



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

## THE LEVEL

June/July 2009

NO. 449

### SUMMARY OF THE 143rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

#### ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNICATION

Elective Grand Officers present: <b>5</b>	Total Chartered Lodges: <b>99</b>
Elective Grand Officers Pro Tem: <b>1</b>	Chartered Lodges present: <b>62</b>
Appointed Grand Lodge Officers present: <b>13</b>	Chartered Lodges <u>not</u> represented: <b>37</b>
Past Grand Masters present: <b>11</b>	Distinguished Guests: <b>27</b>
PGM from other jurisdiction living in MT*: <b>1</b>	* MT PM
Grand Lodge Officer –Emeritus: <b>1</b>	Others present not entitled to vote: <b>7</b>
Worshipful Masters present: <b>17</b>	Proxies Worshipful Master: <b>7</b>
Senior Wardens present: <b>9</b>	Proxies Senior Warden: <b>8</b>
Junior Wardens present: <b>10</b>	Proxies Junior Warden: <b>2</b>
Secretaries present: <b>20</b>	Total Registered: <b>181</b>
Other Past Grand Officer entitled to vote: <b>1</b>	Total entitled to Vote: <b>147</b>
Past Masters Not Included above: <b>41</b>	

#### SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

Distinguished Service Medal (Silver)	Joseph R. Simpson (86)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)	Gary Schmidt (3), Don Nelson (121)

#### SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Terry Davis (22)

#### RITUALIST AWARDS

Thomas R. Jordan (155), PGM

Christopher W. Rubich (2), PM

#### GRAND LODGE BUDGET

Grand Lodge Budget for 2009-2010	<b>PASSED</b>
Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee for 2009-2010 is <b>\$27.85</b>	<b>PASSED</b>

#### NEW ONLINE SECRETARIES PROGRAM

Records OnLine for Lodge Secretaries (ROLLS) approved for acquisition and use by the Grand Lodge of Montana and constituent Lodges. **APPROVED**

## SUMMARY OF THE 143rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION Continued

### TWO MASONIC HOME BOARD TRUSTEES ELECTED

David L. Nielsen (5,18) 3150 Vigilante Dr, Helena, MT 59602

Marshall Gingery (41), 2522 Primrose Ln, Helena, MT 59701

### HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE

Elected as a Trustee of the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame, Larry Hale (38)

## LEGISLATION

### GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

GMR - 2009 - 01	Allowing All Master Masons Voting Members of Grand Lodge	<b>FAILED</b>
GMR - 2009 - 02	Clarifying the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame	<b>PASSED</b>
GMR - 2009 - 03	Clarifying the Signing of By-Laws	<b>PASSED</b>
GMR - 2009 - 04	When a Lodge becomes unsafe or unsuitable	<b>PASSED</b>

### HOLDOVER LEGISLATION

JUR - 2009 - 01	Determination of quorum for Session	<b>PASSED</b>
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### PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

R - 2009 - 01	Committee for conducting One Day Classes	<b>FAILED</b>
R - 2009 - 02	One Day Classes	<b>FAILED</b>
R - 2009 - 03	Committee on Membership	<b>PASSED</b>
R - 2009 - 04	Committee for Masonic Organizations	<b>PASSED</b>
R - 2009 - 05	Proficiency required before joining appendant body	<b>FAILED</b>

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN - 2009 - 01	Concerning Audits	<b>PASSED</b>
FIN - 2009 - 02	Duties of Grand Treasurer	<b>PASSED</b>
FIN - 2009 - 03	Security Bond change to Fidelity Coverage	<b>PASSED</b>
FIN - 2009 - 04	Clarifying duties of Secretary/Treasurer	<b>PASSED</b>

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The monthly bulletin should be shared in lodge with all the members. Distribution is limited to the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Instructor, Grand Lodge Officers, PGM's, Committee Chairmen and the Secretary or Recorder of our Appendant Bodies.

The current "Reinstatement Fee" for 2009-2010 is **\$27.85**

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### OTHER ACTIONS

#### **TROY LODGE NO. 126**

Troy Lodge No 126 surrendered its Charter and the action was accepted by the Craft

#### **GALATA LODGE NO. 106**

By action of the Craft assembled, Galata Lodge No. 106 has been charged with violation of Section 22060, Item A .Disobedience of any provisions of the Constitution or Statutes of Grand Lodge; B. Disregard of lawful authority of the Grand Master; E. Failure to meet within a period of three successive months. These charges will be investigated by a commission of sitting Worshipful Masters.

