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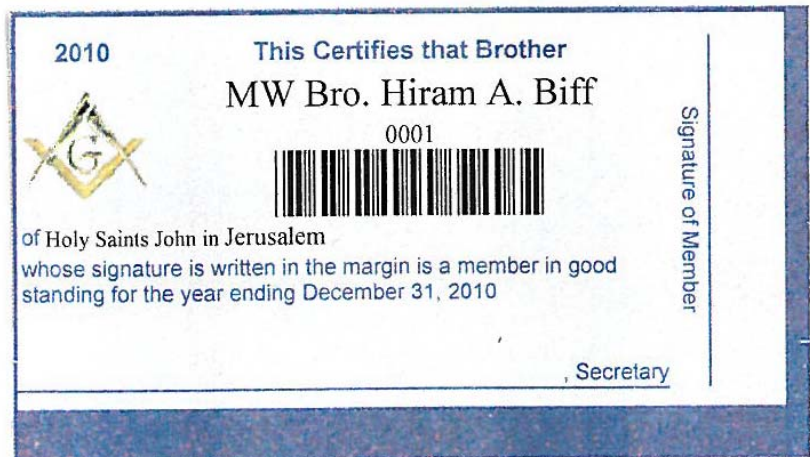
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New Membership / Dues Cards Rolled out with ROLLS

During the 143rd Annual Session the voting members approved ROLLS as the program to be used by Secretaries. As part of this program Grand Lodge now issues all Dues Cards. The new Dues Card (Membership Card) looks very much like the image shown here.

The new Cards were printed and distributed to the Secretary of each Lodge in November.

Please note that only this Dues Card is authorized and approved for use by Lodges within the Grand Lodge of Montana.



The color for 2010 is “blue” and each year the color will change. The Year of issue and the ending date is printed on each card. Future enhancements to the card may include showing if the member is a 50 Year or Paid Life Member (PLM). As before these cards must be issued annually to every member including 50 Year and PLM.

One new feature of ROLLS is that each member is assigned a Member Number that stays with them as a member. The member number is shown on each dues card along with a bar code that corresponds to that number. Among other things this will be used at Session registration to enable a faster check-in process and recording of those in attendance. This will also help auto generate the Credentials Report.

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.

URGENT —2009 Annual Return Packages– URGENT

The paper copies of the Annual Return contain an error on Line Q - The correct dollar amount is \$27.85. Please make the appropriate change. The accompanying Instruction book has the correct amount. The .pdf form fill version posted on the website is also correct.

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.

Duties of a Master of a Lodge

Representing their Lodge at the Annual Communication

Every year, Worshipful Masters and Wardens promise to submit to the “ancient charges and regulations of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons” before being installed. These charges “point out the duties of a Master of a Lodge,” and are deemed so important that they are read to ensure accuracy. What do these charges mean: Here is some food for thought.

You promise a regular attendance on the committees and Communications of the Grand Lodge on receiving proper notice and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry on convenient occasions.

A Lodge is a constituent of the Grand Lodge when in session. In order for a lodge to be an indispensable component it must be represented. Thus its presence is mandatory, either personally or by proxy.

Additionally, our Code requires that each Lodge be represented the attendance of their Master and Wardens.

25050. REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE. Each chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented in Grand Lodge at every non-ceremonial communication by one or more of its Master and Wardens, or by an elected representative. Where a Master or Warden is unable to attend, the lodge Instructor shall be given the preferential representation.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

December 2009

Montana Lodge - 2

261 - Calvin W. Dunbar Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Helena Lodge - 3

2661 - Larry E. Morley Deceased - 12/08/2009

5929 - Ted J. Bush Jr. Dimitted - 12/31/2009

339 - Gary T. Ellestad Dimitted - 12/31/2009

3006 - Phillip D. Oscarson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Gallatin Lodge – 6

1752 - Robert H. Kinyon Affiliated - 12/15/2009

Flint Creek Lodge – 11

6577 - Roger D. Minckler Deceased - 12/19/2009

Missoula –13

48 - Patrick J. Daugherty Dimitted—12/31/2009

3433- Joseph S. Rice Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1122- Christopher D. Helmer Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

156- George C. Devoe S uspended NPD - 12/31/2009

396- Richard N. Evans Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

600- Bruno Friia Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

3073- James B. Patterson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

5831- Jack M. Brown Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Mystic Tie-Riverside Lodge - 17

