



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

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Freemasonry and Education

Brethren,

Annually, every lodge should hold an observance for our public schools. This may be accomplished anytime during the Masonic year, but prior to June 1st. This observance may be combined with other lodges, OES, youth groups, or other organizations that the Worshipful Master would deem appropriate.

Our Masonic Constitution and Code of Statues encourages lodges to discuss school elections in open lodges. Public education, the very cornerstone of our freedoms, is not considered a political matter. The public school system has the support of the fraternity for its encouragement of higher learning through the unshackled mind.

An example of Freemasonry support to public education can be found in the ghost town of Bannack, Montana. There in the early days of Montana history and in the midst of the gold rush and fever, our Masonic brothers built a school house with the lodge on the upper floor. This was not done by chance! Our early brethren considered the support of the public schools as one of their most sacred duties. We should no less consider it ours!

All lodges and all Masons should make it their civic duty to attend school board meetings, vote in school board elections and mill levies, and offer the use of their lodges to hold discussions and open forums among the candidates for the school board. It is our Masonic responsibility to do something about improving the conditions in our schools so that our children and grandchildren can receive the quality education that they deserve.

Robert A. Coleman, MWGM

2008 Annual Return

Annual Returns are due prior to 15 March 2009. In accordance with Section 25070 Annual Returns are due on or before the 15th day of March. Any lodge failing to timely file shall pay a fine of \$3.00 per day for each day elapsed after the deadline date, unless the Grand Master shall extend the filing time for good cause shown. Any lodge willfully failing to timely file shall not be allowed to sit or participate in Grand Lodge until it has complied. As of March 3rd only 36 lodges had submitted their annual returns.

Montana Masonic License Plates Support the Montana Masonic Foundation

Montana Masonic license plates are still available. **We need to sell another 100 plates** so please consider this plate when you renew or license your vehicle.

Proceeds from this license plate go to support the Montana Masonic Foundation.



District Lodge of Instruction

March 21 Great Falls District Lodge of Instruction—Great Falls, 10am

Calendar of Events

March

- March 6 Fraternal Friendship Night, Billings
- March 14 Annual Returns due to Grand Lodge
- March 20 GM @ Billings area Lodges meeting
- March 20/21 Grand Lodge of New Mexico
- March 21 Great Falls District Lodge of Instruction, Great Falls

April

Lodge elections –no earlier than the first regular meeting in April and no later than the first regular meeting in May.

- April 1 Hall of Fame Nominations due prior to 1 April
- April 4 GLO Meeting in Miles City
- April 4 Finance Committee meeting, Miles City
- April 4 Daughters of the Nile installation—Helena
- April 8 Easter Tableaux—Helena, Helena Valley Scottish Rite
- April 24 GM @ Joint meeting Libby, Libby 85, Eureka 93, Troy 126
- April 25 GM @ International Meeting, Bonners Ferry, ID and Creston B.C.
- April 27 Advance Proceedings and proposed legislation transmitted to Lodges

The 2009-2010 Officer Election Form (see next page) is also available on-line in a “form-fill” .pdf format.

**LODGE OFFICER ELECTION REPORT
2009 - 2010 MASONIC YEAR**

Please print or type all information

LODGE _____ NO. _____

STATED MEETINGS: [Day(s) of week] _____ at _____ a.m./pm.

during the month of _____ through the month of _____

If you have changed meeting dates and times have you amended your Lodge By-Laws ___Yes ___No

Physical address of Lodge _____

U.S. Mail address at Lodge _____

Instructions:

- Lodge elections are required by Code Section 25020 to be held between the first regular meeting in April and the first regular meeting in May.
- In accordance with Code Section 27030, service as Warden in any Jurisdiction renders the member eligible to election as Master. All the officers, except the Tyler, must be chosen from among the members of the Lodge. No one shall be eligible to office who is not in good standing and who has not passed a satisfactory examination of the Montana proficiency in all three Degrees.
- Complete this Form as soon as possible after the election and return this form No later than 30 May to the Grand Secretary. The MONTANA MASONIC LODGE DIRECTORY is scheduled for printing in early July so your prompt response is appreciated. A late response can significantly delay printing and distribution.
- Type or print the mailing address to which the officer wants to have Grand Lodge mail sent. Verify with the officer the U.S. Mailing address that he wants used.

Type or **print the full name** (include Jr., Sr., III, etc., if applicable, but no nicknames, please).

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that this is a true and correct list of officers elected to serve this Lodge for the year 2009-2010.