Legislative action adopted at the 143rd Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

**The 144th Annual Communication will be held June 24, 25, and 26, 2010 in Missoula, Montana.**

### Lodge Installations

Lodges shall hold their annual installation of officers after the annual communication of Grand Lodge, but no later than the first regular meeting in September, and hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. Ref: Section 25030

### Coming Soon to a Lodge Secretary Near You

By the first week or two in September each Lodge through the Lodge Secretary will be mailed two copies of the current Constitution and Code of Statutes. Please watch for this mailing and make sure that a copy is available or shared by the Worshipful Master, Secretary and or Instructor. Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00 each from the Grand Lodge Office.

**Remember– Monthly Reports are due every month even when the lodge is dark.**

### Reinstatements

When processing a reinstatement remember that the reinstatement fee is due when you send in the Monthly Report showing their reinstatement.

If a brother was Suspended for NPD and also owed proficiencies in accordance with Section 39070 D he must return the proficiency prior to being reinstated. A Master Mason suspended by this subsection is reinstated to membership upon completing satisfactory proficiency examination for these degrees.



# CELESTIAL LODGE

Robert E. Richeson	Morning Star No. 5	05/2009
Francis M. Superneau	Missoula No. 13	6/24/2009
Ormand R. Baldridge	Missoula No. 13	5/9/2009
LaVerne Klingsmith	Bozeman No. 18	4/26/2009
Laird Plymale	Valley No. 21	5/26/2009
William Tarrant	Mount Moriah No. 24	6/1/2009
Howard L. McClure	Westgate No. 27	6/21/2009
Charles T. Wolter	North Star No. 46	3/21/2009
Carl R. Thompson	Ottawa No. 51	UNK
Herbert J. Bacon	Wisdom No. 61	5/9/2009
John V. Nelson	Whitefish No. 64	6/24/2009
Lewis McBride	Musselshell No. 69	5/31/2009
Louis C. Kalberg	Musselshell No. 69	5/1/2009
John R. Davies	Mission Valley No. 78	1/13/2009
Terence Higgins	Mission Valley No. 78	5/2/2009
Frank P. Dakan	Rimrock No. 149	9/1/2003
Roy E. Ohman	Acacia No. 33	4/21/2009
Robert Vucasovich	Acacia No. 33	5/29/2009

## Conversion to Records Online for Lodge Secretaries (ROLLS)

We are starting the conversion to the ROLLS online program for Secretaries. If you are not currently using a computer based program you will need to continue using and submitting the old paper forms. If you are using the Lodgeical Secretary program please follow the instructions below so that we can accomplish the migration of your data into the ROLLS program. If you are using another computer based Secretary program or even a simple Excel spreadsheet it may be possible to migrate that data into the ROLLS but, you will need to rename data fields to match specific names for this you will need to contact Brother Andrew at the Grand Lodge Office at 442-7774 or [andrew@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:andrew@grandlodgemontana.org)

The initial migration of lodge membership data will be from the membership data base used by Grand Lodge, however knowing that many lodges have more detailed information within their database and also financial data that should be carried over into ROLLS you will need to provide this information by exporting it into an Excel file or files which include your Lodge Name and Number.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES****June/July 2009**

The following is based upon 42 of the 98 Lodges having submitted the required report

**RAISED**

Brian J. Hughes	Missoula No. 13	5/5/2009
Samuel A. Trammell	Missoula No. 13	5/5/2009
Clayton J. Webber	Missoula No. 13	5/5/2009
David P. Foster	Deer No. 14	5/16/2009
Curtis R. Roe	Bozeman No. 18	5/7/2009
Joshua B. Norris	Bozeman No. 18	5/7/2009
Mark A. Pederson	Westgate No. 27	6/18/2009
Andy C. Lund	Ionic No. 38	5/19/2009
Todd J. Meagher	Belgrade No. 68	5/26/2009
Peter J. Howard	Sentinel No. 155	5/30/2009
Keven A. Kidder	Sentinel No. 155	5/30/2009
Timothy M. Ondrak	Sentinel No. 155	5/30/2009
Samuel R. Aldridge	Hot Springs No. 153	6/10/2009
Michael W. Kirry	Ponemah No. 63	6/10/2009

**AFFILIATIONS**

Neil L. Hering	From: Bozeman No. 18	To: Berkely 536, MI 5/21/2009
N. Jay Klawon	Retain: Ionic No. 38	Affiliated: Wisdom No. 61 5/5/09
Benjamin A. Stein	Retain: Ionic No. 38	Affiliated: Wisdom No. 61 5/19/09
Michael D. Janeway	From: Glendive No. 31 5/20/2009	To: Lower Yellowstone No. 90

**Reinstatement**

Paul Keith	From: 12/31/07 to 5/18/09	No address provided, No reinstatement fee
Derald J. Thiessen	From 12/21/2008 to 5/28/2009	Check Fee

