



## **GRAND MASTER'S DECISION ON PROFICIENCIES**

On December 3rd a letter and Grand Master's Decision 2007-01 was mailed to the Worshipful Master of each lodge. Each Worshipful Master should present the Decision to his Lodge.

This Grand Master issued this Decision concerning what actions are to be taken for those brothers who as candidates of the One Day Class, All the Way or Grand Master's Classes have not completed their proficiencies in at least the first two degrees.

Grand Master Nielsen stated "I believe this proficiency delinquency was the result of inattention by the Grand Lodge, the lodge and the candidate. All three bear some of the responsibility for this regrettable situation and therefore all three should work toward a positive resolution."

By this Decision the Grand Master is providing the guidance and direction that many brothers have been requesting from the Grand Master. MW Bro. Nielsen said "I hope that your lodge will give guidance and assistance to the brothers needing to complete their proficiencies to bring them up to compliance. Lastly I hope the brother needing to complete their proficiencies will rise to the challenge of completing their Masonic education in the degrees."

In presenting this Decision Grand Master Nielsen stated "I believe this Decision sets a definitive benchmark for resolving these delinquencies. The executive summary of the Decision is on the first page. I am directing all Worshipful Masters to have at least the first page of the Decision read in open lodge at a stated meeting. "

The Grand Lodge officers are available to help lodges in clearing up these delinquencies. If you have any questions concerning the implementation of the Decision, please let us know.

## **ANNUAL RETURN WORK PACKAGES**

The 2007 Annual Return Work packages have been mailed to the Secretary of each lodge. The package included a letter from the Grand Treasurer, Instruction Book and three (3) Annual Return work sheets. This year three work sheets were included at the request of many Secretaries, one for their initial draft, one for their records and a clean copy for Grand Lodge. Remember all Annual Returns are due back to Grand Lodge prior to 15 March 2008.





# CELESTIAL LODGE

Florin T. Kahnberg	Bigfork No. 150	10/02/2007
Ronnie H. Allery	Malta No. 57	10/03/2007
Richard Lee Pearce	Ionic No. 38	10/03/2007
Kent D. Veatch	Ashlar No. 29	10/06/2007
Dale W. Williams	Powder River No. 135	10/09/2007
Herb Ballow	Boulder Basin No. 41	10/11/2007
Herbert Smail	Pryor Mountain No. 151	10/12/2007
George Vielleux	Benton No. 25	10/14/2007
Clarence H. Sonstegaard	Corinthian No. 72	10/26/2007
Larry S. LaRocque	Choteau No. 44	10/29/2007
Billy Marquis	Boulder Basin No. 41	11/01/2007
Robert D. McCurdy	Powder River No. 135	11/02/2007
Harold Sampson	Trinity No. 152	11/02/2007
Ben Redant	Benton No. 25	11/18/2007
Robert Lee Hornung	Ionic No. 38	11/08/2007
Donald O. Thexton	Montana No. 2	11/23/2007
Karl Ohs	Mt Jefferson No. 56	11/25/2007
Ralph K. Parker	Kalispell No. 42	11/26/2007
Fredrick L. Patten	Cut Bank No. 82	11/30/2007

*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.*



## 50 YEAR MEMBERS

September, October, November, December

Raymond S. Thomas	Mount Moriah No. 24	September 14
Virgil O. Dilsaver	Ionic No. 38	September 18
Lawrence Taylor	Livingston No. 32	September 21
Richard D. Seibert	Mission Valley No. 78	September 21
Richard B. Dundas	Mount Moriah No. 24	September 28
Sidney B. Peyton, Jr.	Butte No. 22	September 29
Clarence VanFossen	Acacia No. 33	October 15
James L. Meader	Ashlar No. 29	October 25
Arthur F. Hruska	Butte No. 22	October 28
Raymond F. Koby, Jr.	Euclid No. 58	October 29
Dewey J. Hansen	Billings No. 113	November 02
Robert Blankenship	Sts. John No. 92	November 14
Lester C. Franks	Butte No. 22	November 18
Walter A. Pashley, Jr.	Harmony No. 49	November 20
John J. Dunn	Helena No. 3	November 22
Gerald B. Neely	Corinthian No. 72	November 25
Clifford E. Schleusner	Ashlar No. 29	December 07
Eugene W. Mossey	Friendship No. 37	December 09
William J. Webster	Friendship No. 37	December 09
Norman L. Shorb	Ashlar No. 29	December 11
Peter M. Winge	Stillwater No. 62	December 12
Dale D. Moore	Delta No. 128	December 20
Manfred S. Maryott	Star In The West No. 40	December 27
Clarence VanFlossen	Acacia No. 33	December 27
George L. Scott	Corinthian No. 72	December 27

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### October/November

The following is based upon 21 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

Sylvester R. Handley, Jr.	10/18/2007	Westgate No. 27
Conrad W. Koerner	11/17/2007	Stevensville No. 28
Ketih A. Koerner	11/17/2007	Stevensville No. 28
James F. Russell	11/13/2007	Ionic No. 38
James W. Peretti	11/12/2007	Euclid No. 58
Mark T. Hines	11/12/2007	Euclid No. 58
William H. Fulton	10/09/2007	Powder River No. 135

### AFFILIATIONS (DUAL)

Steven M. Boaz	Mystic Tie/Riverside 17	Madeira N0 419
	11/13/2007	Ohio

### DIMIT TO NON-AFFILIATE

Benney Hamman	Choteau No. 44	10/2007
Joseph M. Crick	Belgrade No. 68	11/13/2007



### WITHDRAW DUAL/PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

Name	From	Retaining
Roger E. Carey	Morning Star 5, 10.24.07	Ottawa 51

### AFFILIATIONS PLURAL

Phillip G. Angel	Lavina Temple No. 101	Ashlar No. 29
	10/20/2007	

### Reinstatement

Gordon C. Justice	Suspended 12/31/2005	Reinstated 09/24/2007
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## MONTANA MASONIC HALL OF FAME NOMINIATIONS

**Application / Nomination Form** (see next page) to be used to nominate a Master Mason to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame are contained within your Lodge Assistance Package or contact the Grand Secretary.