(Lodge seal)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Secretary)

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PART II – ELECTED OFFICERS

2009 - 2010 MASONIC YEAR

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: Date _____

SENIOR WARDEN: _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: date _____

JUNIOR WARDEN: _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: Date _____

TREASURER: _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: Date _____

SECRETARY (OR SEC/TREAS): _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: Date _____

LODGE INSTRUCTOR (RECOMMENDED): _____

PREFERRED ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: _____ MM Prof: Date _____

Appointed Officer Information is not required for this Report

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PO Box 1158
Helena, Mt 59624-1158

Or call with Credit Card information to
(406) 442-7774)

Buffalo Skull with Square and Compass Crystals. We still have a supply of the Buffalo Skull crystals from last year available for \$20.00.

We also have some of the stainless steel



Hat \$15.00

Dues and Dues Cards

Lodge dues should be received by the Lodge no later than December 31. Dues Cards should be provided back to the member immediately thereafter. If the member is in good standing including Paid Life Members and 50 Year Members he shall be provided a new dues card each year. Each lodge shall use the uniform receipt for dues furnished by the Grand Secretary. Dues Cards are good for one year at a time only, regardless of their membership class.

Who is Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge consists of the following: The elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers; such officers as it may from time to time create; Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters of this jurisdiction; the Masters and Wardens or their proxies duly constituted, and the Secretary, without right of proxy, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Masters who qualify as Past Masters of this jurisdiction as provided for elsewhere in this Code.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Herry J. Vollertsen	Helena No. 3	02/15/2009
Doanld L. Overholser	Missoula No. 13	01/20/2009
Claud Chadwick	Deer No. 14	08/14/2008
Ronald Bynd	Dillon No. 16	11/19.2008
Richard Englaf	Bozeman No. 18	01/11/2009
Russell M. Dugdale	Butte No. 22	01/01/2009
Craig J. Foley	Butte No. 22	01/08/2009
DeNoel Nance	Butte No. 22	04/25/2008
Martin Hinnaland	Butte No. 22	09/03/2007
Kenneth M. Judd	Butte No. 22	12/31/2008
A. Calvin Lundwall	Butte No. 22	09/03/2008
Fredrick K. Miller	Ashlar No. 29	11/16/2008
Lincoln E. Sears	Ashlar No. 29	12/17/2008
Elmer L. Kolstad	Glendive No. 31	02/14/2008
Charles Culp	Glendive No. 31	12/12/2008
Lloyd R. Winkle	Livingston No. 32	01/15/2009
Edwin N. Chamberlin	Livingston No. 32	01/25/2009
Kenneth Burritt	Monitor No. 35	11/26/2008
Charles G. Miller	Ruby No. 36	01/18/2009
Edward G. Brownlee	Ionic No. 38	01/17/2009
Richard H. Davis	Ionic No. 38	10/31/2007
John M. Otten	Friendship No.37	06/16/2008
John H. Frick	Choteau No. 44	05/14/2003
Clarence D. Phillips	Choteau No. 44	11/08/2003
Lowell W. Meyers	Choteau No. 44	08/04/2006
Kenneth Rathbone	North Star No. 46	09/01/2008



CELESTIAL LODGE



Stanley M. Knudsen	Chinook No. 50	04/25/2008
Joseph Dunbard	Chinook No. 50	06/08/2008
Max E. Kettlehut	Ottawa No. 51	02/04/2009
Joel F. Rosch	Hiram No. 52	11/27/2008
Manuel Spetgang	Malta No. 57	09/12/2004
James Hallock	Manhattan No. 59	01/15/2009
Lonnie E. Williams	Carbon No. 65	10/08/2003
Donald R. Bradford	Corinthian No. 72	02/09/2009
Cecil R. Owen	Mission Valley No. 78	02/17/2009
Dean V. Loberg	Judith No. 86	07/03/2006
Hans M. Freestad	Columbia Falls No. 89	02/06/2009
Doanld K. McCann	Plentywood No. 91	06/11/2008
Donald S. Reed	Meridian No. 105	10/13/2008
Bonar D. Collinson	Scobey No. 109	01/21/2009
Robert C. Guldborg	Circle No. 136	06/21/2008
Martin A. Bates	Park No. 140	04/12/2008
Robert D. Harshbarger	Shelby No. 143	01/01/2009
Hilliard W. McDonald	Huntley Project No.144 &Judith 86	02/05/2009
George M. Roat	Mountain No. 110	10/05/2008
Ralph E. Dreyer	Circle No. 136	01/20/2009
John N. Nicholson	Shelby No. 143	UNK
Kenneth W. Young	Bigfork No. 150	12/12/2006
Richard L. Winters	Bigfork No. 150	10/04/2008
Stanley Duganz	Bigfork No. 150	06/03/2008
Riley G. Childers	Bigfork No. 150	07/21/2008
Norman B. Sitton	Pryor Mountain No. 151	01/16/2009
Maurice Hardie	Lincoln No. 157	01/01/2009
Harry Hollywood	Deer No. 14	03/07/1992

