



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

*THE LEVEL*

March 2009

NO. 446

## **Presentation of Lodge Banners**

Continuing with the long standing tradition Lodges are again requested to bring their Lodge Banner for presentation during the Annual Communication. The sitting Worshipful Master or his designee will be presented in public procession. The Banners will be posted about the Lodge room. Please make arrangements to ensure that your Lodge is represented with your banner.

## **Proxy Cards for Session**

Proxy Cards for the WM, SW and JW and a copy of the Rules of Order for the Annual Communication have been mailed to each Lodge Secretary. Please check with your lodge Secretary if your lodge will be needing to have a proxy for the WM, SW, or JW. Proxy Cards will be required if someone other than the WM or the SW or JW are going to vote.

As you will recall, beginning with the 139th Session, "Credential Cards" are no longer issued. However, you **MUST** present your current Dues/Membership Card and have a photo ID when you sign in for session.

Only the members authorized by the Constitution and Code of Statutes may vote. However, any Master Mason in Good Standing and presenting a current Dues Card and photo ID may attend the Annual Communication.

## **143rd Annual Communication**

Pre-Registration Forms for the 143rd Annual Communication, June 25,26 and 27 have been mailed to each lodge. A copy is also included this this issue.

A Special Edition of the Montana Masonic News will be mailed in the beginning of June. This special "Session" issue will contain a Pre Registration Form, Agenda, proposed Legislation, and other Session related information, thus insuring that every Master Mason will have a pre-registration form and the opportunity be well informed as a voting delegate.

Pre-Registration Forms and Agenda are also available on-line at the Grand Lodge website  
[www.grandlodgemontana.org](http://www.grandlodgemontana.org)

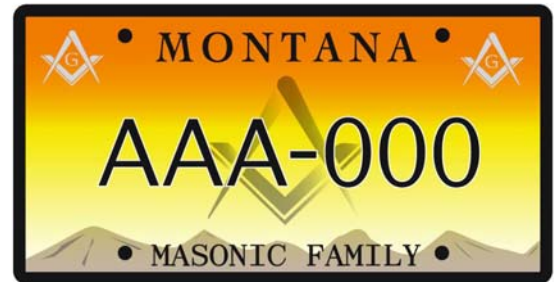
## **Aprons for Session**

Again this year all officers are encouraged to bring and wear the apron appropriate to their office or station within the lodge. Also, all Past Masters are encouraged to wear their Past Master's Apron. There will be a limited number of plain paper aprons available for use. Within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana Masons always wear their aprons outside of clothing; not under the coat or jacket.

## 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  
 March 28 Livingston District Lodge of Instruction -

### Calendar of Events

#### March

- 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

#### May

- May 7-9 Helena Valley Scottish Rite Reunion  
 May 28-30 York Rite Grand Chapter

#### June

- June 19-20 OES Grand Chapter



GRAND LODGE AF & AM of MONTANA  
Robert A. Coleman, Most Worshipful Grand Master



**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
**143rd Annual Communication**  
**June 25, 26, & 27, 2009**                      **Glasgow, Montana**

Mail this Form to  
143rd Grand Communication  
PO Box 1158  
Helena, MT 59624-1158

Registration must be POSTMARKED prior to June 1, 2009

*PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (Name Badge Will Be Completed From This Information)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Given Name)

TITLE (Office, Station, i.e., WM,PM): \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE #: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied by (Ladies name): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the top section and mail it in even if you do not plan to purchase any meals.*

**Registration requested prior 1 June 2009**  
**Ticket availability not guaranteed after June 1st**

**Friday June 26, 2009**

- Breakfast Buffet (Everyone Welcome) No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Luncheon (assorted sandwiches) No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladies Luncheon & Tour Ft. Peck Dam and Interpretive Center No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Delegates/Master Masons Banquet No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Prime Rib     Halibut

**Saturday June 27, 2009**

- Buffet Breakfast (Everyone Welcome) No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Luncheon (Hot Turkey sandwich) No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Reception for New Grand Master & Grand Lodge Officers No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ACTIVITY AMOUNT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment for Activities:**

Check Enclosed# \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: 143rd Annual Communication

Credit Card (Master Card or Visa Only): \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and Credentials will be at the Cottonwood Inn on Thursday Noon to 5 p.m.,  
and at the Glasgow High School starting at 7 a.m. on Friday

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**SESSION LOCATION**

Session events will be at the Glasgow High School, 1 Scottie Pride Drive  
and  
the Cottonwood Inn, 45 1st Ave NE  
RV Parking is available adjacent to the Cottonwood Inn: \$28.00 to \$30.00

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Please make your reservations from one of the Hotels listed below, prior to 1 June 2009.

