



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
425 N Park Ave

THE LEVEL

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FREE FREE FREE Information Mailed to Lodges

The following information has been mailed to the Worshipful Master and Secretary (*as identified in the Lodge Office Election Reports*):

- (1) Summary of actions taken during the 142nd Annual Communication.
- (2) Copy of Grand Master's Plan and focus for the year.
- (3) Copy of Ritualist Program form
- (4) Copy form for Excusing Proficiencies

Instructors –Items 1,2,3 & 4 above plus

- (1) Letter from Grand Master on the Instructor Certified Program and the self-certification form.
- (2) Guide for Lodge of Instruction

Mullan Pass Historic Lodge Meeting August 2

We are fast approaching the time of the annual communication on Mullan Pass. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

Also, if any of you can assist in the logistics of setting up, and taking down, other preparation for the meeting, please contact:

Brother Gary Ellestad at 439-5793 W. Bro. John Thompson at 490-1298.

Bikes for Books 2008-2009

Copies of the 2008 Bikes for Books Program process and Application for Matching Funds will be mailed to each lodge prior to the end of August.

In order to receive the matching funds your lodge must submit the Application for Matching Funds and a check with the lodge's portion of the purchase cost, the Montana Masonic Foundation will then return a check normally within two days with the combined match. **Requests for matching funds will not be processed after June 1st.**

If your lodge can not find your copy of the Application for Matching Funds you can download a copy from the Grand Lodge website or get one from your District Officer.

Masonic Home Picnic

Sunday, August 3rd starting at 11:30 a.m., 2010 Masonic Home Road, Helena. This will be a day for Masons, their family and friends to gather for fun, food and fellowship. Visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of musical entertainment while eating and relaxing. Plan now to have your lodge send a delegation to Helena for the celebration. The event will be sponsored by the Helena area Lodges, Helena Valley Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

Greetings from the Grand East

Greetings Brothers

I would like to thank the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana for honoring me with this privilege to serve as your Grand Master.



This year we are going to have Pride and Excellence in our Lodges. This is going to be accomplished by using the Ritualist Program and the Certified Lodge Instructor Program. The goal this year is to have 100% of the Lodge Instructors Certified. I invite each Brother to look at the benefits their Lodge will receive by developing a Program that builds Pride and Excellence in learning Ritualist Work at each meeting. Advantages are:

- It will encourage each Brother in the Lodge to learn new and different parts of the Ritualist Work.
- It will encourage newly raised Brothers to immediately start learning parts of the Ritualist Work and to actively participate in the Lodge.
- It will encourage the Lodge Instructor to develop and encourage an individualized program of learning throughout the year for each Brother.
- Each Brother will be acknowledged and rewarded for a job well done and will proudly wear the Ritualist Pin.
- Each Lodge will have a cadre of Brothers ready to help with Degree work within their Lodge or at a neighboring Lodge if asked to assist.
- Each Brother will develop confidence in his ability to do each part of the Ritualist Work in his Lodge which will reflect upon his Pride and Excellence in a job well done.

The Ritualist Program develops Pride and Excellence in each Brother. Such Brothers are motivated to actively participate in their Lodge Work. This will attract new candidates to their Lodges who will also aspire to be part of their Program. I ask each of you to heartily embrace this Program for this upcoming year and see what a difference it will make for you personally and for your Lodge. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Coleman, Grand Master



