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LODGEICAL SECRETARY SOFTWARE

BANNACK HISTORIC LODGE ANNUAL MEETING

We are working with W. Brother Norm Schultz on an update of the Lodgeical Software Program. Because of the nature of this update and a change to the program architecture we will need to split the update into two phases which will be dependent on users and those who are not yet using the Secretary Software program. Therefore, it is imperative that we establish which Lodges/ Secretaries are using the program and which are not currently using it.

Scheduled Events

SEP 8, 2006 Wisdom, Montana
6:30 PM – 100th Anniversary
Celebration & BBQ, Wisdom Lodge
No. 61. This Lodge has the original
Bannack Lodge furniture.

Sep 9, 2006 Bannack State Park
10 AM – Team from Washington will
exemplify MM degree. Rumor is that
the MWGM of Montana will be the
candidate.
12 noon – Steak Fry
1 PM – Program in the park
2 PM – Tyled meeting

Please at the first opportunity after reading this bulletin contact the Grand Secretary by phone, E-mail, or in writing and identify your Lodge as a user of the program or not.

The program update for non-users of the Secretary Software Program will be much easier and will result in the production of Version 15 of the Lodgeical program which will have all the updates included. This will still require the Secretary to initially input all the member data.

The update or patch for current users will actually be a Revision to Version 14. This will require the Secretary to E-mail or send a disk with all of your member files to W. Bro. Schultz and he incorporate the revision individually for each Lodge. This will require some scheduling because you will not be able to make changes to your database until the program is returned. If you do, those entries will not show in the update of the file once it's returned to you by Brother Schultz.

The Antique Car Club from Beaverhead County will be in the park on Sep 9, with their cars. If you have an antique car, bring it.

If you have questions on this please contact the Grand Secretary.

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THE MONTANA MASONIC NEWS

The Montana Masonic News will continue production. However, it will have a new look and format, a new Editor, a new printing company, and a more frequent distribution Schedule . For those who wish to contribute information please review the information below. Financial gifts will still be accepted.

Lodges are encouraged to submit photos and articles about news and events. You are the news and we need you to make submissions of interest to our readers.

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The editorial staff invites contributions in the form of informative articles, reports, news and other timely information (of about 500 to 1000 words in length) that broadly relate to Montana Masonry, Masonic law, lore, customs, history, symbolism, philosophy, responsibility of membership, etiquette, current events, and/or general public interest. When possible, photographs that illustrate these informative articles should accompany the submission. Pieces submitted should be typed, double-spaced and preferably accompanied by a computer disk in neutral PC format (MSWord preferred with formatting off) or via e-mail to:

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Article and Photo submissions

- Articles** Pieces submitted should be typed, double-spaced and preferably accompanied by a computer disk in neutral PC format (MSWord preferred with formatting off).
- Photo** Black and white or color, preferably accompanied by a computer disk with photo image in .jpg, .bmp, .tff. Include who took the photo, when and where.
- Advertising** Anyone interested in advertising in the paper will need to initiate a new Agreement.

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William E. Stiles	Mission Valley No. 27	09 July
Richard N. Totten	Morning Star No. 5	17 Aug
Alexander Haxton	Bozeman No. 18	16 Aug
Harvey J. Oeson	Trinity No. 153	06 Aug

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**August/September**

Note: The following is based upon 20% of the 100 Lodges having submitted the required Monthly Report.

RAISED

Member	Lodge	Date
Jason Dean May	Corinthian No. 72	July 8, 2006

Reinstatement

Christopher Salerno	July 29, 2006	Unity NO. 71
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Kaye D Allen	Western Star No. 104	06/12/2006
Alan E. Kelly	Yellowstone No.26	07/25/2006

CELESTIAL LODGE



Symbol of the passing of a member of the craft

James Frederic Winter	Diamond City No. 7	June 28, 2006
David W. Jorgenson	Ashlar No. 29	July 16, 2006
John C. Voelker	Ashlar NO.29	July 29, 2006
Clare E. Patterson	Ionic No. 38	Dec 20, 2005
Roy H. Judd	Star In The West No.40	July 10, 2006
Alf W. Wagner	Euclid No. 58	July 17, 2006
H. Dwayne Roe	Euclid No. 58	August 02, 2006
John C. "Jack" Snyder	Euclid No. 58	August 21, 2006
Leonard A. Cantrell	Corinthian No. 72	July 19, 2006
Carl W. Martinson	Mission Valley No.78	August 02, 2006
Barr E. Zeidler	Plentywood No. 91	June 07, 2006
Jerry E. Niederhauser	Plentywood No. 91	June 25, 2006
Gordon J. Overby	Plentywood No. 91	April 29, 2006
Charles E. Rock	Mountain No. 110	08/02/2006
Ronald V. Smith	Loyalty No.121	08/09/2006
Charles P. Rich	Jordan No. 148	07/01/2006

My Brethren, the roll of the workmen has been called,
and one more Master Mason has not answered
to his name,

He has laid down the working tools of the Craft
and with them he has left that mortal part
for which he no longer has use.

His labours here below have taught him
to divest his heart and conscience
of the vices and superfluities of life,

thereby fitting his mind as a living stone
for that spiritual building—that house not made with
hands, eternal in the heavens.

Strengthened in his labours hereby faith in God,
and, confident of expectation of immortality,
he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge
above.

