



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

THE LEVEL

April 2009

NO. 447

Advance Proceedings for 143rd Session

A copy of the Advance Proceedings for the 143rd Annual Communication with proposed legislation will be mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge the week of 27 April. Please watch the mail for this copy and make it available during your Lodge meetings.

Lodge Banners and Aprons for Session

There will be a limited number of paper aprons available at Session. Please bring the appropriate Apron to your place or station in the lodge.

Remember within the jurisdiction of Montana Masons always wear their aprons outside of clothing, not under the coat or jacket.

Please remember to bring your Lodge Banner to be displayed during Session.

Proxy Cards

Proxy Cards have been mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge for the WM, SW and JW. Also included was a copy of the Rules of Order for the Annual Communication.

Please check with your lodge Secretary if your lodge will need 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.

Please remember to bring your Proxy Card with you to Session and present it to the Credentials Committee.

Replacement Proxy Cards will not be available at Session.

Late 2008 Annual Returns

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 and any lodge willfully failing to timely file shall not be allowed to sit or participate in Grand Lodge until it has complied. As of April 21st the following Lodge have not yet submitted their Annual Return: Galata No. 106, Ekalaka No. 120, Jordan No. 148 and Rimrock No. 149.



The Hi-line in '09

Glasgow June 25, 27 & 27

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 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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CELESTIAL LODGE

Duane Lund	Helena No. 3	4/14/2009
Jack C. Price	Deer No. 14	3/14/2009
William J. Collins	Mystic Tie Riverside No. 17	2/16/2009
Clifford Hirsh	Mt Moriah No. 24	3/6/2009
Theodore Henningsen	Mt Moriah No. 24	3/6/2009
Thomas G. Calvert	Cascade No. 34	3/6/2009
Carl W. Mehmke	Cascade No. 34	3/15/2009
Robert R. Yaeger	Friendship No. 37	3/27/2009
Gerald Charlton	Friendship No. 37	7/23/2008
Dan C. Detmers	Ionic No. 38	3/9/2009
Gary R. Wiley	Ionic No. 38	3/13/2009
Frank A. Rosiejka	Kalsipell No. 42	3/18/2009
Gordon L. Pischel	North Star No. 46	3/21/2009
Sparky J. Imeson	Ottawa No. 51	3/17/2009
Raymond J. Felton	Doric No. 53	3/27/2009
Edward E. Matre	Doric No. 53	7/31/2008
John E. Charlton	Unity No. 71	7/23/2008
Stephen Wigranowsky	Unity No. 71	5/25/2008
Erling K. Karlsgodt	Mission Valley No. 78	3/22/2009
William S. Gaugler	Judith No.86	3/2/2009
Douglas M. Dubois	Judith No. 86	3/10/2009
Morris S. Nelson	Plentywood No. 91	2/17/2009
Gerald F. Budke	Plentywood No. 91	3/16/2009
Evan I. Owens	Cap. Scott No. 98	2/5/2009
Bruce H. Gilmore	Mountain No. 110	3/20/2009
Sidney M. Kuhl	Billings No. 113	2/19/2008



CELESTIAL LODGE



Robert F. Thompson	Billings No. 113	11/13/2008
Thomas S. Wilkins	Billings No. 113	11/22/2008
Robert L. Lane	Billings No. 113	2/7/2008
Hilliard W. McDonald	Huntley Project No. 144	2/5/2009
Dale E. Fuller	Huntley Project No. 144	2/17/2009
Leslie R. Kutzler	Rimrock No. 149	3/21/2009
Walter "Kelly" Weissbach	Lincoln No. 157	3/10/2009

Invitation from the
Helena Valley Scottish Rite Bodies



Helena and Surrounding Area Master Masons are invited to attend

a free dinner and program about membership in The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the CST

Learn more about increasing your Masonic knowledge through membership in the Scottish Rite

Dinner will be chicken cacciatore,
salad, veggies, rolls and desert.