**Cottonwood Inn**

45 1st Ave NE  
(406) 228-8213  
Room Rate: \$77.00 t- \$85.00+tax

**La Casa Motel**

238 1st Ave N  
(406) 228-9311  
Room Rate: 38.52 1-bed, 50.29 2-beds

**Star Lodge Motel**

1023 US Highway 2 W  
(406) 228-2494  
Room Rate: 32.10 1-bed, 49.94 2-beds

**Campbell Lodge**

534 3rd Ave S  
(406) 228-9328  
Room Rate: 50.00 1-bed, 55.00 2-beds

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009**

5:30 pm Vespers at Cottonwood Inn (Attire- Formal or Business)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009**

9:00 am Public Opening - Glasgow High School (Attire- Formal or Business)  
10:00 am FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND LODGE  
Election of Grand Officers-  
Committee Reports  
12 Noon Men's Luncheon -Glasgow High School  
Ladies Luncheon & Tour Fort Peck Dam and Interpretive Center (Attire-Casual)  
1:15 pm Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor  
4:30 pm Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment  
6:00 pm No Host Fellowship - Cottonwood Inn  
7:00 pm Master Masons Banquet - Cottonwood Inn (Attire - Western casual or Hawaiian)  
Guest Speaker: Tom Jackson, Past Grand Secretary-Pennsylvania  
Hall of Fame Awards, Distinguished Service Awards, Secretary of the Year Award

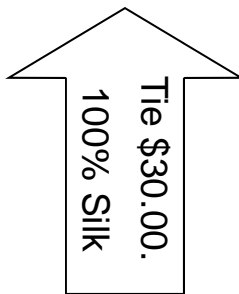
**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009**

7:00 am Breakfast - Cottonwood Inn  
8:30 am Call to Labor, Call to order - Glasgow High School (Attire- Formal or Business)  
Guest Speaker: Tom Jackson, Past Grand Secretary-Pennsylvania  
LEGISLATION  
11:55am Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment  
12 Noon Men's Luncheon - Glasgow High School  
12 Noon PGM Lunch - Glasgow High School  
1:15 pm Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor  
4 pm Formal Closing of 143rd Annual Communication  
5:00 p.m. PUBLIC INSTALLATION Glasgow High School (Attire- Formal or Business)  
Reception for new Grand Master and Grand Officers

Public Installation will follow immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge.  
All Masons, Ladies, families and friends are invited. Reception at Glasgow High School



## Grand Master's Logo Hats and Ties



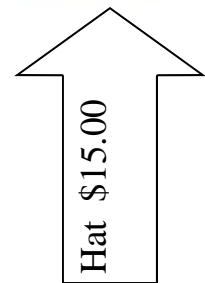
If you would like to order a hat and/or tie send checks to:

**Grand Master's Logo  
PO Box 1158  
Helena, Mt 59624-1158**

**Or call with Visa or Master 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 travel coffee mugs available for \$10.00



## 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.



# CELESTIAL LODGE

Henry John Vollertsen	Helena No. 3	02/15/2009
Lloyd E. Bohart	Gallatin No. 6	09/06/2008
Walter Secor	Gallatin No. 6	12/08/2008
George Mungas, Jr	Flint Creek No. 11	01/01/2009
Ray J. Gibbs	Missoula No. 13	2/23/2009
Harry Hollywood	Deer No. 14	3/7/1992
William M. Rogers	Ashlar No. 29	12/16/2008
Lincoln E. Sears	Ashlar No. 29	12/17/2008
John R. Snowberger	Cascade No. 34	2/12/2009
Louis J. Curtis	Manhattan No. 59	3/2/2008
Hilliard W. McDonald	Judith No. 86/ Huntly Project 144	2/8/2009
Stanley C. Lewis	Lavina Temple No. 101	2/26/2009
Maynard M. Jones	Rapelje No. 122	2/3/2009
Robert G. McDonald	Circle No. 136	2/4/2009
Nuel P. Hulett	Delta No. 128	2/16/2009
Norman Sitton	Pryor Mountain No. 151	1/16/2009
Lyle A. Gibbs	Helena No. 3	2/24/2008
Fred O. Brauer	Missoula No. 13	06/25/2007
Robert E. Smith	Sheridan No. 20	10/26/2008
Kenneth E. Smith	Benton No. 25	4/25/2008
David R. McDonald	Stevensville No. 28	11/7/2008
Horace W. Gregory	Stevensville No. 28	2/7/2008
Wayne A. Michael	Ashlar No. 29	2/25/2008
Clinton A. Rogers	Livingston No. 32	11/29/2008
Carl W. Mehmke	Cascade No. 34	3/15/2009
Gary R. Wiley	Ionic No. 38	3/13/2008



