



**Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana**  
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## Don Slaybaugh Deputy Grand Master

**RW Brother Don Slaybaugh is the Deputy Grand Master for 2012-2013. He is a member of Whitefish Lodge No. 64 and is the current Worshipful Master. He has also served as Lodge Instructor and is a Past Master of the lodge. RW Brother Don also served as the Grand Historian in 2003. He is an active member of the Shrine Legion of Honor.**



### 2013 Dues Cards

The 2013 Dues Cards have been printed and mailed to the Lodge Secretaries. If you have added a member since they were printed please contact the Grand Lodge Office right away with a request for their Dues Card. Everyone must be issued a 2013 Dues Card including 50 Year members and Paid Life Members. Remember to bring your current Dues Card with you to the Annual Communication.

### Christmas Wish from the Grand Master

From the Chisholm Family, Thom, Brandy Kolby, Carson and Duncan; we wish you and yours the warmest of holidays. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide us and protect us in our endeavors. Enjoy the season with family and friends, be safe, and remember to reflect on the simple basics of Freemasonry.

Thom Chisholm, Grand Master



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### Annual Returns

The 2012 Annual Return work-package and instructions will be mailed within the next couple of weeks.

Remember, if you are using the ROLLS software you can complete the Annual Return in almost the push of a button. We encourage all Lodges to use ROLLS to submit your Annual Return. If you have kept it current this will be a great time saver.

### Drafting Instructions For Proposed Legislation

Resolution drafting instructions for the 147th Annual Communication can be found on page 2-3. This is the same format that has been in place since 2003.

## 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. The rationale is not part of and is not included with the legislation once passed.
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 2013 Annual Communication. Please include both a paper copy and an electronic copy of proposed legislation.

Proposed legislation must be received by the office of the Grand Secretary by 28 February 2013.



### **Edwin T. Jensen**

**1918 – 2012**

#### **Most Worshipful Grand Master 1978**

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Edwin T. Jensen, 93, passed away October 7<sup>th</sup> at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow. Brother Ed was born on November 24, 1918 Racine, Wisconsin.

Brother Ed served his country in WWII as a mechanic in the Army Air Force. He was stationed in North Africa and was a crew chief on B-17s. When he came home, he continued his mechanic career at Camrud Motors.

Most Worshipful Brother Jensen was initiated as a member of Loyalty Lodge No.121 in Wolf Point on April 4, 1954, passed to the degree of a FellowCraft on October 7, 1954 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on July 18, 1954. Brother Jensen served as Worshipful Master of Loyalty Lodge No. 121 six times. In 1978, he was Masonic Grand Master of Montana and with this position came the opportunity for Ed and Anneva to travel throughout the United States. Brother Jensen received the Scottish Rite Degrees at Great Falls in 1963 and the received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1975. He was a member of Al Bedoo Shrine. He received the York Rite degrees in 1972. He had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and was a member of the DeMolay Advisory Board. Brother Ed was active in the VFW, Jaycees, Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce, and Elks.

A Masonic memorial was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Bell Mortuary in Glasgow. Funeral services were held at Bell Mortuary on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. A luncheon will follow at the Glasgow VFW. A private burial service will be held at a later date.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

## October—November 2012

## October

Whitefish Lodge - 64 / 2  
697 - Douglas A. Gilbertson Dimitted 12/31/2012

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2  
7312 - Samuel J. Cannon Failure to Advance 12/08/2012

## November

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8  
6476 - Keith D. Skaggs Reinstated to Advance 11/05/2012

Morning Star Lodge - 5 / 8  
313 - George A. Eddlemon Deceased 11/12/2012

Gallatin Lodge - 6 / 5  
7300 - William T. Lee Failure to Advance 11/12/2012

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6  
954 - Robert P. Handley Dimitted 11/06/2012

Deer Lodge - 14 / 8  
2287 - Louis D. Marshall Reinstated 11/03/2012  
1021 - Warren V. Harrington Deceased 11/15/2012

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4  
1358 - Robert M. Hull Deceased 11/01/2012  
2895 - Eldon R. Noble Deceased 11/15/2012

Bozeman Lodge - 18 / 5  
5550 - Lyman H. Bennett III Withdrwl from Plural 11/01/2012

Yellowstone Lodge - 26 / 10  
7331 - Thomas J. Wesen Failure to Advance 11/08/2012  
3055 - Rick H. Parker Deceased 11/30/2012

Stevensville Lodge - 28 / 6  
6243 - Richard A. Corrigan Affiliated 11/01/2012  
954 - Robert P. Handley Affiliated 11/06/2012  
3101 - Robert L. Payne Deceased 11/08/2012  
2327 - Henry B. Mason Sr. Dimitted 11/10/2012  
3570 - James A. Ross Deceased 11/13/2012