After dinner there will be a presentation of the history, degrees, opportunities and Masonic education available to Scottish Rite members.

We need you to RSVP no later than May 11, 2009. Please call the Scottish Rite office at 442-4480.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**March / April 2009**

The following is based upon 40 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

RAISED

Brian O. Witt	Bozeman No. 18	3/13/2009
Tyler J. Brewington	Benton No. 25	3/16/2009
Andrew M. Blades	Livingston No. 32	3/17/2009
Gary D. Fisher	Cascade No. 34	3/24/2009
Allan L. Hauer	Cascade No. 34	3/24/2009
Mark G. Meznarich	Kalispell No. 42	3/16/2009
Jeremy D. Reese	Kalispell No. 42	3/19/2009
Timothy D. Hert	Corinthian No. 72	3/16/2009
John D. Just	Billings No. 113	8/13/2008
Glenn A. Jacobsen	Billings No. 113	8/13/2008
Christopher N. Watters	Billings No. 113	8/13/2008
Brandon S. Ewen	Huntley Project No. 144	3/25/2009
Shane R. Lile	Huntley Project No. 144	3/25/2009
Robert L. Lile	Huntley Project No. 144	3/25/2009
Marc M. Larson	Huntley Project No. 144	3/25/2009
David D. Larson	Huntley Project No. 144	3/25/2009

AFFILIATIONS

William C. Austin	Euclid No. 58 4/7/2009	Retain: Mcleod o. 424, Mississippi
Dale E. Moritz	From: Billings No. 113	To: Ashlar No. 29 11/1/2008
Greg C. Luck	From: Billings No. 113	To: Ashlar No 29 11/1/2008
Wallace G. Stadtfeld	To: Billings No. 113 6/20/2008	
Harry J. VanOrnum	To: Billings NO. 113 2/25/2008	
Giles L. Smith	To: Powder River No. 135 3/10/09	Retain: Ionic No. 38

Reinstated

David F. Rowland, Jr.	From: 12/31/1979 to 2/ /2009	Cascade No. 34
James R. Delaney	From: 12/31/2007 to 3/12/2009	Ionic No. 38
David "Tony" Pierce, Jr	From: 12/31/2008 to 3/10/2009	Euclid No. 58
Jacob J. Wuest	From 12/31/2008 to 4/4/2009	Unity No. 71

Suspended NPD

12/31/2008

Jerry Johnson	Deer No. 14
James R. Bryant	Valley No. 21
Kyle A. Alexander	Ionic No. 38
Roger W. Shuman	Ionic No. 38
Eric S. Stenberg	Doric No. 53
Wade K. Smith	Billings No. 113
William A. Peden	Billings No. 113
Jason R. Ascheman	Billings No. 113
James H. Eichel	Billings No. 113
George Sant	Billings No. 113

Suspended IAW 39070 D.

12/31/2009

Tony J. Gilpin	Gallatin No. 6
Rocky L. Hayes	Gallatin No. 6
Nye W. Howey	Gallatin No. 6
Charles W. Juhnke	Gallatin No. 6
William W. Mackin	Gallatin No. 6
Earl R. McCulloch	Gallatin No. 6
Dennis P. McWaters	Gallatin No. 6
Herbert Metier	Gallatin No. 6
Joseph E. Rundlett	Gallatin No. 6
William T. Wagner	Gallatin No. 6
James H. Williams	Gallatin No. 6
Anthony E. Ackerman	Livingston No. 32/ Hiram No. 52
Shane M. Jenne	Ionic No. 38
Rube E. Wrightsman	Ponemah No. 63
Stuart G. Crismore	Libby No. 85
William S. Crismore, Jr.	Libby No. 85
Gary L. Wheeler	Libby No. 85
Donald J. Cox	Libby No.85
David Thompson	Libby No. 85
Jeffrey B. Hoyer	Libby No. 85
Morris W. Gummer	Havre No. 55

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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.