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THE LEVEL

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Bikes for Books

It's time to start thinking about the Bikes for Books program. Updated program information, procedures and forms have been mailed to each lodge and is posted at the Grand Lodge website. 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.

Remember the process for receiving matched funds from the Montana Masonic Foundation, you will need to provide the lodge portion of the cost first. Purchases should not be made prior to receiving the matched check by from the Foundation. Do Not have the store invoice or send the invoice to Grand Lodge or the Montana Masonic Foundation the lodge must submit the form requesting the match of funds. The Foundation will not provide a match if you do not follow the instructions and process. The program start date is 1 Feb.

For the 2010-2011 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.

As in the past, if you wish to request the Grand Lodge provided Bikes for Books Poster, Bookmarkers or serialized bike tags (the sterilized tags are on backorder) you will need to provide the following information: number of students participating, number of bikes to be awarded, number of schools and number of classes within each school. Please have this information when you request the materials or it will delay receiving the materials. Please plan ahead and request the materials in advance of when you will need them. Our printing and stock of posters, bookmarkers and tags is based upon the information from the lodges.

2010 Annual Returns and Workpackages

The 2010 Annual Return instruction and work package has been mailed to each Lodge Secretary, a .pdf vesion is also available at the Grand Lodge website. ROLLS user can produce the Annual Return direct from ROLLS if you have keep membership data current. Remember Monthly Report is used to report the membership changes not the Annual Return. The Annual Return is a recapitulation of the activity through the year and

ROLLS Data Entry



For entries with "Start" and "End" dates it is important to not enter an End Date until it actually occurs. For Lodge Officer entries you can enter the Start Date or if the officer is continuing just leave the existing start date and do not enter an End Date. Or if the officer has completed the term you can enter the actual End Date. However, do not enter a date in the future for the End Date, e.g., the Officer was installed on Sept 8,2010 (enter the date) but don't enter the projected End Date in 2011. The various reports in ROLLS see an End Date as just that an end date meaning that the Brother is a past officer not a current one.



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**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 strike-through may be used, though single is preferable. Be sure to use underlines for added punctuation and strike-throughs 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 2011 Annual Communication. Please include both a paper copy and an electronic copy of proposed legislation.

Grand Master's Sts John Message

Brothers,

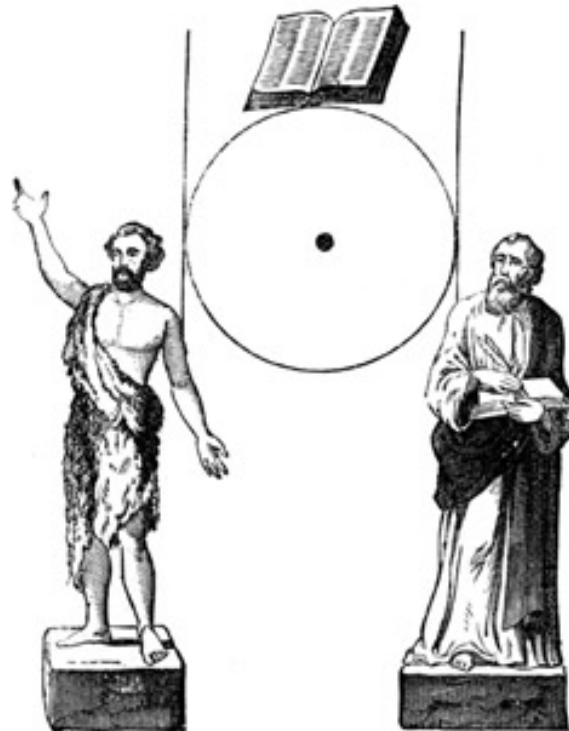
A practice prevails in our Masonic tradition, that we erect Lodges to God and we dedicate them to the patron's saints of our order. History tells us Masonic Lodges were originally dedicated to King Solomon, because he was our first most excellent Grand Master. Then in the sixteenth century the Holy St. John the Baptist was considered as the patron Saint of Freemasonry. Now the honor is divided between two, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. It is believed that St. John the Evangelist's cultivation of brotherly love may have been the principal reason for the veneration paid to him by the craft. Since 1968 Montana Masons have celebrated the feasts of St. Johns with a tiled table lodge in the month of January.

