Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana

DECEMBER 2009 NO. 453

Grand Master's Saints John Observance Message

Feast of the Holy Saints John

Brethren,

Freemasons in Montana have celebrated the Feast of the Holy Saints John each year since 1968. Section 25060 of the Code of Statutes requires each lodge in Montana to have a tiled table lodge with a luncheon or dinner sometime in the month of January in remembrance of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

I look forward to attending a number of table lodges during January and enjoying the fraternal fellowship with masons throughout our jurisdiction. As all brothers are clad as Entered Apprentices at this event I hope to see brothers who have taken the first degree participating.

This message is intended to encourage not only the seven toasts that are traditional in Montana but also additional toasts that befit the occasion. While this is a tiled event and should have a serious reflection on its celebration I encourage the Craft to enjoy the warmth and fellowship of the occasion and the close association that Masons have for one another.

As the Saints John dedicated themselves to their beliefs in a time of great political, social and religious conflict let each of us attend this event and rededicate ourselves to the principles of Masonry.

I wish each lodge a successful tiled Feast of the Holy Saints John.

Fraternally,

Thomas L. Lund

Tom Lund, Grand Master

2009 Annual Return Packages

The 2009 Annual Return Work packages have been mailed to the Secretary of each lodge. A form-fill .pdf version is available at the Grand Lodge website .

Remember all Annual Returns are due back to Grand Lodge prior to 15 March 2010.

RESOLUTION FORMAT

RESOLUTION DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions provide the accepted protocol on formatting and styling to be used in drafting resolutions for Grand Lodge legislation for its deliberation at annual communications. Resolutions not submitted in accordance with these instructions will be returned to the submitting lodge for re-drafting, or reformatting by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The formatting and drafting requirements are as follows:

1. The heading is “Resolution No._____.”

2. A resolution may only contain one subject which is clearly stated in its title.

3. The title of the resolution is placed under the heading with a double spaced separation. The title must state concisely what the resolution proposes to do. If the resolution proposes amending a section of the Constitution or the Code, the section must be stated in the title.

4. The resolution may not contain any recitals or whereas clauses within the resolution. A detailed argument and explanation for the resolution may be set forth on a separate page attached to the resolution, which is entitled “Proponent’s Explanation of Resolution for [title of Resolution]. The proponent’s explanation may not exceed one page, single spaced, with no smaller than 11 point type. It may be written in outline or narrative form. It is recommended that the explanation briefly explain the present situation or status quo and should explain how the proposed resolution improves or corrects the present situation. If the explanation exceeds one page in length, additional pages beyond the first page will not be sent out to the lodges with the resolution and will be destroyed.

5. The resolution portion must read “Be it resolved that:” Each amended section will be in a sequentially numbered paragraph that reads: “Section____of the [Constitution or Code] be amended as follows:” Each new section will likewise be in a sequentially numbered paragraph that reads: “New Section of the [Constitution or Code] be enacted as follows:”

6. If a section is proposed to be amended, the entire section must be included in the body of the resolution. Additions of text to a section are shown by underline and if desired may be also in bold font or italicized. In any case additions must be underlined. Deletions of text are shown by strikethrough. Either single or double strikethrough may be used, though single is preferable. Be sure to use underlines for added punctuation and strikethroughs to delete unnecessary punctuation. Also note that underlines and strikethroughs are used to add or delete paragraph letters or numbers.

7. When a new section is proposed, even though a new number may be proposed for the section, the Grand Secretary, as codifier, will assign a number to the section.

8. When a section is amended or a new section is proposed, check other sections in both the Code and Constitution that be affected by the amendment or new section. These sections must be amended in the resolution by setting forth the entire section, with additions by underline and deletions by strikethrough.

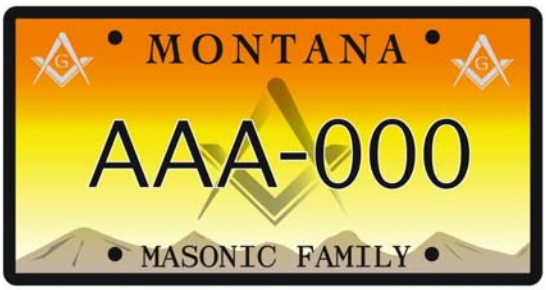
These Resolution Drafting Instructions were adopted 6 December 2003, by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, and are for use in submission of resolutions at the 2010 Annual Communication. Please include both a paper copy and an electronic copy of proposed legislation.

Proposed Legislation for the 144th Annual Communication

Proposed legislation for the 144th Annual Communication which will be held in Missoula on June 24, 25 & 26, 2010 is due to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than 25 February 2010.