Author unknown

SECRETARY—TREASURER WORKSHOP

We are considering conducting workshops for Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers. If enough Secretaries and Treasurers are interested, RW Bro. Bruce Lahti, Grand Treasurer and RW Bro. Reid Gardiner, Grand Secretary will schedule up to four workshops across the state. In most lodges the Secretary and Treasurer are a combined office. If you are interested in having this workshop in your area and if several Secretaries and Treasurers are interested please contact the Grand Lodge Office. Those Secretaries who attend will be presented this pin.



PER CAPITA AND FEES

- Per Capita for 2006-2007 is \$22.00
- Reinstatement Fee is \$22.00
- In addition to the fees for the degrees, each petitioner shall pay \$15.00 candidate fee. Of this amount \$5.00 goes to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial and \$10.00 goes to the Montana Masonic Home (Ref Code Section 6030).
- Petitions for degrees/initiation must be accompanied by the fee for one degree (Ref Code Section 37070).
- Fees for degrees. A lodge shall not confer a degree without the fee therefore being paid in advance (Ref Code Section 37080).
- Reinstatement from NPD payment of any arrearage due at time of suspension plus one year's current Per Capita.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 7-8 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Dillon
- 8 Wisdom Lodge 100th Anniversary
- 9 Bannack Historic Lodge Annual Meeting,
- 10 Judith Lodge Breakfast "What The Hay"
- 16 Ponemah Lodge NO. 63, 100th Anniversary
- 17 York Rite South West District Meeting
Bozeman, 8:30 am
- 19 Whitefish NO. 64, 100th Anniversary
- 21-23 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Sun Valley
- 23 Stillwater No. 62, 100th Anniversary
- 29-20 Scottish Rite Statewide Reunion— Helena
- 30 Rocky Mountain District Meeting, 9am
Phillipsburg
- 30 DeMolay Meeting, Region 7, Helena

OCTOBER

- 8-10 Grand Lodge of California
- 9 Columbus Day, Grand Lodge Office
Closed
- 13 Beartooth District Meeting—Laurel
- 14 Glacier District Meeting - 10am-2pm
- 14 Oro Y Plata Red Cross of Constantine,
Billings
- 17 Grand Master's Visit to Livingston 32
- 19 Grand Master's Visit to Bozeman 18
- 21 Headwaters District Meeting-Wisdom
- 28 Missoula District Meeting—Victor
- 29 End Daylight Savings Time

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BIKES FOR BOOKS 2007



Last year, which was our second year for the Bikes for Books program, 55 Lodges participated and awarded 465 Bikes in 157 elementary schools and expended some \$27,000.00 in bikes and helmets. The program has been well received in every school and all of them have requested that we continue the program. Grades 3,4 and 5 have been the most successful grade levels participating.

Start planning now to participate in the 2007 Bikes for Books program. If your Lodge is interested in participating please make plans now and contact the Grand Secretary. The optimum start date is 1 February 2007.

Grand Lodge will provide Posters, bookmarkers, and a Serialized Masonic decal and number to be placed on the winner's bike. The Montana Masonic Foundation will award 50% matching funds up to \$400 to participating Lodges. Other funds may be available from other organizations such as Wal Mart. If you need information, contact the Grand Secretary.

PROGRAM OF THE MONTH BROCHURES

Throughout this Masonic year your Lodge will receive a Program of the Month. This program is created by the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America for you to utilize in your Lodge.

If your Lodge already has a program similar to the program that is contained in this brochure, by all means continue your efforts. If, however, you are not conducting this type of program please consider using this information provided for you.

These programs are created to help your Lodge retain your members and it is specifically tied to our Renewal Effort.

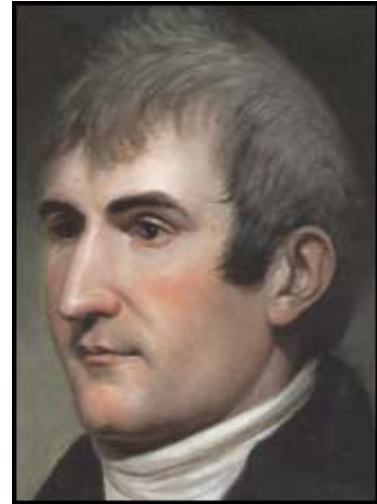


Montana Masonic License Plate

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.



At Prayer on the Journey West
Meriwether Lewis July 15, 1805



Brother Meriwether Lewis
1774 - 1809

LIMITED EDITON PRINT

The Montana Masonic Foundation still has a few copies of the limited edition offering of these high quality prints signed and numbered by the artist R. F. Morgan. Prints are available from the Grand Lodge Office for \$85.00. The proceeds from the sale of this print go to support the Montana Masonic Museum.

The Masonic Apron of Meriwether Lewis is depicted in the painting and is owned by the Grand Lodge of Montana, and is currently on loan to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Exhibit. The Exhibit is now at it's last stop the National History Museum in Washington D.C.

MERIWETHER LEWIS APRON ON WAY BACK TO MONTANA

The Masonic Apron of Meriwether Lewis is due to be returned the end of September completing the three year loan to the Missouri Historical Society and the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Exhibit.

Two hundred years after Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out from St. Louis on their transcontinental journey of exploration, the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial Exhibition was established and set out on a three year, multi-city exhibition to commemorate their adventure. The Masonic Apron of Brother Meriwether Lewis was deemed to be a significant artifact to be part of the exhibit. The Apron will be returned along with the specially designed display case to the Montana Masonic Museum toward the end of September. The Montana Masonic Foundation will conduct a welcome back reception.

The Masonic Apron of Bro. Lewis has been viewed by thousands of visitors to the exhibit in the following cities: St. Louis, Philadelphia, Denver, Portland, and Washington D.C.

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