



**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION
2007—2008**

- December 8 Sagebrush District**
Noon (FC Degree) – Terry
- CMR District**
10 am (FC Degree) – Fort Benton
- Headwaters District**
10 am (FC Degree) – Pony
- January 19 Missoula & Glacier District**
10am (MM Degree) – Plains
- January 26 Rocky Mountain District**
9:30 am (FC Degree) – Butte
- February 2 Beartooth District**
10 am (MM Degree) – Billings
- February 23 Rocky Mountain District**
9:30 am (MM Degree) – Helena
- March 1 Great Falls District**
10 am (MM Degree) – Great Falls

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2007

Oct 26 Algeria Shrine Fall Ceremonial –
Great Falls (26-27)

November 2007

- Nov 1 GM@ Lafayette Lodge –
Seattle
- Nov 4 End Daylight Savings Time
- Nov 6 Election Day
- Nov 10 Scottish Rite-Missoula
- Nov 12 Veterans Day
- Nov 12 Grand Lodge of Nevada-
Reno (12-13)
- Nov 14 GM Visit @ Huntley Project
No. 144
- Nov 16 GM Visit @ Billings
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving

December 2007

- Dec 1 GLO Meeting –Helena
- Dec 12 Ponemah NO. 63 Christmas
Party—Plains

Remember

January is St's John Observance
Month

Hall of Fame Nominations are due
prior to April 1st



CELESTIAL LODGE

Clarence Hamilton	Flint Creek No. 11	08/22/2007
Carl H. Beyer	Bozeman No. 18	08/25/2007
Harold M Hagen	Stevensville No. 28	02/06/2007
George W. Sullivan	Stevensville No. 28	09/06/2007
Jack Yardley	Livingston No. 32	08/07/2007
Jerry Ross Hearn	Ionic No. 32	08/09/2007
Floyd Thomas Nobbs	Euclid No. 58	08/30/2007
Bjarne Johnson	Delta No. 58	06/19/2007
Travis Kay Davidsen	Delta No. 58	08/28/2007
Lewis Aleksich	Pryor Mountain No. 151	07/30/2007
Kenneth Miller	Pryor Mountain No. 151	07/26/2007
Andrew J. Sullivan	Pryor Mountain No. 151	08/27/2007
James McKnight	Trinity No. 152	03/2007
Harold Sampson	Trinity No. 152	11/02/2006
J. Torrence Harvey	Trinity No. 152	05/01/2007
M. Herbert Goodwin	Morning Star No. 5	09/21/2007
Tracy Wilson	Gallatin No. 6	08/31/2007
Glen N. Stewart	Gallatin No. 6	08/09/2007
Ira C. Bodkins	Cascade No. 34	04/10/2000
Lester W. Hektner	Choteau No. 44	08/12/2007
Nicholas R. Parker	North Star No. 46	08/08/2007
William R. Kelly	Mission Valley No. 78	09/25/2007
Richard E. Davidsen	Libby No. 85	
Richard G. Milne	Delta No. 128	09/15/2007
Phillip G. Haglund	Circle No. 136	08/20/2007
Billy Carr	Trinity No. 152	09/09/2007
Joe Montgomery	Trinity No. 152	09/28/2007

David F. Hembleton	Libby No. 85	Unk
Herb Ballou	Boulder Basin No. 41	10/11/2007
Donald LeRoy Coburn	Ottawa No. 51	08/10/2007
William L. Bruer	Dillon No.16	03/17/2007
Edwin T. Sansom	Mountain No. 110	08/24/2007
Benjamin York, PGM	Lower Yellowstone No. 90	09/13/2007
Harold W. Trapp	Captain Scott No. 98	09/01/2007
Russell Boyd Sparrow	Meridian No. 105	03/07/2007
Raymond Sims	Mount Moriah No. 24	08/10/2007
Paul G. Brunner	Butte No. 22	07/18/2007
George E. Todd	Westgate No. 27	05/31/2007

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 labors 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 labors here by faith in God, and, confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

Masonic Directory 2007 –2008

Three copies of 2007-2008 Masonic Directory have been mailed to every Lodge Secretary. Each Worshipful Master, Instructor, Secretary should have a copy. See your lodge Secretary for a copy.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

September/October

The following is based upon 35% of the 100 Lodges having submitted the required Monthly Report.