My message is intended to promote the purpose of St. John the Evangelist. I am calling the Craft together for fraternal fellowship and brotherly love while dedicating ourselves to the principals of Freemasonry.

I truly hope each and every Montana Mason will attend their Feast of St. John and perhaps add a toast of their own for the benefit of the Craft or their community.

Fraternally,

John J Mangen, Grand Master



Proposed Legislation for the 145th Annual Communication

Proposed legislation for the 145th Annual Communication which will be held in Miles City on June 23, 24 & 25, 2011 is due to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than 23 February 2011.



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Sept –Dec 2010

October

Helena Lodge - 3

7090 - John T. Brothis Affiliated - 10/04/2010

Morning Star Lodge – 5

5554 - Jack C. Benson Deceased - 10/29/2010

Flint Creek Lodge - 11

5673 - Edward H. Bohrsen Deceased - 10/27/2010

Bozeman Lodge - 18

6734 - Kenneth J. Weskamp Raised - 10/21/2010

Valley Lodge – 21

400 - William L. Evans Deceased - 10/12/2010

Butte Lodge - 22

6634 - Daniel J. Newgard Raised - 10/19/2010

Stevensville Lodge - 28

6135 - Maynard H. Clevidence Deceased - 10/07/2010

Cascade Lodge – 34

6164 - Merle H. Cole Dimitted - 10/16/2010

Ionic Lodge – 38

2843 - Jack W. Newell Dimitted - 10/14/2010

Boulder-Basin Lodge – 41

5243 - Lloyd P. Anderson Deceased - 10/10/2010

Kalispell Lodge - 42

1572 - Edwin R. Jonas III Dimitted - 10/06/2010

North Star Lodge – 46

3981 - Howard Smith Deceased - 10/23/2010

Chinook Lodge - 50

2022 - William E. Leonard Deceased - 10/21/2010

Ottawa Lodge – 51

3456 - Richard E. Richter Deceased - 10/30/2010

Mount Jefferson Lodge – 56

3754 - Harold L. Schultz Deceased - 10/24/2010

Euclid Lodge - 58

253 - James V. Duffy Deceased - 10/03/2010

7075 - Travis R. Conger Affiliated - 10/05/2010

6588 - Mark A. Binkley Raised - 10/19/2010

6639 - Spence J. Bentley Raised - 10/19/2010

6982 - William J. McGinn Jr. Raised - 10/19/2010

Belgrade Lodge – 68

3754 - Harold L. Schultz Deceased - 10/24/2010

Corinthian Lodge - 72

2050 - Donald P. Libecap Deceased - 10/20/2010

Mission Valley Lodge – 78

3811 - Carl A. Seifert Deceased - 10/19/2010

Libby Lodge - 85

6359 - Ben I. Amin Raised - 10/27/2010

Judith Lodge - 86

594 - William K. French Deceased - 10/13/2010

2014 - Steven O. Lemmon Deceased - 10/27/2010

Lower Yellowstone Lodge – 90

2638 - Daniel E. Moore Deceased - 10/24/2010

Saints John Lodge – 92

4033 - Kenneth L. Snively Deceased - 10/16/2010

Eureka Lodge – 93

6774 - John M. Acord Raised - 10/27/2010

Lavina/Temple Lodge – 101

2834 - Jeffrey M. Newman Affiliated - 10/13/2010

Western Star Lodge – 104

4009 - Stephen S. Smith Deceased - 10/08/2010

Meridian Lodge – 105

6694 - Matthew H. Hastings Raised - 10/19/2010

Billings Lodge – 113

3096 - Jack L. Pawcett Affiliated - 10/11/2010