50 YEAR MEMBERS

John	A.	Bowman	80	20-Mar
Robert	H.	Oakland	128	26-Mar
Robert	P.	Schessler	72	31-Mar
William	E.	Sorg	72	31-Mar
Douglas	D.	Toombs	72	31-Mar
Albert	T.	Tesch	44	2-Apr
Donald	W.	VanKoten	128	2-Apr
C.	Dale	Elser	20	3-Apr
William	F.	Gertson	25	7-Apr
Carr Lyle		Cleveland	104	8-Apr
Harry	B.	Peck	86	9-Apr
James	G.	Allison	106	9-Apr
Harvey	E.	Weikum	44	10-Apr
Charles	F.	Yaeger, Jr.	37	14-Apr
Clifford	W	Peterson, Jr	91	16-Apr
David	C.	Donkle	38	17-Apr
Gerald	N.	Cadman	62	17-Apr
Lawrence	R.	Seaholm	55	20-Apr
Edwin	C.	Minster	49	21-Apr
Philip	C.	Loucks	2	24-Apr
Donald	A.	Johannsen	143	24-Apr
Carl	Q.	Rice	37	25-Apr
Theodore		Henningsen	24	28-Apr
Walter	H.	Hess	55	30-Apr
Lloyd	B	Baldwin	46	1-May
Joseph		Dunbar	50	1-May
David	T.	Cochran	3	2-May
Raymond	A.	Frank	113	5-May
Albert		Groskinsky	113	5-May
Donald	L.	Ness	113	5-May
Clifford	H.	Hanson	91	6-May
Frank	M.	Faller	110	7-May



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J.	Everett	Bullis	92	8-May
Edwin	A.	Falkenstern	74	12-May
Nuel	P.	Hulett	128	14-May
Charles	Omer	Martratt	29	17-May
Gerald		Charlton	37	19-May
Don		Pehlke	46	19-May
Glenn		Kemmer	69	19-May
Roy	F.	Nelson	91	21-May
Howard	L.	McClure	27	22-May
Gerald	H.	Hill	42	22-May
Martin	A.	Bates	140	26-May
Gerald	D	Hoffman	46	2-Jun
Obert		Kartevold	31	5-Jun
John	C.	Brock	78	10-Jun
Wayne		Ward	13	12-Jun
Robert	C.	Dolan	55	19-Jun
William	A.	Dempster	53	23-Jun
William	August	Suddock, Jr.	43	26-Jun
Bill	W.	Mizell	101	27-Jun
John	N.	DeHaas, Jr.	18	29-Jun
John	C.	Ostwalt	72	30-Jun
Clifford	M.	Walker, Jr.	102	1-Jul
Larry	T.	Durocher	42	3-Jul
Harvey	C.	Schake	92	9-Jul
Kenneth	B.	Courtnage	102	12-Jul
Raymond	R	Heusel	128	24-Jul
Frank	T.	Keith	16	28-Jul

Lodge Installations

Lodges shall hold their annual installation of officers after the annual communication of Grand Lodge, but no later than the first regular meeting in September, and hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. Ref: Section 25030

If your Lodge would like the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge Officer to conduct the Installation of Officers for your Lodge please contact them now to make arrangements and be scheduled.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Dean M. Lindahl, MWPGM-H	Morning Star 5	5/7/2008
Clarence Johnson	Morning Star 5	5/20/2008
Vernon A. Griffin	Ashlar No. 29	4/28/2008
Gary Lee Thronson	Livingston No. 32	02/2008
Patrick Louis Horn	Livingston No. 32	4/14/2008
Harold Robert Hayes	Ionic No. 32	5/15/2008
William R. Shoquist	Boulder Basin No. 41	5/10/2008
Paul C. Stahl	Victor No. 43	5/6/2008
Charles T. Wolter	North Star No. 46	3/21/2008
Lyall M. Vick	Ottawa No. 51	4/2/2008
John W. Crosby, Jr.	Ottawa No. 51	5/12/2008
Harrison K. Strong	Ottawa No. 51	4/25/2008
Robert Milligan	Stillwater No. 62	5/8/2008
William R. Clark	Stillwater No. 62	4/30/2008
Herbert V. Goodrich	Ponemah No. 63	5/6/2008
Earl A. Lindgren	Carbon No. 65	4/30/2008
J. Eugene DeFrance	Corinthian No. 72	2/8/2008
Jack L. Cooper	Three Forks No. 73	6/3/2008
Robert McBratney	Pondera No. 80	5/26/2008
Gary L. Marty	Treasurer No. 95	5/10/2008
David E. Munroe	Meridian No. 105	5/16/2008
Warren F. Maust	Delta No. 128	1/21/2008
Duane Urquhart	Delta No. 128	4/9/2008
Robert C. Guldborg	Circle No. 136	6/21/2008
Arthur R. Jandro	Rimrock No. 149	6/5/2008
Donald M. Acheson	Sentinel No. 155	5/18/2008
Lawrence A. Listou	Chinook No. 50	5/22/2008



