



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

THE LEVEL

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Advance Proceedings for 143rd Session

On 27 April, a copy of the Advance Proceedings for the 143rd Annual Communication with proposed legislation has been 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.

Montana Masonic News Special Session Issue

On Friday, May 22nd a special edition of the Montana Masonic News was mailed to all Montana Master Masons containing a copy of all proposed legislation that will be presented for consideration during the 143rd Annual Communication.

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

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. The following Lodges have not yet submitted their Annual Return: Galata No. 106 and Ekalaka No. 120.



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: \$8.52 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

Kenneth O. Reesman	Missoula No. 13	4/16/2009
LaVerne O. Klinensmith	Bozeman No. 18	4/26/2009
Chester Hill, Sr	Dillon No. 16	4/26/2009
Kenneth Bandelier	Dillon No. 16	3/19/2009
Terrance Cypher	Dillon No.16	4/9/2009
Chreston F. Adams	Dillon No. 16	4/26/2009
Robert E. Thoft	Stevensville No. 28	2/08/2009
Charles C. Smith	Stevensville No. 28	3/12/2009
Sidney P. Kurth	Ashlar No. 29	3/2/2009
Everett Gibson	Monitor No. 35	4/27/2009
Daniel C. Detmers	Ionic No. 38	4/8/2009
Duane W. Compton	Malta No.57	4/30/2009
Walter J. Guenzler	Mission Valley No. 78	4/11/2009
Victor E. Heeland	Plentywood No. 91	4/23/2009
Bruce H. Gilmore	Mountain No. 110	3/20/2009
Donald R. Chubb	Mountain No. 110	4/25/2009
Norman Sitton	Pryor Mountain No. 151	2/16/2009
James Binkerd	Pryor Mountain No. 151	4/4/2009
Robert W. Hofbauer	Monitor No. 35	3/14/2009
Travis K. Davidsen	Delta No. 129	8/28/2007
Thomas I. Getter	Unity No. 71	5/6/2009
Fred J. Gottel	Friendship No. 37	4/2/2005
Clinton A. Rogers	Livingston No. 32	11/29/2008
Kenneth M. Judd	Butte No. 22	12/31/2008
Terence Higgins	Mission Valley No. 78	UNK
Gaylord Hammill	Sentinel No. 155	3/23/2009



CELESTIAL LODGE



Charles O. Lewis	Cascade No. 34	4/27/2009
Richard Weber	Pryor Mountain No. 151	UNK
Elwin D. Iwen	Loyalty No. 121	4/19/2009
Charles R. "Dick" Thompson	Helena No. 3	5/19/2009
Carver Anderson	Livingston No. No. 32	2008
Michael J. Farley	Havre No 55	5/8/2009
Hubert R. Cook	Rimrock No. 149	12/28/2009
LaVerne Klingensmith	Bozeman No. 18	4/26/2009
Paul Bovee, MWPGM	Ottawa No 51	5/15/2009



Paul E. Bovee
Most Worshipful Grand Master 1985-1986
July 1, 1931 - May 15, 2009

Most Worshipful Brother Paul E. Bovee was born July 1, 1931 in Delta, Colorado, the son of Eugene P. and Zadie E. Bovee. He was educated in Denver, graduating from West High in 1949. He attended Colorado State University and Denver University. He worked as an Engineer for many years as manager of planning, design and construction for Mountain Bell. On May 28, 1954, Brother Bovee married Mary Lou Kaufman. Most Worshipful Brother Paul is survived by his two daughters Lorena and Yvonne and several grand children.

Most Worshipful Brother Bovee was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 22, 1956 in King Solomon's Lodge No. 9, Helena, Montana as a courtesy to Schiller Lodge no. 41 of Denver. Brother Bovee dimitted to King Solomon's No. 9 in 1957 and became its Worshipful Master in 1967 after serving as Lodge Instructor for six years. In Addition, he served on the following Grand Lodge Committees: Committee on Work, Scholarship Committee, Bulletin and Publication Committee and the Insurance Committee. Grand Master Richard B. Rule appointed Brother Bovee to the Grand Lodge line in 1974 as Grand Tyler.

Brother Bovee also belonged to the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Algeria Shrine and Miriam Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was an active member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor and served as the DeMolay Executive Officer.

Brother Bovee served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was Past Secretary and Past President of the Optimist; a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, and was certified by the U.S. Government as a Fallout Radiation Analyst.

Most Worshipful Brother Donald W. Schenck, Past Grand Master - Honorary and Past Grand Secretary, installed Brother Paul E. Bovee into the office of Grand Master during the 119th Annual Communication.

Masonic graveside services for Most Worshipful Brother Paul E. Bovee will be held in Helena the specific date is still being determined but will b July. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**April/May 2009**

The following is based upon 39 of the 99 Lodges having submitted the required report

RAISED

William C. Gaffney	Kyle No. 96	5/19/2009
Richard E. Schultz	Stillwater No. 62	5/14/2009
Lucus J. Seibert	Stillwater No. 62	4/14/2009
Elliot A. Archibald	Mt Moriah No. 24	4/20/2009
Patrick R. Kueffler	Mt Moriah No. 24	4/20/2009
Thomas B. Cox	Westgate No. 27	4/2/2009
Andrew N. Nye	Westgate No. 27	4/16/2009
Russell E. Osmundson	Malta No. 57	4/1/2009
Kenneth W. Ereaux	Malta No. 57	4/1/2009
Timothy D. Hert	Corinthian No. 72	3/16/2009
Michael L. Andrews	Corinthian No.72	3/16/2009
Brandon S. Ewen	Huntley Project No. 144	3/35/2009
Shane R. Lile	Huntley Project No. 144	3/35/2009
Robert L. Lile	Huntley Project No. 144	3/35/2009
Marc M. Larson	Huntley Project No. 144	3/35/2009
David D. Larson	Huntley Project No. 144	3/35/2009
David P. Foster	Deer No. 14	5/16/2009

AFFILIATIONS

Louis W. Danes	Stevensville No. 28	4/2/2009	From: Downey United 220, CA
Daniel C. Detmers	Ionic No. 38	4/9/2009	Retain: Kaibab No. 25, UT
Michael Otepka	Pondera No. 80	5/13/2009	From: MM Dimit
Casey Dubbs	Pryor Mountain No. 151	3/35/2009	Retain: Judith No. 86
John Daugherty	Pryor Mountain No. 151	3/25/2009	Retain: Ashlar No. 29
Larry B. Clark	From: Euclid No. 58		To: Carlton 46, FL 5/12/2009
Neil L. Hering	From: Bozeman No. 18		To: Berkley 536, MI 5/21/2009

Suspended NPD 12/31/2008

Jerome J. Pawluck, Jr	Rimrock No. 149
David S. Nicoll	Rimrock No. 149
Ted M. Linberg	Rimrock No. 149
Randall Harvey	Rimrock No. 149
Richard T. Harris	Rimrock No. 149
Kenneth L. Cook	Rimrock No. 149
John M. Denton	Rimrock No. 149
Darrel Coram	Rimrock No. 149
Wayne C. Conn	Rimrock No. 149
Rodney C. Carslon	Rimrock No. 149

Bikes for Books

Copies of the 2008 Bikes for Books Program process and Application for Matching Funds have been mailed to each lodge. 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 funds prior to 1 June 2008. **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.

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! Don't miss it.

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.

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