SANDSTONE NO. 84 FIRST TO RETURN ANNUAL RETURN PACKAGE OF 2009

Montana Masonic License Plates Support the Montana Masonic Foundation



Montana Masonic license plates are still available. **We need to sell a few more license 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.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

November / December 2009

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Cascade Lodge – 34	6433 - Ty James Grove	Raised - 11/30/2009
Ionic Lodge – 38	6523 - Roderick D. Brewer	Raised - 11/17/2009
Euclid Lodge - 58	6501 - Orman L. Puckett	Raised - 11/17/2009
	6502 - James M. Porter	Raised - 11/17/2009
Mission Valley Lodge – 78	6536 - Glen F. Jundt	Raised - 11/18/2009
Scobey Lodge – 109	4086 - Steven E. Sprague	Raised - 11/16/2009
Ashlar Lodge – 29	6568 - Joseph E. Anderson	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6569 - Gregg S. Barrigan	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6570 - Steven P. Brown	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6571 - Richard J. Hurlocker	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6572 - Joel F. Kucera	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6573 - Richard C. Locke Jr	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6574 - Todd K. McCrohan	Raised - 12/08/2009
	6575 - Aaron G. Stow	Raised - 12/08/2009
Bigfork Lodge - 150	6358 - Christopher J. Aymes	Raised - 12/08/2009
Acacia Lodge – 33	6522 - Robert S. Wind	Reinstated - 11/10/2009
North Star Lodge - 46	6541 - John R. Kopf	Reinstated - 11/09/2009
Ashlar Lodge – 29	5835 - Jason S. Brown	Affiliated - 11/12/2009
Friendship Lodge – 37	5888 - Gerald E. Buhre	Affiliated - 11/02/2009
Star in the West Lodge – 40	6585 - Philip A. Robertson	Affiliated - 12/15/2009
Corinthian Lodge – 72	6545 - James L. Alverson	Restored - 12/01/2009
Missoula – 13	6528 - Vincent J. Colucci	Withdrawn - 11/27/2009
Saints John Lodge – 92	6557 - Douglas Seader	Withdrawn - 12/09/2009

Livingston Lodge – 32	4332 - Terry L. Tecca	Dimitted - 11/14/2009
Cascade Lodge - 34	6435 - Terry D. McIntosh	Dimitted - 11/22/2009
	6437 - Dustin C. Prinzing	Dimitted - 11/22/2009
	6438 - Peter J. Thares	Dimitted - 11/22/2009
Corinthian Lodge – 72	1770 - Alan R. Klebe	Dimitted - 11/02/2009
Mountain Lodge – 110	1291 - Hugh L. Hopwood Jr	Dimitted - 11/01/2009
Kalispell Lodge – 42	4103 - Steven C. Stahlberg	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
	6016 - Timothy H. Carter	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
	3275 - John Powers	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
	5368 - Gregory L. Bahny	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
	4924 - Thomas J. Wynne II	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
	2157 - Randolph H. Lozeau	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
Powder River Lodge – 135	3249 - Ryan K. Plum	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

REMEMBER: If you are consistently using ROLLS for all membership actions you no longer have to submit the old paper Form No. 1 Monthly Report.

CELESTIAL LODGE

Montana Lodge – 2	6100 - George B. Clark	11/07/2009
Helena Lodge - 3	5663 - Raymond K. Boe	11/08/2009
Missoula Lodge - 13	4656 - Wayne Ward	11/04/2009
Bozeman Lodge—18	5732 - J. Curtis Bradley	11/09/2009
Ashlar Lodge 29	1240 - Robert R. Hoffman	11/16/2009
Ruby Lodge - 36	3508 - LeRoy Robinson	11/24/2009
Star in the West Lodge - 40	1969 - Lester G. Lay	11/05/2009
Ottawa Lodge – 51	515 - John H. Fohn	11/02/2009
Euclid Lodge - 58	357 - Archie J. Emry	11/17/2009
Mount Jefferson Lodge - 56	3587 - George B. Rowe Jr.	11/28/2009
Musselshell Lodge – 69 & Lavina/Temple Lodge - 101		
	4825 - Hugh H. Willson	11/06/2009
Musselshell Lodge – 69	4172 - Melzer R. Stevens	11/30/2009
Unity Lodge - 71	3491 - Lee E. Roberts	11/05/2009
Cut Bank Lodge - 82	4214 - Arthur L. Story	11/28/2009
Shelby Lodge - 143	1722 - Harold J. Kicker	11/13/2009
Trinity Lodge - 152	3635 - Wayne S. Sakariason	11/05/2009

Now My Work Is Done

Now my work is done,
fair winds and following seas
new shores await me.

The immortality of man
lies beyond the soul.
In the continuity of life
for as sure as Autumn fades
Spring is yet to bloom.

With new horizons sought,
awash in a field of dreams.
Farewell my brother and friend,
Fair winds and following seas.

Look not behind
Soar onward and outward
Beyond the wildest reach
To the heavens afar.

Now my work is done,
fair winds and following
seas
new shores await me.

144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
June 24, 25, 26, 2010 in Missoula

Start making plans now to attend the 144th Annual Communication in Missoula, June 24, 25 & 26.

The main hotel and Session site will be the Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 N Reserve Street, Missoula, Montana. More information will be presented in the next few Bulletins.

Bikes for Books 2010

For the 2009-2010 Masonic year the Montana Masonic Foundation will award a matching grant not to exceed $750.00 per lodge. Matching grant funds must be spent on eligible expenses i.e., Bikes and Safety Helmets.

All check must be provided to the vendor or deposited within 90 days of issue. **You cannot match the Montana Masonic Foundation funds with money from other grants, e.g. Wal-Mart Community Grant.**

The lodge share of the match must be provide to the Foundation prior to purchase of bikes. A combined check will be provided with the lodge and Foundation match combined written in the name of the Vendor from whom the bikes will be purchased.

If you are planning to participate, remember that you will need to provide the following information to the Grand Secretary.

- Number of Posters requested
- Number of Bookmarkers
- Number of Serialized Masonic decals
- number of bikes to be presented

The start date is 1 February 2010.

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