CELESTIAL LODGE

Dale Johnson	Belgrade No. 68	5/2/2008
James R. Danskin	Montana No. 2	6/6/2008
Lloyd E. Bohart	Gallatin No. 6	6/9/2008
Orville K. Oma	Gallatin No. 6	6/4/2008
Warren J. Yeley	Gallatin No. 6	6/8/2008
Kenneth A. Loff	Columbia Falls No. 89	2/17/2008
Harold R. Bair	Delta No. 128	6/10/2008
Zollie Kelman	Delta No. 128	6/23/2008
David K. Shaules	Huntley Project No. 144	6/17/2008
Gordon R. Hansen	Glendive No. 31	4/4/2005
James L. Herron	Friendship No. 37	12/27/2007
Joseph J. Dunbar	Missoula No.12	6/5/2008
Jeffrey S. Wells	Butte No. 22	UNK
Donald Scheidecker	Corinthian No. 72	6/6/2008

Postage Due and Removing Members from the Membership Database

Some of you have received notices from the mailing of the Montana Masonic News of address changes and/or the post office being unable to deliver to the address provided. The cost of this is becoming exceedingly high and is now being shared back with the lodge along with the notice of a new address or the notice of the mail being undeliverable. We base our initial member address on the information provided by the lodge, then updated by the US Post Office, the Lodge Secretary, member or family of the deceased.

There is no "mailing list" the mailing address are taken right from the Grand Lodge Member database. The only way to "remove" a name from mailings is to submit the following in writing or email from the lodge Secretary or the member, that the member: took a non-affiliate dimit, withdrew dual membership with a Montana lodge, is deceased, suspended NPD, or expelled.

If we can not establish a good US Mail address then the mail will be defaulted to the address of the Lodge or the Lodge Secretary. Remember these are your lodge brothers and the lodge has the responsibility to keep track of its membership. Most lodges have been very pro-active and have been working to locate our brothers who seem to have problem addresses.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**May, June July 2008**

The following is based upon 47 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

RAISED

Michael S. Aubrey	5/27/2008	Montana No. 2
Richard Bateman	5/17/2008	Missoula No. 13
Robert D. Field	5/17/2008	Missoula No.13
Dennis Doherty	5/17/2008	Missoula No. 13
Dallas R.D. Williams	5/17/2008	Missoula No. 13
Gregory Alvarez	5/20/2008	Euclid No. 58
Raymond C. Luna	5/20/2008	Euclid No. 58
Brian D. Lundquist	5/20/2008	Euclid No. 58
Michael H. Stobie	5/20/2008	Euclid No. 58
Casey R. Hayder	5/14/2008	Ponemah No. 63
Randy C. Nilsen	5/19/2008	Meridian No. 105
Robert T. Roddy, Jr.	5/25/2008	Rimrock No. 149
Cameron F. Jones	5/23/2008	Rimrock No. 149
Frank R. Ruffatto	5/28/2008	Trinity No. 152
Jerry Jarnell	5/28/2008	Trinity No. 152
James L. Smith	3/5/2008	Columbia Falls No. 89
Justin L. Smith	3/5/2008	Columbia Falls No. 89
Eric J. Wood	3/19/2008	Columbia Falls No. 89

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Jeffery Bolstad	From: Ottawa 51 4/18/2008	Retaining: Helena No.3
Warner Hatten	From: Trinity No. 152 5/8/2008	Retaining: Kalispell No. 42

