



Proxy Cards and Rules of Order for Session

Proxy Cards for WM, SW and JW have been mailed to the Secretary of each Lodge along with the Rules of Order to be followed during the Annual Session. Those who will be voting as a proxy must bring the signed Proxy Card with them and present the card during registration.

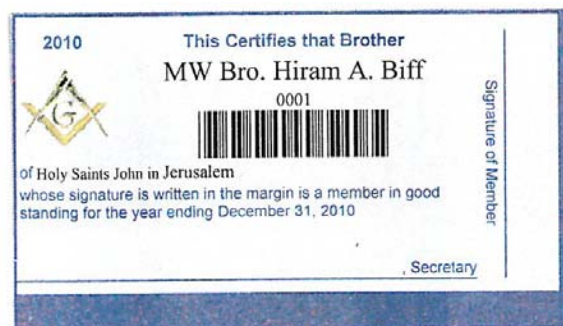
Advance Proceedings with Proposed Legislation

A copy of the Advance Proceedings which includes the proposed legislation to be considered at Session has been mailed to each Lodge Secretary. Be sure to review the proposed legislation with the members of the Lodge prior to Session.

New Dues Cards

The new Dues Card (Membership Card) looks very much like the image shown here. The new card design will assist with making registration at Session faster – please remind all members to be sure to bring their Dues Card with them for Session registration.

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



Late Annual Returns

As of April 24th the following Lodges have not yet submitted their Annual Return - Havre Lodge No. 55, Plentywood Lodge No. 91, Galata Lodge No. 106 and Rimrock Lodge No. 149. In addition, Galata Lodge is also delinquent in submitting its 2008 Annual Return.

Remember there is a \$3.00 per day late fee for every day after March 15th and if the Annual Return is not received by Session the lodges can not sit or participate in Grand Lodge.

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 by 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.

Honorary DeMolay Degree To Be Offered At Session

Attention All Masons!

- Can you name the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay?
- What are the three Great Bulwarks of DeMolay?
- Who was Jacques DeMolay?
- Why is he revered by the young men of our Masonic family?

Even if you know the answers, when is the last time you witnessed the beautiful and impressive DeMolay ritual and degree work?

Well, wait and wonder no more! For the first time in the history of Freemasonry in Montana, YOU can officially become a member of the Order of DeMolay!

While attending our 144th Annual Communications in Missoula this coming June, take advantage of this very rare opportunity. Under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of MT, Montana DeMolay will be conferring both the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees for the benefit of all Masons who desire to become Honorary DeMolays.

You will receive ALL the beautiful lectures, take solemn obligations and even witness the costumed trial of Jacques DeMolay - in all it's glory - all for the mere fee of \$50 - which includes a lovely, frangible certificate proclaiming your status as an Honorary DeMolay.

Seating will be limited, so PREREGISTER TODAY by sending an email request to:

