



Upcoming Events

Sept 7	Masonic Home Picnic sponsored by Helena Valley Scottish Rite (2pm)
Sept 20	Northwest District Meeting, Northern Section - Kalispell
Sept 13	Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3777 Annual Meeting
Oct 11	Northwest District Meeting, Southern Section - Missoula
Oct 17-18	Montana Masonic Youth Convention, Great Falls

Montana Masonic College

Be watching for more information, this year the Grand Wardens are working to hold the Masonic College in four locations across the state. To better assist the Lodges and all Officers and members the Montana Masonic College will provide a more intense and relevant curriculum. All members of the Lodge are encouraged to attend. The dates and locations will be announced shortly.

The Grand Senior and Junior Wardens are charged as per the Constitution and Code of Statutes (2020) to Annually hold and conduct Workshop or Workshops for Officers and Members of the Craft. This Workshop requirement has been dubbed "The Montana Masonic College". The Wardens will conduct; at a minimum, four (4) Workshops throughout Montana this Year so that; geographically, they are accessible to all; from the youngest to the oldest Masons in this Jurisdiction. The Grand Wardens will offer the Officers of our Lodges and Members of the Craft – Masonic S.T.E.A.K. which breaks down to Masonic - Skills, Training, Education and Advanced Knowledge. The Grand Wardens have twelve (12) subject areas that they are to cover with these Workshops. During these Workshops the Wardens will offer breakout Sessions to the Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers. These Sessions will be conducted by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary so that questions may be asked and clarifications received on anything from forms, report submissions, to the benefits and use of the R.O.L.L.S. Program and/or any other topics that may arise from questions asked by the Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bikes for Books & Kindles for Kids

The Montana Masonic Foundation has expanded the Reading Awareness program to include Kindles for Kids. The instructions and updated forms will be included with the mailing, and we be mailed to each Lodge, the forms will also be available at the Grand Lodge Website. Lodges will have the opportunity to continue with Bikes for Books or Kindles for Kids or a combination of both. The match for funds has increased to a maximum of \$1000.00 per Lodge. Under the Kindles for Kids program all Kindles will be purchased by the Montana Masonic Foundation, the lodge will send its match check to the Foundation and received the Kindles. For the Bikes for Books program: the District Officer will now have to sign off on the application form that it is "correct" and the process is followed, prior to sending the form for matching funds to Grand Lodge.

Directory 2014-2015

Copies of the 2014-2015 Masonic Directory are scheduled to be printing at the end of August and will be mailed to the Worshipful Master and Secretary of each lodge in the next couple of weeks. Additional copies may be ordered from the Grand Lodge Office. Remember, if you have not mailed a copy of the Lodge Officer Election Report to Grand Lodge the information for your Lodge will not be included. In addition, failure to send in the Lodge Officer Election Report may well prevent Officers from being able to vote or provide a proxy at the Annual Communication.

Programs for the Year

To aid Lodges and Masters with activities this Masonic year, programs are being introduced and some reintroduced to benefit Masonry. Some of the Programs are:

- Master Builder Award Program
- Mater Builder 2.0
- Ritualist Program
- Masonic Education Enlightenment Training (M.E.E.T.)
- Lodge Adoption Program (L.A.P.)
- Constitution and Code of Statutes Test
- Instructor Certified Program

The Grand Master has also added a program that will provide \$25.00 to cover refreshments for one (1) Lodge Meeting. Of course this does not come without some attached requirements from the Lodges that participate. Again, attend your District Meeting this Fall to get further information.

Report Due Dates

Monthly Reports - Sec 28090. I.

Each Month, after the last meeting of the month. If not using ROLLS, a paper copy of Form 1, must be submitted after the last meeting of each month. If using ROLLS it must be kept current and entries made after each meeting or membership change.

Annual Election – Sec 25020.

No earlier than the first regular meeting in APRIL and
No later than the first regular meeting in MAY. Elections held before or after the designated times are void.

Lodge Officer Election Report

June 1st, the form to be completed and returned to Grand Lodge lists the Officers Elected but not yet Installed for the ensuing Masonic Year.

Installation - Sec 25030.

After Annual Communication but no later than the first regular meeting in September

Report of those who have Not paid

First Stated Meeting in September. At the first their Current Dues – Sec 41060. stated meeting in September the Secretary shall report to the lodge the names of those who have not paid their current dues and shall there after give the notice (see below). In case any member has not paid his dues during a period of 12 month, and after notification by the Secretary, he shall be declared by the Master to be suspended.

Notice of Suspension for Non-Payment

Out of State Members – 60 Days: After the first Sec 41060 meeting in September the Secretary shall notify Out of State members by November 1st that they will be suspended NPD unless their dues for the current year are paid on or before December 31st.
Resident Members – 30 days: After the first meeting in September the Secretary shall notify resident (in-state) members by December 1st that they will be suspended NPD unless their dues for the current year are paid on or before December 31st.