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**January—February 2009**

The following is based upon 45 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

RAISED

Brian W. Gillespie	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
Daniel A. Lehn	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
Andrew P. Hossle	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
James M. Matovich	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
Robert J. Snow	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
Dakin E. Strait	Missoula No. 13	02/14/2009
Larry R. Blocker	Ionic No. 38	12/13/2008
William E. Baird	Ionic No. 38	12/13/2008
Robert D. Smith	Euclid No. 58	01/20/2009
Joseph G. Foran	Capt. Scott No. 98	01/21/2009
Grant J. Bailey	Mountain No. 110	02/14/2009

AFFILIATIONS

Jared L. Maddox	Helena No. 3	01/05/2009	Retain: Chinook No. 50
John M. Barrows	Ottawa No. 51	01/25/2008	Withdrew: Dillon NO. 16
Mark E. James	Butte No. 22	01/06/2009	?
Robert D. Montgomery	Augusta No. 54	12/11/2008	Withdrew: Havre No. 55
Patrick L. Gordon	Cascade No. 34	12/10/2008	Withdrew Euclid No. 58
Kelly I. Dillon	Mountain No. 110	12/05/2006	Retain: Mt Herman 304, GA
Charles D. Carver	Shelby No. 131		Affiliated: Woodbridge No. 131, CA 10/08/2008

Grand Lodge Webpage
www.grandlodgemontana.org

The Grand Lodge webpage is located at www.grandlodgemontana.org if you have not visited the site recently please take the time to do so. The webpage has been redesigned and while it is still undergoing some updates and revisions there is a host of information available to you at this site.

Reinstated

Jeffery Hartwick	Mt Moriah No. 24	12/31/2004 to 12/01/2008
Kent Mosher	Augusta No. 54	12/31/2008 to 02/15/2009
Tucker Mills	Augusta No. 54	12/31/2008 to 01/05/2009
Lester L. Hankes	Corinthian No. 72	12/31/2008 to 01/21/2009
Allen S. Rymer	Corinthian No.72	12/31/2008 to 01/21/2009
Bryan Dennis	Corinthian No. 72	12/31/2008 to 01/07/2009
Robert Burrows	Corinthian No.72	12/31/2008 to 01/07/2009
John M. Cherne	Butte No. 22	12/31/08 to 02/2009
Robert E. Endresse	Butte No. 22	12/31/08 to 02/2009

Dimit to Non Affiliate

Daniel R. Jones	Deer No. 14	01/06/2009
Brent J. Jones	Livingston No. 32	12/16/2008
Patrick S. Pitman	Livingston No. 32	12/31/2008

Withdrew Dual or Plural Membership

Lewis K. Smith	Withdrew Helena No. 3	12/5/2008	Retain Deer No. 14
Ed Stede	Withdrew Dillon No. 16	12/11/2008	Retain: Wisdom No. 61
Jerry E. LaRose	Withdrew Morning Star 5	12/27/2008	Retain: Saline No. 226, MO
Virgil L. Hicks	Withdrew Bozeman No. 18,	12/04/08	Retain: Lafayette No. 123, IN

The Hi-Line In '09
Consider Traveling by AMTRAK



With the current economic concerns a transportation option of AMTRAK may be a viable option for those Brothers who live along the Hi-Line or close to it. Online you can check times and cost at <http://tickets.amtrak.com>