Brian Murphy murphyworks@me.com or Sam Whitehead swhitehead@helenaymca.com

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

January, February, March and April 2010

Montana Lodge – 2

5632 - Leo G. Black Deceased - 02/20/2010

Helena Lodge – 3

3210 - Homer J. Phillips Deceased - 02/04/2010

5220 - Brent C. Anderson Deceased - 02/06/2010

247 - David C. Duensing Deceased - 03/03/2010

Morning Star Lodge – 5

1905 - George R. Lane Dimitted - 01/13/2010

1973 - Basil W. Leaf Deceased - 02/22/2010

Gallatin Lodge - 6

4729 - Brent K. Wepprecht Dimitted -
01/27/2010

2467 - Bill E. McManis Deceased - 02/12/2010

6722 - Mark Edgerley Raised - 03/13/2010

Missoula Lodge – 13

817 - F. Roger Grenfell Affiliated - 01/01/2010

6410 - William O. Ruzanski Raised - 01/09/2010

6409 - Micheal D. Weigel Raised - 01/09/2010

6303 - Theodore J. Criswell Deceased -
02/02/2010

6736 - Dennis T. Murphy Reinstated - 02/16/2010

4067 - William C. Sparr Deceased - 02/18/2010

3175 - Glen A. Peterson Deceased - 03/04/2010

Dillon Lodge – 16

6878 - Richard W. Harper Affiliated - 04/08/2010

Mystic Tie-Riverside Lodge – 17

1369 - Edwin A. Hunt Deceased - 03/10/2010

Bozeman Lodge – 18

6678 - David J. Tone Reinstated - 02/04/2010

3288 - William R. Price Affiliated - 03/15/2010

6914 - John W. Connors Reinstated - 04/15/2010

Valley Lodge – 21

1958 - Damon C. Lavender Deceased - 03/29/2010

Butte Lodge – 22

6450 - Joseph M. Parchen Raised - 02/02/2010

6514 - Brian J. Cocchiere Raised - 03/16/2010

Mount Moriah Lodge – 24

6689 - Neil A. Butori Reinstated - 01/18/2010

3528 - Randy J. Rodoni Reinstated - 01/25/2010

Benton Lodge – 25

3727 - Grover C. Schmidt Jr., PGM

Deceased - 01/24/2010

Stevensville Lodge – 28

6445 - Roger A. Fair Raised - 01/07/2010

6500 - Max H. Majors Raised - 01/07/2010

Ashlar Lodge – 29

6655 - Charles D. Wiley Reinstated - 01/08/2010

6654 - James L. Matthews Reinstated - 01/09/2010

Glendive Lodge – 31

6797 - Gary Kartevold Raised - 03/13/2010

6867 - Charles M. Rushing Raised - 03/13/2010

6868 - Palul E. Ryan Raised - 03/13/2010

6866 - Jacobus C. Heihaus Raised - 03/13/2010

Acacia Lodge – 33

4617 - Thomas W. Wagner Deceased - 03/19/2010

6521 - Charles M. Westphal Raised - 04/17/2010

Cascade Lodge – 34

3282 - William G. Preston Deceased - 02/15/2010

3900 - William G. Sigler Deceased - 03/16/2010

1801 - John A. Knutson Dimitted - 04/13/2010

Monitor Lodge – 35

5977 - Luke Carelli Deceased - 02/01/2010

Friendship Lodge – 37

5884 - William F. Buck Affiliated - 02/18/2010

Ionic Lodge – 38

5157 - James R. Agee Dimitted - 01/14/2010

6525 - Charles F. Donaldson Raised - 03/30/2010

Kalispell Lodge – 42

3950 - J. Milton Small Deceased - 04/15/2010

North Star Lodge – 46

[2442](#) - Frank S. McIntyre Jr. Deceased - 01/28/2010
[2680](#) - Wayne F. Morris Reinstated - 02/04/2010
[321](#) - Marvin A. Edwards Reinstated - 02/05/2010
[5920](#) - James A. Burt Deceased - 02/20/2010
[6413](#) - Le Roy M. Tiffany Raised - 03/17/2010

Chinook Lodge – 50

[321](#) - Marvin A. Edwards Reinstated - 02/05/2010

Ottawa Lodge – 51

[326](#) - Robert L. Ehlers Deceased - 01/31/2010

Hiram Lodge – 52

[6845](#) - Todd S. Tibbetts Affiliated - 03/16/2010
[6599](#) - Mathew H. Radue Raised - 04/20/2010

Malta Lodge – 57

[6453](#) - William H. Harms Raised - 03/17/2010
[6441](#) - Mark G. Sullivan Raised - 03/17/2010
[6467](#) - Scott J. Waters Raised - 03/17/2010

Euclid Lodge – 58

[3900](#) - William G. Sigler Deceased - 03/16/2010

Stillwater Lodge – 62

[2689](#) - William R. Morse Deceased - 03/05/2010

Carbon Lodge – 65

[6715](#) - Jordan C. Lay Raised - 01/27/2010

Golden Eagle Lodge – 66

[3934](#) - John D. Skorupa Deceased - 02/11/2010

Unity Lodge – 71

[6725](#) - James M. Browning III Reinstated - 02/17/2010
[6483](#) - Bert L. Holmes Affiliated - 03/01/2010
[2908](#) - David A. Norgaard Deceased - 04/06/2010

Mission Valley Lodge – 78

[3347](#) - Charles W. Ray Dimitted - 02/22/2010

Pondera Lodge – 80

[6706](#) - Thomas E. Buffum Jr Raised - 02/10/2010
[6709](#) - Mathew E. Peterson Raised - 03/25/2010

Libby Lodge – 85

[2910](#) - Charles R. Norman Affiliated - 03/13/2010

Saints John Lodge – 92

[4736](#) - Jack R. Westwood Deceased - 02/11/2010

Eureka Lodge – 93

[6552](#) - Carlos Renz Raised - 02/20/2010
[6922](#) - Thomas F. McKay Restored - 02/24/2010

Kyle Lodge – 96

[6590](#) - William J. Latka Affiliated - 01/05/2010

Captain Scott Lodge – 98

[6874](#) - Robert L. Thompson Affiliated - 03/03/2010

Lavina/Temple Lodge – 101

[6483](#) - Bert L. Holmes Dimitted - 03/01/2010

Meridian Lodge – 105

[4758](#) - Glenn A. Whitehead Deceased - 04/05/2010

Ekalaka Lodge – 120

[6238](#) - Lilburn C. Cork Deceased - 04/15/2010

Rapelje Lodge – 122

[231](#) - Lester Drevs Deceased - 02/23/2010
[2981](#) - Robert C. Olson Deceased - 03/14/2010

