006-2007 slate of officers to lead your Lodge into the future! Please look into the proficiency of these officers and remember that our Code #27030 "Qualification" of Lodge officers has requirements of all officers to be proficient. If they are not, please work with them to achieve this mark among the Brothers of their Lodge and see that it is recorded with our Grand Secretary as soon as it is completed. After your elections are complete, please see that your newly elected officers and the proposed Lodge Instructor are reported to the Grand Secretary on Form 30 as soon as possible.

A reminder of some other things to get done soon are the Master Builder reports which are due by June 1st to Chairman Paul Peterson. Lodges that have used this excellent program to energize their Lodge and get it active, are the Lodges that are growing. If you have not achieved the standards needed, keep working on this until you "get it done". Awards will be presented to those who complete the requirements. Fraternal Mother of the Year program is also ready for your nomination for 2005-2006. Send your Ladies name to Richard B. Haworth, PO Box 122 in Fromberg, MT 59029 for your Lady to be honored at Grand Lodge. April 30 is fast ap-

proaching and is the due date for the reports of Grand Representatives to sent to the Grand Secretary for inclusion in his report to our Grand Lodge session. If you are a Grand Representative or know any of your members who are, please see that a report is sent in, even if your counterpart has not replied to your communications. Let us

The Masonic Family license plate is available at your local courthouse. This year you must purchase new plates anyway for a cost of \$15.00 to the state when you renew. So please consider helping the Montana Masonic Foundation by buying a Masonic Family license plate and in doing so contributing an additional \$25.00 each year directly into the Foundation to be endowed forever.

Another way to build the Foundation is to reply to the Grand Masters pin appeal, with these monies deposited into this same endowed fund for charity. If you have been blessed with material wealth while here on earth, why not remember the Montana Masonic Foundation in your last requests, so that you can help others long after you are gone?

If you treasure your membership in this the oldest and greatest fraternity the world has ever known, why not share it with

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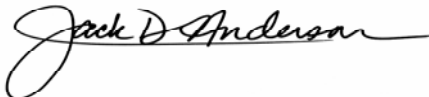
others that you know who deserve to meet you on the level in Lodge? Let's get our trestle boards out and use Membership by Design to grow!

Grand Lodge will be in Havre starting on Thursday June 22nd with committee meetings, Vespers service and a get together dinner afterwards. Public Grand Opening will be at 9:00 am Friday morning June 23rd followed with the election of your Grand Lodge Officers and the Master Masons banquet with awards that evening. Saturday June 24th, we will vote on the legislation and

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Communication
June 22,23,24*

finish this communication with the installation of the next Grand Lodge officer team for 2006-2007 that afternoon, with a reception to follow. Registration forms are available on the website or from our Grand Secretary, do not delay and get your motel rooms and RV spots now, ask for the rooms held under the Grand Lodge of Montana! Bring your ladies as there will be things for them to do as well.

Happy to meet,



Jack D. Anderson G. M.

Masonic Tidbit ~ The Jewel of the Stewards

CORNUCOPIA. Symbol of plenty. The jewel of the Stewards, whose early functions in the Lodge were to provide "plenty" of refreshment before, during and after the meetings.

According to the mythology of the Greeks, which goes back to the dawn of civilization, the god Zeus was nourished in infancy from the milk of the goat, by one of his foster mothers, Amalthea (pronunciation: am-al-thee'-uh).

After Zeus gave one of its horns to Amalthea, the gods in gratitude for nourishing

Zeus, placed the one horned goat forever in the heavens as a constellation. Zeus assured Amalthea that the horn would forever pour for her whatever she desired!

The "horn of plenty", or the cornucopia, is thus a symbol of abundance and a fitting jewel for the Stewards of the Lodge.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY



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

When reporting a brother as being Re-instated, Affiliated, or Raised please make sure that you provide their mailing address. We can not complete their Masonic Record or return them to the database until we have a mailing address.

Please "validate" all address for new and reinstated members. The last address you have may not be their current address. Please just don't assume you have the correct mailing address.