Note: All Lodges are required to submitted a report monthly even if there are no membership changes.

RAISED

Jonathan R. Jackson	Morning Star No. 5	08/03/2007
Timothy Johnson	Gallatin No. 6	08/03/2007
Matthew C. Root	Gallatin No. 6	09/26/2007

REINSTATMENTS

John Goldberg	Mount Moriah No. 24	07/18/2007
Larry Giles	Sts John No. 92	09/27/2007
Ronnie D. Brewington	Judith No. 86	05/01/2007
Larry C. Biere	Judith No. 86	06/05/2007
Jack W. Lovell	Dillon No. 16	09/27/2007
James E. Clavadetscher	Billings No. 113	09/10/2007

AFFILIATIONS (DUAL)

Wayne J. Barlow	To Stevensville No. 28	Retaining Idaho Springs No. 26, CO
Lee H. Fisher	To Gallatin No. 6	Retaining Star In The West No. 39, ND

AFFILIATIONS PLURAL

Joseph Peter Heyde	To Euclid No. 58	Retaining Cascade No. 34
Vernon Hans Nielson	To Butte No. 22	Retaining Livingston No. 32
Steven P. Cord	To Harmony No. 49	Retaining Missoula No. 13
Peter C. DeWit, Jr.	To Harmony No. 49	Retaining Missoula No. 13
Shad W. Ockler	To Harmony NO. 49	Retaining Missoula No. 13
Lloyd H. Ockler	To Harmony No. 49	Retaining Missoula No. 13
Lon H. Ockler	To Harmony No. 49	Retaining Missoula No. 13

AFFILIATIONS

Waymon Darrell Daniels	To Euclid No. 58	From Tyrian No. 439, CA
John C. Beckman, Sr	To Lincoln No. 157	From Meridian No. 105

DIMIT TO NON-AFFILIATE

Daniel K. Lynch	Hiram No. 52	09/18/2007
Donald Hayden	Libby No. 85	Sept 2007

REJECTIONS

Anthony Dean Steward	Morning Star No. 5	06/13/2007
Ronald James Morris	Morning Star No. 5	06/13/2007

UPDATES FOR MONTANA MASONIC MANUAL – MONITOR SECTION 2

MONTANA MASONIC MANUAL

2.1.1

OPENING THE LODGE

At stated meetings a Lodge may be opened upon any degree, always in due form (full form), for the trans-action of any business. Special meetings can conduct only that business for which the meeting was called and only business which is allowed at special meetings; see section 30010 A,B,C,& D, Code of Statutes; these meetings may also be opened upon any of the three degrees.

In the initial opening of the Lodge, upon any degree, nothing should be omitted or altered. Short Form Openings and Closings for the initial Opening and final Closing were barred from Montana work by vote of the Craft during the 1996 Grand Lodge session and are no longer allowed.

When the Lodge is opened upon a degree other than the Master Mason degree and the W.M. desires to move to a higher degree the lodge must again be purged to assure that all present are entitled to sit in that lodge and then retyled.

When a Lodge has been called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of opening a Lodge of another degree these Lodges should, if possible, for instructive purposes, be opened in full form. If this is not expedient, the short ceremony of purging, tiling (must be done when moving up in degrees) part of a lecture, officers' stations, duties of Master and declarations through the Wardens and finally by the Master (Lecturing) should, in general, be the ceremony used. In emergencies, however, when, in the judgment of the Master, it is to the intent of the Lodge to further shorten the ceremony, remembering if moving up in degrees he must always first purge the Lodge (50:9-51:17) (101:9-102:16); then tyle (1:17-2:6) (51:19-52:6) (102:17-103:12) and can then de-clare the Lodge open (6:13) (56:4) (106:6). He can also close such opened Lodges or Lodges put them at refreshment in the same manner, except for the last Lodge closure of that meeting which must be closed in due form (full form).

