



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

*THE LEVEL*

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## 2009 Wardens (Symposium) Workshops

Please check your calendar and make plans to attend one or both of the two Wardens Workshops.

**September 19th, 10 a.m. at the Scottish Rite building, 514 14th St W, Billings**

**September 26th, 10 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 831 Central Ave, Great Falls**

Speaking of the duties of the Grand Wardens, Code Section 2020 states "They shall annually hold a workshop or workshops for the instruction of officers and members of the Craft." Perhaps rather than calling these "Wardens Workshops" identifying them as Masonic Symposium might be more appropriate. Nonetheless, this year the key focus will be "Commitment".

Our identity as Masons must include work or commitment on ourselves both as individuals and as a brotherhood. Our decline in membership over the past years is merely a symptom of the loss of Masonry's relevance to our lives and our communities. We have individually and collectively allowed our lethargy to encrust the jewel of Masonry, which has been bequeathed to us to pass on to the future. Has our focus on the past has blinded us to the challenges of the present. Has our reliance on former brothers' and or more outspoken and ritualistically talented brothers (let someone else do it) weakened our commitment to achieving our own Masonic identities.

We must look squarely into the challenge of performing Masonry to the betterment of our fraternity and ourselves. We must discover our own Masonic calling and our own place in the history of Masonry and put our Masonic performance before the symbol. The Square and Compasses, the best known symbol of a Mason, cannot replace the identity of living the life of a Mason, which is itself perpetually in a state of improving ourselves in body, mind and spirit.

Each of us has a responsibility to steward our respected fraternity into the future, calling on our own spirit rather than deferring to those of our predecessors. We must exercise the same determination that we admire and celebrate in our heritage. Thus the focus of these workshops or symposiums will be "Commitment". Attendance is open to all Lodge Officers and members and both of these locations will offer presentations that you won't want to miss.

## ROLLS IS COMING

Time *rolls* by; *Rolls* Royce; it just *rolls* right off your tongue; like the taste of Tootsie Rolls, or sushi rolls maybe pizza rolls; the sound of drum *rolls*; *before* the time Christmas *rolls* around; the Machine *Rolls* On, When He *rolls* up His sleeve, He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz; When that road *rolls* out like a welcome mat; That Lucky Old Sun (Just *Rolls* Around Heaven All Day; We built this city on sausage *rolls*; *rolls* with the punches; Once more the mist *rolls* to the sea.

MTROLLS is coming soon. The Montana version of Records OnLine for Lodge Secretaries (MTROLLS). If you want to learn more about MTROLLS be sure to attend one or both of the Warden's (Symposium) Workshops on September 19th at 10am at the Scottish Rite Building in Billings or September 26th at 10am at the Masonic Hall in Great Falls.

## Montana Masonic Hall Of Fame

To: **Worshipful Masters and Secretaries**  
From: **John Love, Grand Historian**  
Re: **Hall of Fame Nominations**

Accompanying this memorandum is a nomination form to use as a guideline to nominate a Master Mason to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame. Receiving the honor of induction into the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame is indeed one of the most esteemed honors bestowed upon any Mason.

Section 10030 of the Code of Statutes has been modified. The modifications were approved by Grand Lodge at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Grand Lodge communication. The Grand Historian is the custodian of the Hall of Fame and it's Board of Trustees carry the responsibility of making a decision to approve the nomination or rejecting it. Please review the Code outlining the requirements.

Membership to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame is by nomination from constituent Lodges. A nomination form is herewith attached. The completed form should be used as the cover of your documentation of substantiating evidence of worthiness from Brothers and citizens.

Master Masons nominated may be living or deceased. If deceased they must have been in good standing at the time of death. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is an esteemed honor and should be treated as such.

Deserving brothers have been rejected due to insufficient effort by their lodge. To be successful considerable effort should be placed upon Masonic history and contributions to Masonry and the community, including the members current Lodge, where and when he was initiated, passed and raised. Letters of recommendation should be typewritten. Such letters should extol the personal performance of the nominee not only from a Masonic point of view, but also from a civic point of view. Merely having known someone for a lengthy period of time is generally not considered. These letters of recommendation might include family, non-Masonic friends, appendant bodies, business associates, religious affiliations, local officials, other clubs and fraternal organizations. A very important point to bear in mind is that all nominations are to be made within the cloak of secrecy. The nominee must not have knowledge of the action of your lodge.

A maximum of three nominees may be inducted in any one year. The Board of Trustees of the Hall of Fame will diligently screen all nominations. This is not a 'rubber stamp' honor.

If you plan on nominating a worthy Brother, also plan on putting forth the effort required to substantiate his worthiness to the Board of Trustees. Start early as this is not an overnight project.

Nomination forms and instructions may be obtained by visiting,

<http://www.grandlodgemontana.org/forms.html>

As a footnote, a Past Grand Master is not eligible for induction in that he has already received great honor.