Notice for payment of Annual Dues Dues Notices

November 1st: the Secretary should send out Dues Notice by 1 November or sooner, remember to give enough time to receive dues back and have the new dues card mailed by to the member prior to December 31st. Dues for the Masonic Year are payable by January 1st, and should be received by the Secretary in advance in order to allow the member to have a new Dues Card prior to the expiration of their current card on December 31st.

Payment of Annual Lodge Dues	Dues become payable on January 1st but the Dues Card expires on December 31st of the immediate proceeding year. Therefore enough time needs to be allowed to send out the dues notices, receive payment and send out the Dues Card. A review of the By-Laws of all Lodges show that dues are payable in advance and payable on January 1st.
Dues /Membership Card	December 31st - Dues cards should be mailed so all members in good standing (dues paid) receive their Dues Card by December 31st. This includes Paid Life Members and 50 Year members all must be issued a card each year. Dues for the Masonic Year are payable by January 1st, and should be received by the Secretary in advance in order to allow the member to have a new Dues Card prior to the expiration of their current card on December 31st. Grand Lodge will send you Dues Cards for your Lodge at the end of October or first part of November, based upon the membership entries as of October 15th.
Required Observances: Sec – 25060	January - Feast of Sts. John February - Americanism Prior to June 1st - Public Schools
Bikes for Books/Kindles for Kids	February 1st, Program start date is February 1st, Lodges should plan program early and remember to have the District Officer review the Application for Matching Funds before mailing the Applications for matching funds to the Montana Masonic Foundation. Remember do not purchase the bikes prior to receiving the check back from the Foundation. All applications are due prior to purchase of bikes and prior to May 31st.
Proposed Resolutions to Constitution and Code. Sec 470	February 27th. 120 days prior to the Annual Communication. Lodges should submit as early as possible.
Standing/Special Committee Reports	February 27th if includes a change to the Code or Ritual.
Lodge Annual Report: Sec 25070	March 15th on or before, Annual Return with Per Capita. ROLLS users can generate the Annual Return from ROLLS. Otherwise you must complete and submit the paper copy.
Masonic Hall of Fame. Sec 1003.	April 1st, nominations due
Legislation/Budget to Lodges. Sec 6040	28 April, transmit to Lodges
Candidate Contribution to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and Masonic Home of Montana. Sec 6030.	Due with and part of the Annual Return. \$5.00 for the Masonic Home of Montana \$10.0 for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. For each Entered Apprentice. The lodge shall remit the fees collected and annually include them as part of the Annual Return process.
Grand Representative Reports: Sec 11010	April 30, Reports due to Grand Lodge.
149th Annual Communication	June 25, 26 and 27, 2015 (Bozeman) Required Attendance. Sec 25050. 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.

Celestial Lodge

April - August 2014



APRIL

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8

2292 - Joseph M. Martello Deceased - 04/06/2014

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6

1436 - Alfred D. Jacobson Deceased - 04/10/2014

4549 - James D. Van Cleve Deceased - 04/19/2014

Valley Lodge - 21 / 5

5292 - James H. Armstrong Deceased - 04/15/2014

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5

619 - Lynn H. Fuqua Deceased - 04/12/2014

1324 - John R. Hudecek Deceased - 04/15/2014

Havre Lodge - 55 / 9

6088 - Julius Christianson Deceased - 04/03/2014

Musselshell Lodge - 69 / 5

3501 - John H. Robertson Deceased - 04/11/2014

Scobey Lodge - 109 / 7

1479 - James A. Jensen Deceased - 04/26/2014

Unity Lodge - 71 / 9

5705 - Benjamin W. Bowers Deceased - 05/02/2014

Mission Valley Lodge - 78 / 6

3590 - Frank D. Rowley Deceased - 05/07/2014

Hot Springs Lodge - 153 / 2

6826 - Clarence A. Haughey Deceased - 05/02/2014

JUNE

Virginia City Lodge - 1 / 4

6126 - Clarence R. Clem Deceased - 06/29/2014

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8

5759 - Peter B. Brazier Deceased - 06/12/2014

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1

3412 - Billy E. Revell Deceased - 06/24/2014

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3

3311 - George J. Racely Deceased - 06/10/2014

Corinthian Lodge - 72 / 1
3444 - Alan J. Richardson Deceased - 06/13/2014

Libby Lodge - 85 / 2
39 - Clifford E. Dare Deceased - 06/24/2014

Lower Yellowstone Lodge - 90 / 7
2305 - Marion B. Martin Deceased - 06/10/2014

JULY

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
752- Gibson G. Goodman Deceased - 07/25/2014

Morning Star Lodge - 5 / 8
4408 - Elmer E. Thornton Deceased - 07/20/2014
2118 - Jesse W. Long Jr. Deceased - 07/26/2014

Diamond City Lodge - 7 / 5
2357 - Kenneth E. McAfee Deceased - 07/23/2014

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
2118 - Jesse W. Long Jr. Deceased - 07/26/2014