**Suspended NPD as of 12/31/2009**

Michael G. Dempsey	Meridian No. 105
Shawn R. Ostemiller	Meridian No. 105
Brad P. Wright	Meridian No. 105

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 17-18 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference, Coeur d'Alene
- 18 East-West Shrine Game
- 25 Mountain Lodge No.110 Installation
- 25 Installation of Thompson Falls No.79, Plains No. 53, Hot Springs No. 153, 10am

### August

- 1 Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862 annual meeting and picnic
- 7 Billings Area Lodges Installation
- 8 Mt Jefferson Lodge No. 56 Installation
- 9-11 Grand Lodge of Wyoming
- 15 Ionic Lodge No. 38 Installation
- 15 Lincoln No. 157 Annual Oyster & Fish Feed
- 22 Installation, Havre No. 55, Chinook No. 50, Treasure No. 95 - Havre
- 29 Installation Libby No. 85 and Eureka No. 93 @ Eureka, 5pm
- 30

Note: Lodge Installations must be completed by the 1st regular meeting in September.

### September

- 2 First Degree-Malta No. 57
- 12 Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3-7-77 Annual Meeting
- 17-19 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Idaho Falls
- 19 Wardens Workshop, Scottish Rite Building-Billings
- 24-26 Grand Lodge of California
- 26 Wardens Workshop, Great Falls
- 26 Pilgrim No. 102 Installation

### October

- 3 Red Cross- York Rite, Great Falls
- 10 Red Cross- York Rite, Billings

Keep current on your calendar of events and scheduling by checking the Grand Lodge Calendar at our website <http://www.grandlodgemontana.org>

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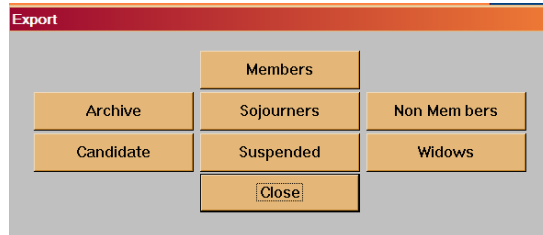
Preparing your Lodge Membership Data for the ROLLS program

If you have your lodge membership data in the Lodgeical (Blue Lodge) program, preparing it to be transferred into the ROLLS program is a fairly easy, strait forward operation, if you have Excel on your computer

Open Lodgeical, and from the Utilities Menu, click on Export Data.

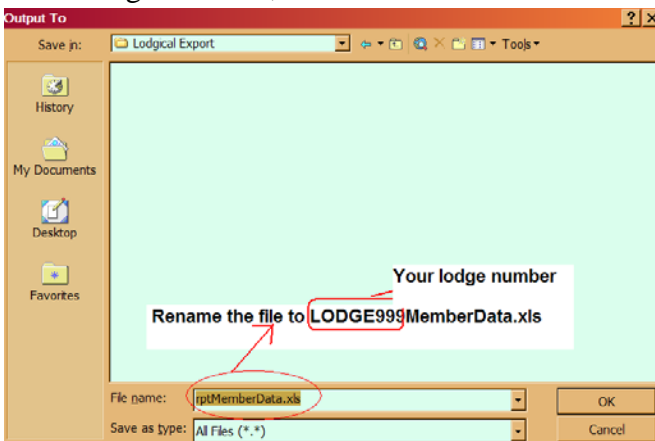


This will bring up a set of export buttons:



You will need to click on each button, in turn, and create an Export file for each. Select Microsoft Excel 5-7.

This will bring up a save option - Be sure you rename the file to include Your lodge number., and SAVE.



Repeat this step for each of the buttons on Image 2, then transfer to a CD or Disk, Label it clearly as Lodgical Data, and Your Lodge Name and Number.

Send to the Grand Secretary's office.

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## **Missing Lodge Officer Election Reports**

Lodge Election reports have not been received from 27 lodges as of July 2, 2009. We can not complete the Directory until these lodges submit their election information. By Code all lodges should now have their elections completed.

Sagebrush District: Yellowstone #26, Sandstone #84, Ekalaka #120, Jordan #148

Beartooth District: Star In The West #40, Sts John #92, Rimrock #149

Great Falls District: Augusta #54, Pondera #80, Cut Bank #82

Glacier District: Thompson Falls #70, Libby # 85, Columbia Falls #89

Headwaters District: Virginia City #1, Dillon #16, Sheridan #20, Belgrade #68

Livingston District: Doric # 53, Park #140

Rocky Mountain District: Butte #22, Monitor #35, Lincoln #157

Northern Lights District: Kyle #96, Loyalty #121

CM Russel District: Benton #25, Treasure # 95, Pilgrim #102, Galata #106