6631- Eric F. Loros Dimitted (IAW 35080)- 12/31/2009

Butte Lodge – 22

6080 - Craig L. Christenson Suspended - 12/31/2009

4967 - Ronald Zemljak Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24

3612- William M. Rundle Suspended NPD - 12/24/2009

5026- Ben J. ArmsS uspended NPD - 12/31/2009

3528- Randy J. Rodoni Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2979- Kyle D. Olson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2370- Shane R. McCarthy Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2007- William Leipheimer Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

362- Joseph C. Engel III Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1042- Jeffery Hartwick Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2144- John H. Lovell Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2856- Terrance Newton Dimitted - 12/31/2009

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
[6576](#) - Myron G. Anderson Reinstated - 12/08/2009
[3965](#) - Danny L. Smith Dimitted - 12/23/2009
[4552](#) - John G. Vanderbeck Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Glendive Lodge - 31

- [5591](#) - Arnold G. Beusen, PGM Deceased - 12/15/2009

Livingston Lodge – 32

- [3045](#) - James L. Paris Dimitted - 12/15/2009
[1752](#) - Robert H. Kinyon Dimitted - 12/15/2009
[5310](#) - Owen W. Arrington Sr. Deceased - 12/23/2009

Acacia Lodge – 33

- [1115](#) - John G. Hekkel Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009;
[6120](#) - Charles E. Clawson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009
[4578](#) - Terry A. Vermeire Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Cascade Lodge – 34

- [3783](#) - David T. Scotson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Ruby Lodge – 36

- [5758](#) - Dee Bray Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Star in the West Lodge – 40

- [6585](#) - Philip A. Robertson Affiliated - 12/15/2009

Boulder-Basin Lodge – 41

- [5379](#) - Earl F. Baker Affiliated - 12/03/2009

Kalispell Lodge – 42

- [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
[4103](#) - Steven C. Stahlberg Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

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Choteau Lodge – 44

3680 - Jeremy T. Saylor Suspended Plural NPD - 12/29/2009

North Star Lodge – 46

321 - Marvin A. Edwards Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1766 - Lewis L. Kitzenberg Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2680 - Wayne Morris Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1986 - Robert E. Lee Dimitted - 12/31/2009

3033 - Lee Palin Deceased - 12/31/2009

Chinook Lodge – 50

321 - Marvin A. Edwards Suspended Plural NPD - 12/31/2009

149 - Scott M. DePriest Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Ottawa Lodge -51

427 - Brad T. Farnsworth Dimitted 12/31/2009

Doric Lodge – 53

5683 - Clifton Booth Deceased - 12/19/2009

Augusta Lodge – 54

2696 - Roland C. Mosher Deceased - 12/04/2009

Mount Jefferson Lodge – 56

3436 - Vern W. Rice Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Malta Lodge – 57

2971 - Conrad W. Olson Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

4303 - Larry G. Swingen Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

4504 - Donald R. Turner Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

2244 - Ronald J. Malone Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Euclid Lodge – 58

5905 - Joshua M. Burnett Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Ponemah Lodge – 63

6637 - David J. Reynolds Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Golden Eagle Lodge - 66

5892 - Albert L. Bummer Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Belgrade Lodge – 68

441 - Phillip V. Feltis Deceased - 12/01/2009

2991 - Donald L. Omdahl Dimitted - 12/08/2009

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Corinthian Lodge – 72

6545 - James L. Alverson Restored - 12/01/2009

2355 - Jason D. May Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

5082 - Michael L. Andrews Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Saints John Lodge – 92

6557 - Douglas Seader Dimitted - 12/09/2009

Kyle Lodge – 96

6590 - William J. Latka Affiliated - 12/18/2009

5525 - Lewis E. Beil Deceased - 12/21/2009

Powder River Lodge – 135

3249 - Ryan K. Plum Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Huntley Project Lodge – 144

6618 - Adam C. Ellard Raised - 12/23/2009

6619 - Thomas J. Curry Raised - 12/23/2009

6620 - Roy W. Johnson Raised - 12/23/2009

1585 - Justin P. Jones Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Bigfork Lodge – 150

6358 - Christopher J. Aymes Raised - 12/08/2009

Trinity Lodge – 152

1278 - Peter Hondius Affiliated - 12/31/2009

869 - Darrel R. Guy Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

5274 - Steve M. Anzjon Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

4606 - Gary Voigt Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1278 - Peter Hondius Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

1975 - Dan M. Leatzow Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

4317 - Arthur L. Taylor Suspended NPD - 12/31/2009

Sentinel Lodge – 155

6597 - Shawn O. Hays Affiliated - 12/20/2009

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.