5304 - William L. Arnold Affiliated - 10/11/2010

434 - Robert E. Fears Jr. Deceased - 10/14/2010

Delta Lodge – 128

1682 - Marshall D. Kelly Deceased - 10/22/2010

Bigfork Lodge – 150

6766 - James S. Payne Deceased - 10/04/2010

November

Deer Lodge - 14

3752 - Alfred W. Schulmeyer Deceased - 11/12/2010

Dillon Lodge - 16

974 - Greg A. Hansen Suspended NPD – 12/31//2010

Butte Lodge - 22

577 - Lester C. Franks Deceased - 11/19/2010

Mount Moriah Lodge – 24

7118 - Brandon M. Stodden Reinstated - 11/15/2010

Ashlar Lodge – 29

2484 - Philip A. McNeil Deceased - 11/10/2010

4723 - Michael J. Welton Affiliated - 11/29/2010

Acacia Lodge – 33

3027 - Herbert Paddock Deceased - 11/24/2010

Cascade Lodge - 34

[2487](#) - Irwin L. McOmber Deceased - 11/01/2010

[1976](#) - Kenneth E. Leck Affiliated - 11/01/2010

[518](#) - Larry D. Foose Dimitted - 11/23/2010

Ionic Lodge – 38

[3365](#) - Charles W. Reed Deceased - 11/07/2010

Victor Lodge - 43

[171](#) - Mario DiLorenzo Dimitted - 11/23/2010

Ottawa Lodge – 51

[6992](#) - Brenton J. Hartwig Raised - 11/19/2010

[118](#) - John L. Delano Deceased - 11/24/2010

Euclid Lodge - 58

[518](#) - Larry D. Foose Dimitted - 11/23/2010

Corinthian Lodge - 72

[1900](#) - Stanley W. Lance Deceased - 11/25/2010

[549](#) - James H. Fox Deceased - 11/26/2010

Lower Yellowstone Lodge – 90

[4723](#) - Michael J. Welton Dimitted - 11/29/2010

Lavina/Temple Lodge – 101

[384](#) - J. Laurence Erickson Deceased - 11/07/2010

[6484](#) - Donald A. Harmon Dimitted- 11/29/2010

Scobey Lodge – 109

[107](#) - Glyn W. Deem Deceased - 11/02/2010

[2904](#) - Walter A. Norbo Deceased - 11/27/2010

Delta Lodge – 128

[2637](#) - Dale D. Moore Deceased - 11/04/2010

December

Acacia Lodge – 33

[5431](#) - Jeffrey W. Barnes Suspended NPD - 12/31/2010

Ottawa Lodge – 51

[6950](#) - Eric S. Emter Affiliated - 12/03/2010

[7036](#) - Demetrios M. Hadjistavropoulos Affiliated - 12/03/2010



ROLLS Note

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Entering Lodge Office Held End Date

Lodge Secretaries please note that when entering dates in the Masonic History for “Lodge Offices Held” Do Not enter the “end date” before the actual end date. You need to wait until the term of office is completed.

Requesting and Recording 50 Year Memberships

Just a reminder that upon completion of 50 Years of membership (excluding any NPD) the Lodge Secretary needs to request Grand Lodge to send the 50 Year Award and Pin. It is also critical that the date that the award of 50 Year membership is either sent into the Grand Lodge Office or entered into ROLLS. The entries of these dates are what trigger the printing of the 50 Year Membership on the members Dues Card and also triggers the auto calculation of the 50 year membership within the ROLLS Annual Return. So please remember to also report the date the award is presented.