Star in the West Lodge - 40 / 1
6284 - James Crans Deceased - 07/07/2014

Victor Lodge - 43 / 6
932- Robert E. Hamby Deceased - 07/18/2014

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8
2118 - Jesse W. Long Jr. Deceased - 07/26/2014

Western Star Lodge - 104 / 9
2436 - Hugh W. McIntosh Deceased - 07/15/2014

Circle Lodge - 136 / 7
330- Roy G. Eissinger Deceased - 07/05/2014

AUGUST

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4
2455 - Arley C. McLaren Deceased - 08/18/2014

Mission Valley Lodge - 78 / 6
1403 - Frank L. Ingraham Deceased - 08/10/2014

Pondera Lodge - 80 / 3
949- Lewis H. Hammermeister Deceased - 08/07/2014



Membership Changes April - August 2014

April

Virginia City Lodge - 1 / 4
 608 - Paul E. Fuglestad Affiliated - 04/10/2014
 7215 - Derek L. Gore Affiliated - 04/10/2014
 7269 - Timothy C. Gore Affiliated - 04/10/2014

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
 2860 - Tan Q. Nguyen Affiliated - 04/07/2014

Deer Lodge - 14 / 8
 6243 - Richard A. Corrigan Affiliated - 04/01/2014

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4
 7729 - Scott K. Haymart Raised - 04/24/2014

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8
 7749 - Rhett A. Miller Raised - 04/26/2014

West Gate Lodge - 27 / 4
 7771 - Clayton D. Cantrell Raised - 04/17/2014

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1
 7741 - David W. Curtis Raised - 04/22/2014
 7820 - Erik M. Zalenski Raised - 04/22/2014
 7821 - Jeffrey A. Geiger Raised - 04/22/2014

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
 3874 - John C. Shinn Reinstated - 04/09/2014
 3883 - John W. Shorthill Dimitted - 04/11/2014

Acacia Lodge - 33 / 8
 7862 - Kenneth M. Bates Raised - 04/23/2014

Boulder-Basin Lodge - 41 / 4
 7024 - Allen W. Mills Reinstated - 04/21/2014

Mount Jefferson Lodge - 56 / 4
 3874 - John C. Shinn Reinstated - 04/09/2014

Malta Lodge - 57 / 7
 5889 - Timothy U. Bullard Reinstated - 04/03/2014

Manhattan Lodge - 59 / 5
 7362 - Bradford L. Pennock Raised - 04/17/2014
 7571 - Justin P. Hageness Raised - 04/17/2014

Corinthian Lodge - 72 / 1
 6551 - Robert R. Orednick Dimitted - 04/08/2014

Terry Lodge - 74 / 10
 7787 - William T. Choate Raised - 04/01/2014

Pondera Lodge - 80 / 3
 7836 - Jeremiah B. Wilson Raised - 04/30/2014

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1
 7812 - Lonnie R. Bell Affiliated - 04/09/2014

May

Virginia City Lodge - 1 / 4
 7850 - Ray L. Shaw Reinstated - 05/08/2014
 7838 - William J. Koch Raised - 05/24/2014
 7839 - Anthony K. Pratt Sr. Raised - 05/24/2014

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4
 7721 - David E. Walton Raised - 05/24/2014

Yellowstone Lodge - 26 / 10
 7411 - John D. Yocom Affiliated - 05/13/2014

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3
 7756 - Paul A. Gay Raised - 05/10/2014

7837 - William D. Collins Reinstated - 05/27/2014

Ruby Lodge - 36 / 8
 7785 - Wayne S. Dunkerson Raised - 05/19/2014

Augusta Lodge - 54 / 3
 5013 - Kent R. Mosher Reinstated - 05/07/2014

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3
 7075 - Travis R. Conger Dimitted - 05/06/2014

Manhattan Lodge - 59 / 5
 5998 - Larry D. Carpenter Reinstated - 05/14/2014

Whitefish Lodge - 64 / 2
 7805 - Christian P. McCarthy Raised - 05/25/2014

Corinthian Lodge - 72 / 1
 7684 - Steven K. Hurd Raised - 05/19/2014
 7743 - Patrick N. Branger Raised - 05/19/2014

Eureka Lodge - 93 / 2
 7701 - Mark N. Breland Raised - 05/01/2014
 7761 - James J. McKenna Raised - 05/24/2014

June

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1

7855 - Arthur E. Stauber Affiliated - 06/10/2014

Victor Lodge - 43 / 6

7220 - Donald P. Goodnight Failure to Advance -
06/25/2014

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3

7844 - Lyle A. Jones Reinstated - 06/17/2014

Golden Eagle Lodge - 66 / 1

7856 - TC Chatman Affiliated - 06/02/2014

7857 - Riley O. Cooke Affiliated - 06/02/2014

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1

7848 - Richard P. Godley Affiliated - 06/11/2014

July

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5

6005 - Thomas J. Carruthers Reinstated -
07/15/2014

Mission Valley Lodge - 78 / 6

1015 - Alan D. Harkins Reinstated - 07/19/2014

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