Calendar of Events

July 24-26 DeMolay Conclave, Great Falls

July 25 Deer Lodge No. 14 Installation

Aug 1 Billings Area Lodges Installation

Aug 2 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Billings

Aug 2 Mullan Pass Historic Lodge Meeting, 10am

Aug 3 Masonic Home Picnic, 11:30

Aug 10-12 Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Sheridan

Aug 16 Lincoln Lodge Annual Fish Fry

Aug 16 Mt Jefferson Lodge Cow Pasture Golf

Aug 16 Bozeman area Lodge Installation

Aug 23 North Star Lodge Installation

Aug 30 Great Falls area Lodges Installation

Aug 31 Powder River Lodge Installation

Sept 4 Loyalty No. 121 & OES Installation

Sept 6 Thompson Falls No. 70, 100 Years

Sept 10 Huntley Project No. 144 Installation

Sept 13 Bannack Historic Lodge Meeting

Sept 18-20 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Moscow

Sept 20 Musselshell No. 69, 100 Years

Sept 27 Northern Lights District Lodge of
Instruction, Sidney

Oct 4 York Rite, Red Cross, Helena

Oct 10 York Rite, Red Cross, Billings

Lodge Copies of the Constitution and Code

By the end of August each Lodge through the Lodge Secretary will be mailed two copies of the current Constitution and Code of Statutes. Please watch for this mailing and make sure that a copy is available or shared by the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Instructor. Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00 each from the Grand Lodge Office.

Lewis Jewel Approved

The Craft assembled during the 142nd Annual Communication in Helena approved the "Lewis Jewel" for Montana Masons. The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Master Mason, if at the time of his initiation, his father was a Master Mason in good standing (or if the father be deceased that he was a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death).



Application forms are available from the Grand Lodge Office and a limited quantity of the Lewis

Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
PO Box 1158
Helena, Montana 59624-1158



The Lewis Jewel Application Form

I, _____, would like to apply for a Lewis Jewel.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if, at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing. The initiate of a deceased father in good standing at the time of his death would also qualify.

The following information is provided for the Lodge Secretary and the engraver (Please print clearly):

Father's name: First, M.I., Last: _____

Date of Father's Initiation (1st Degree): _____

Lodge of Father's Initiation: _____

Son's Name: First, M.I., Last: _____

Date of Son's Initiation (1st Degree): _____

Name of Son's Lodge: _____

Location of Lodge: _____

Name of Secretary of Lodge (Please print): _____

Address of Secretary: (Street) _____

(City, State) _____

(Zip Code) _____

I have investigated and verify the names and dates as stated above are correct. I also verify that the father was a Mason in good standing at the time of the son's Initiation.

Attest:

Signature of Secretary: _____

Forward Application and check for \$60.00 to: Lewis Jewel, PO Box 1158, Helena, MT 59624-1158

Note: We are seeking another supplier in hopes of a better price.

Instructions to Lodge Secretary: If father was not initiated in your Lodge, please contact the Grand Secretary's Office at (406) 442-7774 for verification of date and status.

Essential Keys for Masonic Education

Many of you had the opportunity to hear and see the presentation by W. Bro. Bob Davis on “Essential Keys to a Successful Masonic Education Program at the Craft Lodge Level”.

Copies of this presentation are available from the Grand Lodge Office.

- Overview of Contents
- First Things First
- Social Initiation Stage
- Preparation Stage
- The Candidate and the Degrees (Conferral Stage)
- Continuing Masonic Education
- Questions for the Entered Apprentice
- Applications of the Entered Apprentice Degree in Daily Life
- Questions for the Fellow Craft
- Applications of the Fellow Craft Degree in Daily Life
- Questions for the Master Mason
- Applications of the Master Mason Degree in Daily Life
- Websites and Blogs for the Masonic Traveler

Sample Questions:

- Why are the square and compasses give more prominence than the other working tools?
- Does the lodge offer or suggest any plan of salvation or assurance of entrance into heaven?
- List at least four ideas or virtues “taught” by the Masonic apron.
- Why does Masonry use ritual as a means of instruction?
- What are the three tenets of Masonry?
- Why is the North considered a place of darkness in Masonry?

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