The default mailing address will be that of the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Elections and Installation

As you know in accordance with Code Section 25020 election of Lodge Officers must be completed between the first regular meeting and April and the first regular meeting in May. This facilitates the need to immediately complete and return your Officer Election Form (No.30) to the Grand Secretary.

Installation of Lodge Officers can not occur until after the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.



**COME TO
SESSION
AND VOTE!**

Proposed Legislation Mailed to Lodges

In accordance with the Code a copy of the Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations for the 140th Annual Communication must be transmitted to each Lodge 60 days prior to the Annual Communication.

A copy of all proposed resolutions and recommendations was placed in the U.S. Mail to each Lodge Secretary on 17 April. Included with the copy of the proposed legislation was a Proxy Card for the WM, SW and JW and a copy of the Rules of Order for the Annual Communication.

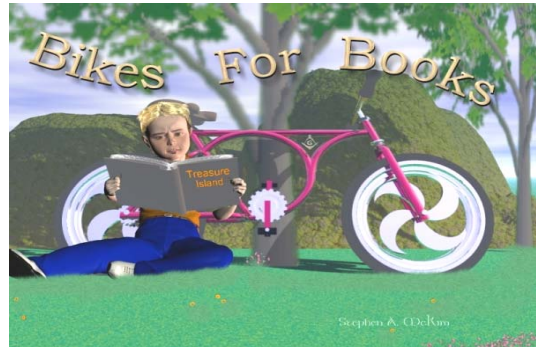
As you will recall beginning with the 139th Session, "Credential Cards" are no longer issued. However, you **MUST** present your current Dues/Membership Card and have a photo ID when you sign in for session. Proxy Cards are included for the WM, SW and JW.

Only the members authorized by the Constitution and Code of Statutes may vote. However, any Master Mason in Good Standing and presenting a current Dues Card and photo ID may attend the Annual Communication.

MASTER BUILDER AWARD

Submissions for the Master Builder Award are due 1 June. Please contact W. Bro. Paul Peterson at 406 585-7430 or mail to Master Builder Program, PO Box 373, Bozeman, MT 59771.

BIKES FOR BOOKS 2006



So far the 2006 Bikes for Books program promoting reading in Montana schools has generated a commitment by our Lodges of **432** Bikes and working with **149** schools.

The following Lodges have committed to the Bikes of Books program for 2006: Virginia City No. 1, World Famous Helena Masonic Lodge No.3, Gallatin No. 6, Flint Creek No. 11, Missoula No. 13, Deer Lodge No. 14, Dillon No. 16, Bozeman No. 18, Sheridan No. 20, Valley No. 21, Butte No. 22, MT Moriah No. 24, Benton No. 25, Ashlar No. 29, Glendive No. 31, Livingston No.32, Monitor No. 35, Ionic No. 38, Star In The West No. 40, Choctau No. 44, Harmony No. 49, Hiram No. 52, Doric No. 53, Havre No. 55, MT Jefferson No. 56, Euclid No. 58, Ponemah No. 63, Whitefish No. 64, Carbon No. 65, Unity No. 71, Corinthian No. 72, Mission Valley No. 78, Cut Bank No. 82, Judith No. 86, Columbia Falls No. 89, Eureka No. 93, Kyle No. 96, Lavina Temple No. 101, Pilgrim No. 102, Western Star No. 104, Meridian No. 105, Mountain Lodge No. 110, Troy No. 126, Powder River No. 135, Park No. 140, Huntley Project No. 144, Rimrock No. 149, Bigfork No. 150, Pryor Mountain No. 151 and Hot Springs No. 153.



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50 YEAR MEMBERS

Emmett J	Meehan	No. 29	28 April
Gene	McLeod	No. 32	28 April
Harold	Lida	No. 46	10 April
Fred O	Brauer	No. 49	14 April
David M	MacInnes	No. 49	25 April
Jack J	Wong	No. 49	14 April
Paul	Bovee, PGM (1985)	No. 51	22 April
Harold L	Davidson	No. 72	19 April
F. Mario	Solazzi	No. 92	20 April
Sidney M	Kuhl	NO. 113	21 April
Cecil E	Kolka	No. 135	10 April
William S	Peterson	No. 152	12 April
George	Swartz	No. 101	1 April

Pre-registration forms for the 140th Annual Communication can be obtained from your Lodge Secretary, or by calling the Grand Lodge Office at 442-774 or, on-line at www.grandlodgemontana.org

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**MARCH 2006**

Note: The following is based upon 31% of the 100 Lodges having submitted the required Monthly Report.