Delta Lodge – 128

[6511](#) - David K. Duncan Deceased - 03/15/2010

Bigfork Lodge – 150

[6738](#) - Arthur F. Crane Raised - 02/09/2010
[6831](#) - Cory M. Martens Dimit - 04/14/2010

Trinity Lodge – 152

[6656](#) - Stephen T. Reisinger Raised - 01/06/2010
[6657](#) - Charles E. Harris Raised - 01/06/2010
[2848](#) - Ronald Newgard Deceased - 03/23/2010
[1772](#) - David S. Klehm Deceased - 04/01/2010

Sentinel Lodge – 155

[48](#) - Patrick J. Daugherty Affiliated - 01/01/2010
[427](#) - Brad T. Farnsworth Affiliated - 01/01/2010
[6597](#) - Shawn O. Hays Affiliated - 01/04/2010
[6693](#) - Forrest S. Leder Raised - 02/23/2010
[6677](#) - Robert S. Gray Raised - 02/23/2010
[6683](#) - Russell P. Arnold Raised - 03/23/2010
[6691](#) - Cory J. Miller Raised - 03/23/2010
[6732](#) - Ronald M. Sheppard Raised - 03/23/2010

Special Educational Breakout Workshops During Session

Breakout Training Workshops at Session – This year during Session we are pleased to be able to present three workshops that will cover topics that you have asked about. We have many knowledgeable Brothers and experts in their fields who will be present to not only conduct these workshops but will be available to answer questions and give individual assistance.

ROLLS Tips and Tricks – This workshop is designed to provide more tools to the experienced ROLLS user but will be valuable to a new user as well. The focus will be on some of the interrelationships between entries, shortcuts and reasons for entry format and how to get the most of the system. You learn how to get the information you care about most, in fewer steps and reduce the steps to accomplish many common tasks, and how to get the most out of other features of ROLLS. The workshop will be conducted by W. Brother Tom Heath, the developer and Grand Lodge Officer from the Grand Lodge of Maine. This will also include a review of commonly overlooked tools and features and a discussion of what enhancements are being developed.

Insurance for Lodges – One of the topics that we constantly receive questions about is insurance for lodges and the cost. There is no doubt that this is a hot topic and one that will be presented for your edification. We have a representative from Tompkins Fraternal Insurance Company. They provide fraternal insurance to more Masonic organizations than any other company and their underwriters are Masons. We will have a representative from Montana International Insurance/Payne Financial Group who will also be presenting with Tompkins Insurance. They will have a vendor booth to provide information and answer questions. One of the concepts that has proved to be of great interest and has been shown to reduce costs is the Master Insurance Plan, to provide information of this concept, RW Brother David Owen the Grand Secretary of Washington will also be a presenter along with Tompkins and Payne. This is a rare opportunity to meet with and hear from those who can best answer your questions on Insurance.

Financial Reporting and Requirements – As you all know there have been many changes since September 11th that have impacted financial recording and reporting. The role of Lodge Treasurer has changed as well, taking on an ever increasing role to include compliance with State and Federal regulations. One of the most common statements that we hear is “we never had to do this before” and you are right but things have changed impacting Freemasonry and all fraternal organizations and there is an ever increasing level of reporting requirements and scrutiny by the IRS. This has led to an increasing level of responsibility and accountability to Lodge Treasurers and all officers of the lodge. This workshop will be conducted by RW Brother Bruce Lahti, Grand Treasurer who will provide an overview of the various reporting requirements, accountability, forms and reporting that is currently required as well as a view of what to expect in the future.

Voting At The Annual Communication

The following are entitled to one vote at the annual communication:

Elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers;

Past Grand Officers;

Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of chartered lodges (elected and installed for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year); and Past Masters of chartered lodges.

No member or delegate shall have more than one vote.

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 member’s 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 entry 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). This will also facilitate a change in the process for sending out 50 Year Awards. Now the Secretary will request the Award allowing time for the Grand Lodge Office to prepare and mail the award to the Lodge. Thus it becomes even more important that the service award section of ROLLS be utilized.

A brother’s service time is based on his raised date, minus any interruptions in the status of his good standing. An asterisk after service indicates that the brother has out-of-state history which should be confirmed as accurate before the presentation of any longevity award. This is also important in recording of our 50 Year members as a deduction in per capita is allowed for Master Masons who have received the Montana 50 Year Certificate and pin.

Reporting 990 N Filings

The Filings tab within ROLLS 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. Refer to the MTROLLS Users Manual (the MT ROLLS Masonic Data base Tutorial, page 38).

The IRS 990N, 990EZ or 990 is required to be filed each year. For those Lodges with gross receipts less than \$25,000.00 you will use the IRS 990N electronic postcard. Failure to file this year will result in the Lodge losing its IRS 501 c 10 non-profit status.

**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

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