# CELESTIAL LODGE



Alexander Nagel, Jr	Havre No. 55	12/21/2008
John V. Nelson	Whitefish No. 64	6/24/2008
George A. Brown	Thompson Falls No. 70	3/27/2008
Harry Gladden	Libby No. 85	06/26/2006
Edmond F. Kempton	Terry No. 74	UNK
L. Dexter Shaurette	Libby No. 85	UNK
William Quail	Eureka No. 93	6/2008
James J. Spevac	Pilgrim No. 102	10/14/2008
John G. Haaland	Troy No.126	11/4/2008
Allan L. Gonder	Hot Springs No. 153	12/25/2008
Arnold H. Jacobson	Sentinel No. 155	4/10/2008
Kenneth W. Kirkpatrick	Trinity No. 152	3/22/2006
Teddy R. Paddock	Golden Eagle No. 66	12/20/2008

## Bus from Western Montana to Glasgow for Session

If you are interested in participating in going to Session by Bus in group deal contact: Rick King at 360-2959 or [mtvglnt@bresnan.net](mailto:mtvglnt@bresnan.net)

Arrangements are being make with Beach Transportation cost data provided



30- passengers \$97 each	35—passengers \$83 each
40-passengers \$73 each	47—passengers \$62 each



## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

**March 2009**

The following is based upon 43 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

### RAISED

Travis T. Tolley	Ashlar No. 29	2/24/2009
Mark E. Coxwell	Ashlar No. 29	2/24/2009
Daquiri Q. Tofte	Ashlar No. 29	2/24/2009
Johnathon K. Redfield	Ashlar No. 29	2/24/2009
Michel P. Olson	Ashlar No. 29	2/24/2009
James A. Gestautas	Ionic No. 38	2/7/2009
Errol D. Cobb	Victor No. 43	3/17/2009
Christopher R. Sizemore	Euclid No. 58	3/3/2009
Anthony J. Hewitt	Sts John No. 92	2/26/2009
Erin N. Corriagan	Sentinel No. 155	2/7/2009

## AFFILIATIONS

Paul D. Weingart	Gallatin No. 6	21/12/2009	Dimit from: Missoula No. 13
Bruce A. Wheling	Missoula No. 13		
Larry D. Lowe	Ionic No. 38	2/12/2009	Dimit from: Marshall #108,
John N. Love	Ionic No. 38	2/12/2009	Retain: Wisdom No.61
Bradford Y. McGann	Doric No. 53	2/11/2009	W.Hnery 344, VA
Richard Moulden	Doric No. 53	12/2/2008	Dimit from: Rimrock No. 149
Roderick S. Meier	Euclid No. 58	3/3/2009	Retain: Shelby No. 143
Steven W. Kline	Euclid No. 58	3/3/2009	Retain: Gatesville No. 126, N.C.
Timothy W. Tharp	Choteau No. 44	11/5/2008	Dimit from: Scobey No. 109

**Grand Lodge Webpage**  
**[www.grandlodgemontana.org](http://www.grandlodgemontana.org)**

The Grand Lodge webpage is located at [www.grandlodgemontana.org](http://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 T. Scherr	Ashlar No. 29	12/30/08 to 1/13/2009
John G. Hekkel	Acacia No. 33	12/31/2006 to 3/4/2008
Robert E. Sokolich	Acacia No. 33	12/31/2004 to 2/5/2008
Dustin C. Ballard	Cascade No. 34	12/31/2008 to 2/10/2009
James E. Bersuch	Friendship No. 37	To 01/5/2009
Tom K. Hopgood	Ottawa No. 51	03/01/2009
Gary M. Stenulson	Hiram No. 52	12/31/1987 to 02/03/2009

### Dimit to Non Affiliate

Bruce D. Crippen	Ashlar No. 29	2/10/2009
LeRoy M. Larsen	Hiram No. 52	3/17/2009
Jack A. Nevala	Helena No. 3	11/2008
Brian Bogison	Gallatin No. 6	11/7/2008

### Withdrew Dual or Plural Membership

Lee C. Briner	Cascade No. 34	1/1/2009	Retain: R. Bruns 464, PA
Jerry E. LaRose	Morning Star No. 5	8/23/2008	Retain: Saline #226, MO
Brian R. Bogison	Gallatin No. 6	11/07/2008	Retain: Joppa No. 13, D.C.
Thomas Magnuson	Mt Moriah No. 24	1/5/2009	Retain: Elk MT 118, CO
Larry B. Clark	Euclid No. 58	12/16/2008	Retain: Carlton #46, FL