ROLLS Program Information

Recording Lodge Meetings and Attendance

Remember to record your Lodge meetings and attendance in the Meetings Tab. This section on the Meetings page lets you record much of the information required for your annual Lodge Activity Report. Refer to the MTROLLS Users Manual (the MT ROLLS Masonic Data base Tutorial, page 38.) This will enable you to keep track of the number of meetings held, date, attendance and officers in attendance.

50 Year Awards Reporting

Remember, in order for ROLLS to keep track and report on 50 Year Members all entries must be completed with the date. Once the Award has been received and presented you will need use the “Service Award” Tab to get to the current 50 Year list and check the box and enter the date of presentation this will carry the date over to the members Masonic History under Honorariums.

If you know that you have members coming up on being in Good Standing for 50 years as a Montana Master Mason you can now send an email to the Grand Lodge Office and we have an administrative section of ROLLS where we will show the date that you ordered the 50 Year Award and the date we send it and to whom. Once you made the enter identified above, it will auto generate the date of presentation into our report at Grand Lodge. Refer to the MTROLLS Users Manual (the MT ROLLS Masonic Data base Tutorial, page 13, 15, 36, 38 and 43.)

Secretary Address Information

Brother Secretaries— ROLLS has many features that we can take advantage of for US Mail. In order to take advantage of this we need to verify some address information from you. In some cases some or all of this may be contained within ROLLS now for your Lodge. However, we need to verify this for each Lodge. Please email or send by US Mail the following information. If you are a ROLLS user you could also enter most of this yourself.

Please verify for us:

1. Lodge Physical address (All Lodges have a physical Address; for GPS information & update maps)
2. Lodge Mailing address (this may be different than the physical address such as a PO Box)
3. Secretary personal mailing address
4. Secretary seasonal address (optional)
5. **Which Address to be used by Secretary for Lodge correspondence** (Lodge mailing or physical, or personal)

Reporting 990 N Filings

The Filings tab gives you a summary of the dates when necessary reports are recorded as having been filed. This includes Annual Returns, Reports of Installations, and Membership Audits to Grand Lodge, as well as certifying that you have e-filed your IRS 990-N. Currently, you still need to send Grand Lodge a copy of your email receipt from the IRS that your 990 N was received by them or a copy of your 990 if filed by a CPA. Refer to the MTROLLS Users Manual (the MT ROLLS Masonic Data base Tutorial, page 38.)

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

**Hilton Garden Inn
Missoula, Montana**

Start making plans now to attend the historic 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.



Rooms at the Hilton Garden will be \$119.00 (+ tax).
3720 North Reserve Street, Missoula, Tel: +1-406-532-5300 Fax: +1-406-532-5305

Other Hotels available in the immediate area include:

[Super 8 Missoula/ Reserve St.](http://www.super8.com)

www.super8.com - (406) 549-1199

[Ruby's Inn Missoula](http://www.rubys.montana.com)

www.rubys.montana.com - (877) 747-8713

[La Quinta Inn Missoula](http://6213.lq.com)

6213.lq.com - (406) 549-9000

[Hampton Inn Missoula](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

www.hamptoninn.com - (406) 549-1800

[Travelers Inn Motel](http://www.travelersinnmissoula.com)

www.travelersinnmissoula.com - (406) 728-8330

[Best Inn Missoula](http://maps.google.com)

maps.google.com - (800) 272-9500

[Microtel Inn Missoula](http://www.microtelinn.com)

www.microtelinn.com - (888) 771-7171

RV Parking

Jellystone RV Park - 1 mi. north Jct. I-90 & U.S. 93 on U.S. 93, west side; last year's rate - \$29-\$38;

Ph.# 1-800-318-9644; info@campjellystonemt.com

Jim & Mary's RV Park - 1 mi. north Jct. I-90 & U.S. 93 on U.S. 93, east side; last year's rate - \$31.45;

Ph.# 406-549-4416; jimandmarys@montana.com

Missoula KOA - 1.4 mi. south Jct. I-90 & Reserve Street; last year's rate - \$29-\$80; Ph# 1-800-562-5366; reservations@missoulakoa.com

Annual Returns

Each year, between January 1st and March 15th, every Lodge in Montana is required to submit to the Grand Secretary a report of the activities of that Lodge. This report is known as “The Annual Return”. This report includes the immediate past and present officers of the Lodge, any degrees conferred since the last report, raisings, affiliations, new 50 year members, new life members, and any other changes in the membership such as demits, deaths and suspensions from membership.