Suspended NPD

Dirk R. Anderson	Helena No.3	John A. Dougherty	Cascade No. 34
Timothy D. Cook	Helena No. 3	Joe M. Greer	Cascade No. 34
Lance C. Howard	Helena No. 3	Ehud Merkel	Cascade No. 34
Thomas M McEwen	Helena No. 3	Byron G. Morse	Cascade No. 34
Ernest Ray Nunn	Helena 3 Valley 21	Karl A. Fiske, Jr	Cascade No. 34
Kenneth J. Wheat	Helena No. 3	John Rohrer	Cascade No. 34
Donald L. Briggs	Helena No. 3	Collin C. Cornwell	North Star No. 46
Howard H. Hammer	Helena No.3	Glenn L. Hess	North Star No. 46
James L. McClure	Helena No. 3	Marvin W. Howell	North Star No. 46
Perry L. Mitchell	Helena No. 3	Darrell L. Morehouse	North Star No. 46
Todd M. Tecca	Helena No. 3	Joshua D. Rector	North Star No. 46
Dale Mortensen	No. 6 & No. 92	Thomas A. Schmitt	North Star No. 46
Adam M. Bratland	Missoula No. 13	John M. Swanson	North Star No. 46
Shawn A. Dowdy	Missoula No. 13	Duane E. Lloyd	North Star No. 46
Gary Flaget	Missoula No. 13	Raymond White	North Star No. 46
Robert V. Reed	Missoula No. 13	Kenneth L. Stam	Chinook No. 50
Earl T. Smith, Jr	Missoula No. 13	Dennis R. Downs	Chinook No. 50
Terrance P. Weggeland	Trinity No. 152	Bruce Thompson	Stillwater No. 62
Anthony Butori	MT Moriah No. 23	Robert D. Shelhamer	Unity No. 71
Charles Cor	MT Moriah No. 24	Jacob J. Wuest	Unity No. 71
Robert Fivey	Mt Moriah No. 24	Casey J. Goffena	Unity No. 71
Bill Fisher	Mt Moriah No. 24	John C. Hart	Corinthian No. 72
Brian Hands	Mt Moriah No. 24	Donald R. Bradford	Corinthian No. 72
Kenneth Jones	Mt Moriah No. 24	Greg Bowman	Sts John No. 92
Paul Keith	Mt Moriah No. 24	Ted E. Falgham	Sts John No. 92
James Leyden	Mt Moriah No. 24	R. Martin Heth	Sts John No. 92
Leo McCarthy	Mt Moriah No. 24	Dale Mortenson	Sts John No. 92
Jason Parish	Mt Moriah No. 24	Harold Lind	Sts John No. 92
William H. Blake, Jr	Cascade No. 34		

Suspended NPD**Suspended IAW 39070 D.**

Alan R. Thomas	Trinity No. 152
Robert E. Smith	Trinity No. 152
Michael D. Harp	Trinity No. 152
Bob Driggers	Trinity No. 152
Patrick J. Cross	Trinity No. 152

Rockey L. Whipkey	Helena NO. 3
Matthew J. Power	Missoula No. 13
Brandon Stodden	Mt Moriah No. 24
C. Gary Horner	Livingston No. 32
Robert Dalrymple	Stillwater No. 62
Alan Jolson	Unity No. 71
Eric J. McCann	Trinity No. 152

**The “Hi-Line” in ‘09
143rd Annual Communication
June 25, 26, 27**

Information packages about the 143rd Session including registration forms, tentative agenda, ladies tour, and information about Glasgow have been mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge. In addition the registration form can be found on-line at the Grand Lodge website www.grandlodgemontana.org and there will also be a special session issue of the Montana Masonic News.

Proxy cards will be mailed to the Secretaries within the next few weeks. Whenever the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden cannot attend the annual communication he may grant a proxy in writing to some member of his lodge to act in his stead. The proxy must be issued by him at least two days prior to the annual communication and he must notify the other officers of granting the proxy. If either the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden has died during his term of office or has permanently moved from this jurisdiction the lodge may, at a regular meeting held at least two days prior to the annual communication, elect a proxy for such officer. If the member designated as proxy does not use it, the credential cannot be used by anyone else. Proxy cards must be presented to the Registration Committee at Session check in.

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The “Hi-Line” in ‘09 143rd Annual Communication

The 143 Annual Communication will be held on June 25, 26 and 27, 2009 in the hospitality town of eastern Montana “Glasgow”. The Glasgow session is going to be a stupendous event!

The main session hotel is the Cottonwood Inn their facilities are wonderful and the staff gracious and accommodating. The Cottonwood Inn also has several RV spots adjacent to the hotel. Ninety percent of the hotel will be dedicated to the Masons of Montana. At this time the Vesper service is planned to be conducted outdoors on the terrace. The hotel is two floors it does not have an elevator however is handicapped accessible. This is a non-smoking hotel.

The actual session will be held at the Glasgow High School (go Scotties!) which is a mile or so from the hotel. The lunches will be served at the High School cafeteria and will require that tickets are presold. The High School is one floor and is handicapped accessible. The Glasgow High School and grounds are designated as a No Smoking area.