RAISED

Lodge	Member	Date
Dillon No. 16	William W. Brandal	03/17/2006
Livingston No.32	Neal Donaldson	02/21/2006
Livingston No. 32	Lynwood D. Pompper	01/21.2006
Judith No. 86	Jerrold Lee Simpson	03/21/2006

Raised 4

Affiliations

Donald L. Plagmann	Glendive No. 31 and	Jordan No. 148 as of	03/09/2006
Raymond F. Kimball, Jr	From Billings No. 113	To Corinthian No. 72	03/13/2006
Charles S Tucker	From No.495 Texas	To Glendive 31	04/22/2006
Robert C. Snow	From Billings No.113	To Huntley Project No. 144	05/16/2006
Herb Ballou	From Ottawa No.51	To Boulder-Basin No.41	04/06/2006
Gene Compton	From Ottawa No. 51	To Boulder-Basin No. 41	04/06/2006

Affiliations 6

Reinstatement

Wallace Kurth	Pryor Mountain No. 151	03/06/2006
James E. Ahlin	Ruby No. 36	03/24/2006

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Bigfork, Montana**

Member	Lodge
Jerod J Slaybaugh	Whitefish No.64
Raymond Wayne Pearson	Whitefish No. 64
Adam Matthew Bratland	Missoula No. 13
Daren Lee Jurasek	Missoula No. 13
Matthew James Powers	Missoula No. 13
Donald Joseph Edward Blais	Mission Valley No. 78
Frank H. Tyro	Mission Valley No. 78
David Dane Thompson	Libby No. 85
Rube Erin Wrightsman	Ponemah No. 63
Jay Lee Eggers	Sentinel No. 155
Roger Allen Grenfell	Sentinel No. 155
Fred Irving Root	Sentinel No. 155
Scott Douglas Treweek	Kalispell No. 42
Scott Paul Seager	Kalispell No. 42
Thomas Richard Carter	Kalispell No. 42
John Powers	Kalispell No. 42
Mark Alan Foop	Kalispell No. 42
Steve Parker Thommen	Kalispell No. 42
Standley Joe Lee	Trinity No. 152
Michael Joseph Scheulen	Trinity No. 152
Eric John McCann	Trinity No. 152
Kevin Mark Steffan	Trinity No. 152
Steven Martin Anzjon	Trinity No. 152
Floyd William Kauffman	Stevensville No. 28

CELESTIAL LODGE



Montana No. 2	John J. Weger	09/28/2005
Glata No. 106	Loren D. Klepper	03/10/2006
Flint Creek No. 11	Walter G. Trippe, Jr	03/10/2006
Delta No. 128	David O. Waterson	03/13/2006
Augusta No. 54	Richard J. Weiser	03/17/2006
Havre No. 55	Raymond O. Tweeten	04/01/2006
Sentinel No. 155	Ralph L. Michaelson	04/07/2006
Morning Star No. 5	John R. Thibaudeau	04/2006
Pryor Mountain No. 151	Arthur Mattheis	03/23/2006
Mountain Lodge No. 110	Walfred J. Kaye	03/16/2006
Lavina-Temple No. 101	Howard L. Taber	11/2003
Gallatin No. 6	Raymond T. Stewart	03/11/2006
Powder River No. 135	George H. Heil	03/11/2006
Benton No. 25	Loran A. Perry	
Dillon No. 16	Harold C. Petersen	02/21.2006
Missoula No. 13	Jesse A. Johnson	03/21/2006
Missoula No.13	Forrest D. Pumnea	03/23/2006
Whitefish No. 64	James W. Parker	02/19/2006

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