Legally being able to conduct business on any degree it is now recognized that it is proper to open and close on the appropriate degrees to allow the newly made Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to remain in the Lodge Room during opening and until after it has been closed, thus eliminating the necessity to ask him to retire to permit the closing of the Lodge and also allowing them to attend meetings while progressing in their work. Remembering that once a lodge is closed, on any degree, in full form with no other at refreshment the lodge cannot be reopened on that calendar day.

2.1.4

DECLARATION

(6:13) (56:4) (106:6)

2.1.6

CLOSING THE LODGE

(44) (95) (175)

When the lodge business has been completed and the Master wishes to close his lodge, when all other lodges have been closed either in due form or by declaration, i.e. a lodge of FC opened within a lodge of MM, the final lodge to be closed must be closed in full form.

2.5.14

TROWEL LECTURE

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My Brother, the ceremony of your passing these first three degrees of Masonry, together with the character of the tools presented, must have demonstrated to you that Freemasonry is essentially a building art; and a building are in the last and final analysis is distinctly a human art.

True it is that in the leafy tree top the bird builds her wondrous nest; true it is that across the rushing stream in the valley the beaver builds its cunning dam; true it is that under the eaves of the old barn the wasp builds it's curious home of mud; true it is that on leaf and twig the spider builds it's lacy web, so marvelous in construction that the utmost exertion of human intelligence has never been able to duplicate it's filmy perfection.

But the nest of the bird, the dam of the beaver, the home of the wasp, and the web of the spider are the same identical creations they were thousands of years ago, when your ancestors, and mine, lived like beasts of prey in the gloomy caverns of rocks.

Aye, if the theories of many a disciple of evolution are to be believed, they are patterned as they were yet further ages back when primeval man swung with the birds in the leafy tree tops.

But in man there was a vital spark that in the bird, the beaver, the wasp or the spider never knew; inspiration, not instinct, guided his budding soul, a divine discontent with his habitation seized him; the hole in the rocks no longer satisfied his cravings and he began to build out in God's glorious sunshine; feeble were his efforts, few his tools and mean his creations, but he was growing.

Crude shelters took the place of dank and dingy dens; a roof sheltered him, the embryonic pillars supported the crossbars, and as the years waxed and waned he built better and better until his aspirations attained their highest form in the completion of the magnificent cathedrals of Europe, the masterpieces of his mind and soul.

These builders were Masonry's progenitors, at first an operative science, it reached it's fruition as such, mounted yet higher and became a speculative art. Its end aim the building of a perfect character, the realization of the designs on the trestle board of the Great Architect of the Universe.

In olden times the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft prepared the stones for setting by the Master Mason. The trowel became the Master's special tool and in his cunning hand spread the cement which united the stones into one solid unit. As the Master was a conscientious builder and spread naught but the finest cement, the building became one perfect structure against which the wind storms and tempests beat in vain. But if he was careless, indifferent or dishonest, or used a cement poor in quality or lacking quantity, the stones without cohesion or unity soon fell in utter ruin.

You too, My Brother are a Master builder, you are building your character, the temple of your life, your character, the temple of your soul. In your hand I place the emblematical trowel of the Master, and as you value your happiness here on earth and your eternal progress in life to come, we urge you, we exhort you, we entreat you to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection; but if you are careless, indifferent or dishonest, if personal gain be the aim of your life, it matters not that art, science, knowledge of literature be all yours, based on a foundation of selfishness, your temple will fall a melancholy ruin.

But if you heed the lessons so earnestly recommended in Masonry, if you spread all through your life the cement of brotherly love and affection, if you serve your fellow man, the trowel in your hand will become the real emblem of the Master and the fabric of your life. Your temple will rise stately, magnificent, inspiring, a joy to the beholder, a supreme satisfaction to yourself and acceptable in the eyes of the GAOTU.

We are building day by day
 In a good or evil way,
 And the Temple as it grows,
 Will our innermost selves disclose,
 Till in every arch and line,
 All our faults or virtues shine.
 Do you ask what building this
 That can be both dark and fair,
 Lo, it's name is character.
 So build it well, what-ere you do,
 Build it straight and strong and true,
 Build it high and clean and broad,
 Build it for the eyes of God.

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