**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 12/31/2008

Dirk R. Anderson	Helena No. 3	James D. Haring	Kalispell No. 42
Timothy D. Cook	Helena No. 3	Marcus O. Hilden	Kalispell No. 42
Lance H. Howard	Helena No. 3	Gregory A. Sandon	Kalispell No. 42
Thomas M. McEwen	Helena No. 3	Robert H. Veltch	Kalispell No. 42
Ernest R. Nunn	Helena No. 3	J.B. Wright	Kalispell No. 42
Kenneth J. Wheat	Helena No. 3	Robin L. Toner	Havre No. 55
Donald L. Briggs	Helena No. 3	Randy H. Randolph	Havre No. 55
Howard H. Hammer*	Helena No. 3	Morris Gummer	Havre No. 55
James L. McClure	Helena No. 3	James C. Heberly	Havre No. 55
Perry L. Mitchell	Helena No. 3	Roger T. Gruber	Havre No. 55
Todd M. Tecca	Helena No. 3	Charles W. Dow	Havre No. 55
Damian R. Briggs	Morning Star No. 5	Robert T. Bricker	Havre No. 55
Paul A. Kazmierowski	Morning Star No. 5	Stephen G. Lyon	Havre No. 55
Christopher L. Caruso	Ashlar No. 29	David L. Appleton	Euclid No. 58
Gene R. Culver	Ashlar No. 29	Michael P. Smith	Euclid No. 58
Duard K. Svec	Ashlar No. 29	James R. Skeet	Euclid No. 58
Timothy R. Coon	Ashlar No. 29	David A. Pierce, Jr	Euclid No. 58
Jeffrey T. Scherr	Ashlar No. 29	Anthony Pflieger	Euclid No. 58
Manuel D. Zuniga	Ashlar No. 29	Harry E. LaMar	Euclid No. 58
Earl T. Smith, Jr	Missoula No. 13	Dennis A. Gray	Euclid No. 58
Michael D. Rademaker	Benton No. 25	Shahid J. Din	Euclid No. 58
Jesse L. Parrow	Acacia No. 33	Steve E. Duba	Euclid No. 58
Terry D. Wilkinson	Acacia No. 33	Timothy D. Coon	Wisdom No. 61
Roger W. Shuman, Jr.	Ionic No. 38	Robert Ebeling	Pilgrim No. 102
Kyle A. Alexander	Ionic No. 38	Peter H. Rice	Pilgrim No. 102
Donald M. Molitor	Boulder Basin No. 41	Theodore Schwinden	Loyalty No. 121
Michael P. Molitot	Boulder Basin No. 41	Dylan M.J. Foley	Sentinel No. 155
Scott P. Seager	Kalispell No. 42	Brendan Moles	Sentinel No. 155
Scott G. Clowdus	Kalispell No. 42	Robert Anderson, III	Trinity No. 152

\* Failed to pay lodge assessment

**Suspended IAW 39070 D.  
12/31/2008**

Rockey L. Whipkey	Helena No. 3
David L. Fulwiler-Berg	Ashlar No. 29
Ronald R. Metcalf	Ashlar No. 29
Shane L. Farnsworth	Ashlar No. 29
Stanley R. Hill	Ashlar No. 29
Jack A. Underwood, JR	Ashlar No. 29
Donald E Creek	Ashlar No. 29
Michael G. Burk	Morning Star No. 5
Shane M. Jenne	Ionic No. 38
Norman D. Sillis	Pryor Mt No. 151
Donald R. Reichenbach	Pryor Mt No. 151

**Suspended IAW 35015**

Daniel R. Prus    Gallatin No. 6    12/16/2008

**Change In Freemasonry**

**Richard E. Fletcher, PGM-VT, Exec Secretary-MSA**

Our fraternity, where we once thoroughly enjoyed each other's company, met around festive boards, engaged in huge public events, opened never before seen homes for the aged and orphanages, built magnificent Masonic buildings with stages the quality of professional theater—then turned ourselves into a fraternity looking inward, far less conspicuous in the community, and far more apt to isolate ourselves in our lodges because we became afraid of criticism. This resulted in making us a fraternity almost totally unwilling to listen to new ideas, thoughts, or approaches to Masonic issues.

Now we are hearing many of our members sayings it's time to "Put fun back into the fraternity." But let's be very careful how we define fun. Fun and frivolous are oftentimes intertwined as having the same meaning, when in fact they have very different meanings. In the Masonic sense fun means enjoyable. Do we really enjoy our fraternity? Do we like being an officer in lodge? Do we like working on committees? Do we like doing ritual? Do we like working on community projects: These are enjoyable activities. They are part of our commitment to the fraternity. So when we ask ourselves: Do I find my work in Freemasonry satisfying, rewarding, fulfilling—we are really asking if the work we do is enjoyable.

As we define Masonic change in the 21st century it's obvious that there are only two major aspects in Masonry that truly need to be changed. *Simply put, we need to change our attitude and strengthen our commitment to the fraternity.* In fact the real change the fraternity needs is a return to the dedication and commitment that made us such an integral part of the community in the past.

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## Monthly Bulletin

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