



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
425 N Park Ave
Helena, MT 59601

THE LEVEL

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Military Honor Roll

This is a request for names of current Montana Masons who served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please send the name of the brother, Lodge and the branch of Service, rank, rate, or MOS and theater of operation. These brothers will be recognized in an upcoming issue of the Montana Masonic news. This is voluntary as we understand there may be some who do not wish to participate.



Please mail the information to:

Editor, Montana Masonic News
PO Box 1158
Helena, MT 59624-1158

The Grand Master will present the pin during his visit to your lodge. Remember to send in your request for his official visit to the Grand Lodge Office and allow time for proper scheduling.

Bikes for Books

It time to start thinking about the Bikes for Books program. Updated program information, procedures and forms have been mailed to each lodge and is posted at the Grand Lodge website.

As in the past, if you wish to request the Grand Lodge provided Bikes for Books Poster, Bookmarkers or Serialized Bike tags you will need to provide the following information.: number of students participating, number of bikes to be awarded, number of schools and number of classes within each school. Please have this information when you request the materials or it will delay receiving the materials. Please plan ahead and request the materials in advance of when you will need them. Our printing and stock of posters, bookmarkers and tags is based upon the information from the lodges.

Remember that there is a change in process for receiving matched funds from the Montana Masonic Foundation and you will need to provide the lodge portion of the cost first. The Foundation will not provide a match if you do not follow the instructions and process. The program start date is 1 Feb.

2008 Annual Return

The 2008 Annual Return instruction and work package will be mailed to each Lodge Secretary during the Month of December. This year we will also include an electronic copy in .pdf format. This will allow the worksheet to be completed in a form-fill environment and many of the entries will self-populate to other parts of the form. You will still need to print the final and mail the paper copy with the required signatures and check.

Pride & Excellence In Ritual Work

The following is the Grand Master's focus for the year and contains the Goals and Objectives

Goals:

- To strengthen our Masonic culture through education processes which develop Pride and Excellence in the delivery of the Montana Standard Ritual work.
- To strengthen our constituent lodges through the education processes of the Lodge Instructor Program and the Ritualist Program.
- To attract new candidates of exemplary character and moral qualifications.

Overarching goals :

- Teach and instruct lodge brothers, officers, and instructors ritual proficiency and excellence in the conferral of degrees and in the opening and closing.
- Provide educational resources and programs for lodges to continue making Masons, both newly initiated and established Brothers.
- Provide assistance, when requested of the District Officer, to lodges in their conferral of degrees. Candidates will be conducted by the Lodge receiving the petition. The Grand Masters Classes program will be discontinued.

Objectives:

District Lodge of Instruction: The purpose for the District Lodge of Instruction is to develop and teach excellence in Ritual work to the Lodge officers and brethren.

Lodge Instructor Program: Instructors must be Masons who exemplify the virtues of Masonry and are knowledgeable in the Ritual and the Constitution and Code. During their appointment Instructors ensure their lodges do proper degree work in accordance with the Montana Standard Work approved by the Grand Lodge of Montana and mentor and instruct Brothers in the Ritualist Program.

Ritualist Program: The primary intent of the Ritualist Program is to create a culture for the Lodges to be self sufficient and proficient in the Montana Standard Work. The focus is to encourage the brothers to develop Pride and Excellence in delivering Ritual work. The Masters of the Lodges can promote this program as a means to strengthen their Lodge.

Unauthorized Copies of the Work: District Officers and Lodge Instructors must ensure that lodges do not use unauthorized rituals or materials in the lodges.

Education: Each lodge is encouraged to work on Masonic Education at every meeting. This will be enhanced by the use of the District Lodge of Instruction, the Lodge Instructor Program, and the Ritualist program.