Calendar of Events

Dec 11, 2010 Great Falls Dist Lodge of Instruction

Dec 18, 2010 5:30pm – 8pm Ponemah No. 63 Annual Christmas Party - Plains

Jan 8, 2011 10am – 2:30pm Glacier Dist Meeting -Bigfork

Jan 21-23, 2011 Grand Lodge of Colorado

Feb 3-5, 2011 Grand Lodge of Nebraska - Grand Island

Feb 3-5, 2011 Grand Lodge of Utah –Salt Lake City

Feb 19-22, 2011 Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Secretaries - Denver, CO

Feb 23, 2011 Proposed Legislation Due to Grand Lodge

Feb 24-28, 2011 Shrine PNSA

June 23 - 25 145th Annual Communication Miles City

July 14 - 16 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference Salt Lake City

August 19 - 20 2nd Tri-Jurisdictional Grand Master's Roaming Outdoor Lodge
(Montana, Alberta & Saskatchewan Host City Helena, MT. Meeting will be at Mullan Pass)



MT ROLLS

Polo Shirts

Polo Shirts will be available for order with the ROLLS Logo for the Montana version logo. You can also have your name and/or Lodge added. Right now we believe the cost will be \$22.00. The shirts will be available in a variety of colors as well. If you are interested please contact us.



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

Observance of The Holy Saints John

Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon because he is said to have been our first most excellent Grand Master, but in this country Masons dedicate their Lodges to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist who are said to have been two eminent patrons of Masonry.

There is represented in every regular and well-governed Lodge a certain point within a circle bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; and upon the top rests the Holy Scriptures.

The point represents the individual brother; the circle, the boundary line of his duty, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, interests, or prejudices, to betray him. In going around the circle we necessarily touch on the two parallel lines, as well as the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed with these due bounds, it is impossible that he should materially err.

The festival days set aside for these two saints by Freemasonry are June 24, for Saint John the Baptist and December 27, for Saint John the Evangelist. Both of these dates coincide with the Summer and Winter Solstices respectively. The parallel lines which border the circle are also said symbolize these two solstices. In Montana this is a required observance, both of these dates celebrated together during the Month of January. The Sts John observance and can be conducted on any day except for Sunday, and shall consist of a tyled table lodge and a luncheon or dinner. They are to be celebrations and not business sessions.

Prior to Christianity, the celebration of the change of the seasons were marked with many pagan celebrations. For example, December 25 was already a major festival in the pagan Roman world. The Dies Natalis Solis Invicti, or "Birthday of the Unconquered Sun", falling within the week-long celebration of the Saturnalia, was a feast honoring the renewal of the sun at the winter solstice. It included feasting, dancing, lighting bonfires, decorating homes with greens, and giving gifts. The early Church wanted these pagan festivals stopped but they were very popular with the people and they continued to celebrate them. The solution to the problem was simple; substitute Christian meanings and Saints to these holidays and continue to celebrate them. Therefore, the celebration of the summer solstice became the Festival of Saint John the Baptist and the celebration of the winter solstice became the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist. Why did Freemasonry select the Holy Saints John as their patron saints rather than Saint Thomas, who is the eminent patron of architecture and building?

Adoption of the saints by Freemasonry far antedates the first Grand Lodge of 1717. Various of the Operative Lodges had been dedicated to the Baptist and a few to the Evangelist. The Baptist seems to have come into Freemasonry well in advance of the Evangelist. It may be significant that the first Grand Lodge was formed at a meeting held on the Festival of Saint John the Baptist. Thereafter London Lodges were dedicated to the two Saints John, and continued to be until the union of 1813, since when they have been dedicated to Solomon. The festival of the English Lodges has since been changed to the Wednesday after St. George's Day. American Lodges have continued the custom brought from England in colonial times, paying no attention to changes made by the English Lodges and continue to observe the festival of the two Saints John.

History does not tell us why the Saints John were selected as the patron saints of Freemasonry. Whatever the facts may be, surely it is in accordance with the fitness of things that we honor these two names, John the Baptist, the stern prophet of righteousness, and John the Evangelist, the teacher of Love. Righteousness and Love those two words do not fall short of telling the whole duty of a man and a Mason.

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