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## Montana Masonic Hall Of Fame

### Important Information and Dates

**Mail nominations BEFORE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year nomination to be considered.

Mail to:

Grand Historian  
c/o Grand Lodge of Montana  
PO Box 1158  
Helena, MT 59624-1158

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** - Grand Historian will receive nominations only at the Grand Lodge Helena address.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** - Grand Historian transmits nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Hall of Fame for their review, consideration and balloting.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Trustee's ballots returned to the Grand Historian.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Grand Historian tabulates the votes and submits results and name(s) of Brother(s) elected to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

*Note: Inductee(s) shall not be announced prior to the annual Communication and then only when instructed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.*

The Worshipful Master and Secretary shall sign the nomination form with the Lodge Seal.

A certificate(s) honoring the Brother(s) selected will be prepared by Grand Lodge and presented to the recipient, his Lodge or family.

# The Montana Masonic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Due: Before April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the nomination is to be considered.

To: Grand Historian; c/o Grand Lodge; PO Box 1158; Helena, MT 59624-1158

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Montana

Hereby nominates the following Master Mason for membership in the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Date of Birth: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

If Deceased:

Date of Death: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

On separate pages attached to this form, include a biography of the nominee citing in particular, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Masonic History;
- Education;
- Citizenship;
- Character and Personal Performance;
- Reasons why nominee should receive the honor of election to the Hall of Fame.
- List Masonic achievements as well as those in the world without the Lodge.
- Include substantiating evidence of worthiness by endorsements from Brothers and citizens.

Endorsements and references should be typewritten of no more than 400 words.

We, the undersigned Worshipful Master and Secretary of the above named Lodge attest to the nomination of the above named Brother to the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame. If elected, he should be inducted at the Grand Lodge Communication held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(Lodge Seal) \_\_\_\_\_ Worshipful Master

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Attest: Secretary

## Calendar of Events

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
- 13 Judith Lodge No. 86 breakfast for “What The Hay”
- 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
- 30-31 Scottish Rite- Helena

### November

- 6-7 Western Montana Valley Scottish Rite—Missoula
- 8-10 Grand Lodge of Nevada

## 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.

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

## 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. The current “Reinstatement Fee” for 2009-2010 is **\$27.85**

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

**July/August 2009**

The following is based upon 31 of the 98 Lodges having submitted the required report

### RAISED

Joel H. Dunbar	Gallatin No. 6	3/25/2009
Gregory Alexander	Gallatin No. 6	3/25/2009
Corey D. Birch	Gallatin No. 6	5/2/2009
Michael W. McCurheon	Kalispell No. 42	7/9/2009
Michael W. Kirry	Ponemah No. 63	6/10/2009
William T. Becker	Corinthian No. 72	7/11/2009

### AFFILIATIONS

William M. Stoudt	Ionic No. 38	7/9/2009	From: Lebanon #391, N.C.
Kirby W. Peden	Doric No. 53	Retained	Affiliate: Oothcaloga #154, GA

### Reinstatement

Damian R. Briggs	Morning Star No. 5	12-31-09	to	5-15-09
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### Suspended NPD as of 12/31/2009

Keith Clingingsmith	Glendive No. 31	Steven Holmes	Glendive No. 31
Ross S. Farber	Glendive No. 31	Kevin A. Mitchell	Glendive No. 31
Kay O. Hellickson	Glendive No. 31	Benny D. Reynolds	Glendive No. 31
Donald Plagmann	Glendive No. 31	Neale D. Sikveland	Glendive No. 31
Joseph Black, Jr.	Glendive No. 31	Eric Stenberg	Doric No. 53
Rodney O. Hobaugh	Glendive No. 31	Jack F. Ervin	Huntley Project No. 144

### 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



# CELESTIAL LODGE

Stanley A. Hanson	Helena No. 3	8/17/2009
Kenneth O. Reesman	Missoula No. 13	4/16/2009
Robert A. Svoboda	Missoula No. 13	7/21/2009
Russell E. Martin	Ashlar No. 29	7/ /2009
John W. Rogers	Friendship No. 37	8/4/2009
L. Willard Johnson	Kalispell No. 42	7/21/2009
James Kindle	North Star No. 46	7/16/1981
Raymond Felton	Doric No. 53	3/27/2009
Roger L. Olson	Mt. Jefferson No. 56/ Three Forks No. 73	7/16/2009
Warren E. Tietz	Golden Eagle No. 66	8/3/2009
Kenneth M. Beven	Corinthian No. 72	6/15/2009
Arthur E. Lund	Scobey No. 109	7/5/2009
Donald Clubb	Mountain No. 110	7/25/2009
Frederick J. Biggins	Billings No. 113	7/18/2009
Roy L. Dalrymple	Billings No. 113	7/1/2009
Edwin A. Kapemick	Pryor Mountain No. 151	4/ /2009

The monthly bulletin should be shared in lodge with all the members of each lodge. 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.

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## **Missing Lodge Officer Election Reports**

Lodge Election reports have not been received from 7 lodges as of August 21, 2009. We can not complete the Directory until these lodges submit their election information. By Code all lodges should now have their elections completed.

**Beartooth District: Golden Eagle No. 66**

**Sagebrush District: Ekalaka No. 120, Jordan #148,**

**Livingston District: Park #140**

**Rocky Mountain District: Monitor #35**

**CM Russel District: Benton #25, Galata #106**