Section 10030 of the Code of Statutes states that Montana Master Masons who have performed eminent and outstanding service to Montana Masonry as well as having contributed to the growth of their community, state or the United States may be elected to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame.

Membership shall be by nomination from constituent lodges. This award program shall be administered as provided for by Grand Lodge in 1986. See Administrative Procedures.

If your lodge is nominating a member to the Hall of Fame, complete the APPLICATION - NOMINATION FORM; use the completed form as the cover of your booklet of substantiating evidence of worthiness and endorsements by Brothers and Citizens.

Master Masons nominated may be living or deceased; if deceased they must have been in good standing at the time of death.

**Mail nominations BEFORE APRIL 1, 2006** of the year nomination

Grand Historian  
c/o Grand Lodge of Montana  
PO Box 1158  
Helena MT 59624-1158.

**REMEMBER: MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE EACH  
MONTH OF THE YEAR**



**THE MONTANA MASONIC HALL OF FAME  
APPLICATION – NOMINATION FORM**

Due: Before April 1 of the year the nomination is to be considered

To: Grand Historian; c/o Grand Lodge; PO Box 1158; Helena MT 59624-1158

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Montana

Hereby nominates the following Master Mason for membership in the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame:

**Full “given” Name:**

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First	Middle	Last
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**Date of Birth:** Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Deceased,** Date of Death: Month \_\_\_\_\_, Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

1 On separate sheet(s) of paper (stapled to Application/Nomination Form), include a biography (typewritten of no more than 400 words) of the nominee citing in particular, but not necessarily limited to, the following;

- (A) Education;
- (B) Citizenship;
- (C) Character; and
- (D) Reasons why nominee should receive the honor of election to the Hail of Fame. List achievements, both Masonic and in the world without the Lodge.

2. Staple to this Application/Nomination Form substantiating evidence of worthiness as well as endorsements from Brothers and Citizens.

We, the undersigned Worshipful Master and Secretary of the above named Lodge attest to the nomination of the above named Brother to the Masonic Hall of Fame during a Stated Communication held on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

*(Lodge Seal)*

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Worshipful Master

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

## **RESOLUTION FORMAT** **RESOLUTION DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS**

These instructions provide the accepted protocol on formatting and styling to be used in drafting resolutions for Grand Lodge legislation for its deliberation at annual communications. Resolutions not submitted in accordance with these instructions will be returned to the submitting lodge for re-drafting, or reformatting by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The formatting and drafting requirements are as follows:

1. The heading is "Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_."
2. A resolution may only contain one subject which is clearly stated in its title.
3. The title of the resolution is placed under the heading with a double spaced separation. The title must state concisely what the resolution proposes to do. If the resolution proposes amending a section of the Constitution or the Code, the section must be stated in the title.
4. The resolution may not contain any recitals or whereas clauses within the resolution. A detailed argument and explanation for the resolution may be set forth on a separate page attached to the resolution, which is entitled "Proponent's Explanation of Resolution for [title of Resolution]. The proponent's explanation may not exceed one page, single spaced, with no smaller than 11 point type. It may be written in outline or narrative form. It is recommended that the explanation briefly explain the present situation or status quo and should explain how the proposed resolution improves or corrects the present situation. If the explanation exceeds one page in length, additional pages beyond the first page will not be sent out to the lodges with the resolution and will be destroyed.
5. The resolution portion must read "Be it resolved that:" Each amended section will be in a sequentially numbered paragraph that reads: "Section\_\_\_\_of the [Constitution or Code] be amended as follows:" Each new section will likewise be in a sequentially numbered paragraph that reads: "New Section of the [Constitution or Code] be enacted as follows:"
6. If a section is proposed to be amended, the entire section must be included in the body of the resolution. Additions of text to a section are shown by underline and if desired may be also in bold font or italicized. In any case additions must be underlined. Deletions of text are shown by strikethrough. Either single or double strikethrough may be used, though single is preferable. Be sure to use underlines for added punctuation and strikethroughs to delete unnecessary punctuation. Also note that underlines and strikethroughs are used to add or delete paragraph letters or numbers



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7. When a new section is proposed, even though a new number may be proposed for the section, the Grand Secretary, as codifier, will assign a number to the section.
8. When a section is amended or a new section is proposed, check other sections in both the Code and Constitution that be affected by the amendment or new section. These sections must be amended in the resolution by setting forth the entire section, with additions by underline and deletions by strikethrough.

These Resolution Drafting Instructions were adopted 6 December 2003, by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, and are for use in submission of resolutions at the 2008 Annual Communication. Please include both a paper copy and an electronic copy of proposed legislation.