All this information is vitally important to the Grand Lodge to maintain accurate records of the membership in Montana. This information is used to help set the budget of Grand Lodge and also has great influence on the various programs that Grand Lodge conducts and sponsors. By tracking this information over a number of years it is possible to forecast with some accuracy what is going to happen in the future and hopefully to plan for whatever is foreseen.

Another important reason for annual returns is to keep the Grand Lodge data current for each constituent Lodge. Then, if a fire or some other calamity should befall a local Lodge, it could still rely on Grand Lodge to furnish it with a list of its members, their addresses, and their Masonic history. All this information would be of the utmost importance should a local Lodge’s records be lost. By keeping two separate sets of records for a constituent Lodge in two physically separate places, the likelihood of a complete loss of records is quite remote. The records of your Lodge are priceless!! They are your history, and if lost they can never, ever be replaced!! Therefore the requirement that your Lodge file annual returns was a wise decision by the Brethren who preceded us years ago.

Thanks to the wisdom of our beloved Internal Revenue Service and their new scrutiny of non-profit organizations such as we are, the annual report from a Lodge requires a financial disclosure statement from the Lodge. This is not an especially hard form to fill out but it is vital to your Lodge to do so to maintain your non-profit status. We have R.W. Brother Bruce Lahti, our Grand Treasurer, to advise us on the latest from the IRS as he is also a CPA and keeps track of these things. Another hoop to jump through? Yes, but something we must do to keep our important non-profit status.

Annual returns are usually filled out by the Secretary of your Lodge along with help from the Treasurer for the financial statement. Accurate and complete records of your Lodge business are of the utmost importance in this day and age and that is the reason for the annual reports. These returns also contain the formula by which the per capita payment to Grand Lodge from your Lodge is calculated.

The filing of the annual return with the Grand Secretary is an important and required part of every Lodge’s year.

Billy B. Millhollin, PGM



Arnold George Beusen

July 1, 1917 – December 15, 2009

Grand Master of Montana 1972

M.W. Brother Arnold G. Beusen was born July 1, 1917 in New Salem, North Dakota, where he grew up and received his education, coming to Montana in 1940. He lived in Glendive where he worked as Chief Dispatcher for the Burlington Northern Railroad and as an investment broker. He married Audrey Harriet Walstrom on May 24, 1937, who preceded him in death.

M.W. Brother Beusen was made ad Master Mason in Glendive Lodge No. 31 on March 14, 1946 and served as Master in 1952, he had also been a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 29. He is a past presiding officer of the York Rite bodies of Glendive, a Past Prior of Montana Priory No. 51, and Knights of the York Rite Cross of Honor and was Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Montana in 1964-1965. He served as Worthy Patron of Yellowstone Chapter No. 5, O.E.S. in 1948, 1951 and 1955 and as Worthy Grand Patron of Montana in 1962-1963. He was a member of the Scottish Rite in Billings. Other organizations of which he had been a member include the Methodist Church and Chamber of Commerce of Glendive; Al Bedoo Shrine Center and Oro y Plata Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Billings; Royal Order of Scotland and the Glendive Elks Club.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Beusen was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Montana on June 26, 1971 during the 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana held in Billings.

Montana Masons will be forever grateful to Grand Master Beusen for his special effort to establishing the Montana Masonic Foundation so that it can be a sustaining force for Montana Masonry for generations.

M.W. Brother Beusen resided in New Salem, North Dakota for the last several years and was called to the Celestial Lodge on December 15, 2009. At his request, a graveside service was held on Dec. 18 at Peace Cemetery, New Salem, with Rev. Sherrill Ungerecht officiating. M.W. Brother Arnold was 92 years and 156 days old and had been a Master Mason for 63 Years and 275 days.

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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 checks 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 provided 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.