Master Builder and Fraternal Mother Programs: The Master Builder and the Fraternal Mother Programs will not be continued. All programs have a life cycle and it is time to retire these two programs. In doing so, lodges will be able to concentrate upon the two primary programs of education which are the Lodge Instructor program and the new Ritualist program.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Daryl G. Goebel	Flint Creek No. 11	09/15/2008
Arthur C. Knight	Flint Creek No. 11	09/16/2008
Fred Knuchel	Deer Lodge No. 14	05/09/2008
Kenith R. Featherly	Dillon No. 16	07/27/2008
George Dusenberry	Bozeman No. 18	09/19/2008
Wendell N. Hansen	Cascade No. 34	09/29/2008
Clair L. Mathiason	Friendship No. 37	09/07/2008
Lewis D. Stahl	Mount Jefferson No. 56	09/16/2008
Robert O. Chaney	Star In The West No. 40	09/17/2008
Dean C. Sheehan	Hiram No. 56	09/2008
Franklin D. Kneebone	Butte No. 22	UNK
Glen H. Boden	Choteau No. 44	12/02/2005
Louis Crohn	Bigfork No. 150	10/02/2008
Charles Shields	Bigfork No. 150	10/06/2008
Owen Gabriel	Ottawa No. 51	12/08/2006
Martin Jacobson	Ottawa No. 51	08/24/2008

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**September/October 2008**

The following is based upon 30 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

RAISED

Jacob O. Tremdle	03/20/2008	Dillon No. 16
Russell A. Churchill	10/11/2008	Unity No. 71
John Picket Wilson, Sr	08/26/2008	Ashlar No. 29
Joey Dean Boheman	08/26/2008	Ashlar No. 29
Jason Mark Smith	08/26/2008	Ashlar No. 29

AFFILIATIONS

Patrick W. Griffin	Belgrade NO. 68	09/23/2008	Tx Mbr from: No. 59, G.L. Iowa
Gary A. Paulson	Belgrade No. 68	10/14/2008	Retain: Star In The West No.40
Christopher B. Saylor	Choteau No. 44	10/01/2008	Retain: No. 380, G.L Florida
Jeremy T. Saylor	Choteau No. 44	10/01/2008	Retain: No. 714, G.L. Indiana

Withdrew Dual or Plural Membership

James R. Staedt	Withdrew: September 2008	Retained:
	Mt Jefferson No.56	Mystic Tie/Riverside No. 17
Delmer L. Bradway	Valley No. 21	Withdrew: Big Horn No. 43
		G.L. Wyoming 10/20/2008
Robert E. McNary	Withdrew: Lavian-Temple No. 101	Retain: Musselshell No. 69
	10/08/2008	
William B. Herman	Withdrew: Boulder Basin No. 41	Retain: Ottawa NO. 51
	10/20/2008	

**HAS YOUR LODGE BEEN SUBMITTING
THE REQUIRED MONTHLY REPORT ? Monthly Reports
are due each month even if the Lodge is "Dark".**

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2008-2009 Masonic Directory Updates

The page numbers are based on the full-size 8.5x11 size directory.

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Poplar, MT 59255

768-5402(H) 768-8336(C) 768-5173(O)

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1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm

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Page 29 – Havre No. 55

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*The new personal representative for the
Livingston Valley is*

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308 S. 6th Street
Livingston, Montana 59047
406-222-0740

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The new secretary for the Western Montana is

Mark King
1650 Jackson Drive
Missoula, Montana 59802
406-543-7883

Page 65 – Rainbow Girls

<http://www.montanarainbowgirls.webs.com/>

Page 68 – Past Grand Masters

1980: Jack D. Rehberg (29)

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Education and Research

Llewellyn Fletcher
1557 East I Road

Work

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1557 East I Road

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Masonic Honors, Page 73 Recognition

John Mangen

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Grand Lodge Web Page



Yes we are aware that there are sections of the current Grand Lodge Web Page that are not up to date. The entire webpage is undergoing a complete overhaul. It will have a new look and will be easier to navigate. We will continue to host the current page until the update is completed but it will not get as much attention as it becomes a duplication of effort, time and money. We ask that you be patient and bear with us until this is completed. The new web page is being developed using Dreamweaver architecture and will be aesthetically pleasing and easy to use.

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Calendar of Events

November

Nov 4 Election Day
Nov 6 GM @ Lafayette Lodge
Nov 9-11 Grand Lodge of Nevada
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 15 Headwaters District Lodge of
Instruction, Virginia City, 10 am
Nov 22 Sagebrush District Lodge of
Instruction, Broadus, 10 am
Nov 24 GM @ Western Star No. 104
Nov 27 Thanksgiving

December

Dec 6 GLO meeting, Helena
Dec 13 CMR District Lodge of
Instruction, Lewistown, 10 am
Dec 25 Christmas

January

January Saints John Observance month
Jan 19 MLK Day
Jan 22-24 Grand Lodge of Colorado
Jan 29 Robbie Burns Dinner,
Kalispell