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1  
6293 - Lloyd D. Creek Sr. Deceased 11/14/2012

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3  
2795 - William C. Neils Deceased 11/19/2012

Friendship Lodge - 37 / 9  
7457 - Nicholes A. Burnham Failure to Advance 11/02/2012

Kalispell Lodge - 42 / 2  
7280 - James D. Douglas Failure to Advance 11/03/2012  
7283 - Robert F. West Failure to Advance 11/03/2012

Victor Lodge - 43 / 6  
2327 - Henry B. Mason Sr Affiliated 11/10/2012

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8  
2287 - Louis D. Marshall Reinstated 11/03/2012

Whitefish Lodge - 64 / 2  
5432 - Jerrold V. Barnes Deceased 11/12/2012

Unity Lodge - 71 / 9  
3101 - Robert L. Payne Deceased 11/08/2012

Lower Yellowstone Lodge - 90 / 7  
7317 - David W. McDonald Failure to Advance 11/26/2012  
7318 - Malcolm Z. Cain Failure to Advance 11/26/2012  
7472 - Derrick Cheroti Failure to Advance 11/26/2012

Meridian Lodge - 105 / 3  
412 - Rory C. Fagenstrom Deceased 11/18/2012

Delta Lodge - 128 / 3  
413 - Steven T. Fagenstrom Dimitted 11/01/2012  
3225 - James H. Pierce Dimitted 11/01/2012

Circle Lodge - 136 / 7  
2657 - Joseph A. Morin Deceased 11/16/2012

Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1  
1574 - Cameron F. Jones Reinstated 11/14/2012

Bigfork Lodge - 150 / 2  
7529 - Thomas N. Beaubion Raised 11/13/2012  
5676 - Donald D. Bolog Deceased 11/15/2012



## Bikes for Books

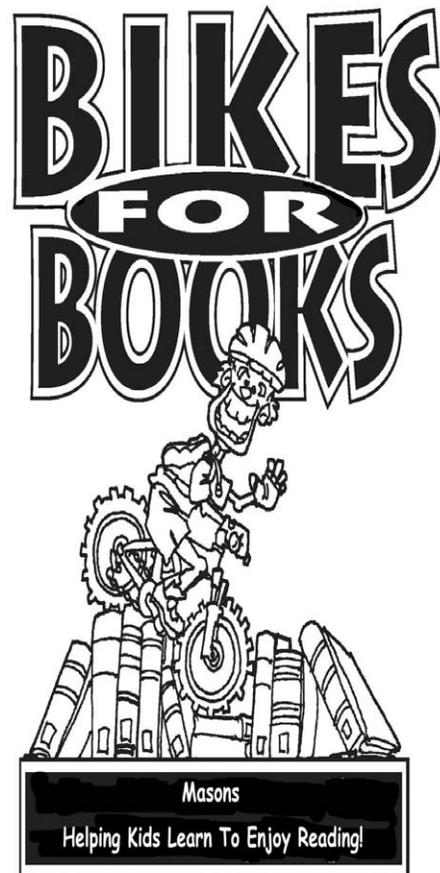
It's time to start thinking about the Bikes for Books program. Program information and matching funds are the same as last year. Applications for matching funds were mailed to the Secretary during the month of November and are posted at the Grand Lodge website. The lodge share of the match must be provided 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 have any questions or concerns about completing the form for matching funds or the process contact your District Officer who can walk you through the process.

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 2012-2013 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. You cannot match the Montana Masonic Foundation funds with money from other grants, e.g. Wal-Mart Community Grant. All checks must be provided to the vendor or deposited within 90 days of issue.

As in the past, if you wish to request the Grand Lodge provided Bikes for Books posters, Bookmarkers or serialized bike tags 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.



## **Masonic Living**

### **Jack R. Levitt, PM (6,18) (PGM-CA)**

Each of us is a model for Masonry. Would you be known as a Mason if the public knew what was in your heart? It is not sufficient to act properly because you are being watched. It is not sufficient to do something that is proper if the reason for doing so is not. You must do what is right for the proper reason. Your heart and actions must be in parallel. To do or say things without meaning them is hypocritical. One who is a Mason for what social or financial benefit it may bring is like one who loves the Lord because he hopes to be saved by faith or for the safety of Heaven. Such persons are actuated by selfishness. But, one cannot serve two masters. Living the teachings of Masonry must be from principle not self-interest.

Those who do not act with the proper intent are content with a mediocre character. One should never accept mediocrity. You cannot promote it, or file it, or win with it. If you are not diligent in small matters, you won't be in large matters. The antidote for mediocrity is the pursuit of excellence.

In pursuing excellence, you must not only be able to articulate the Masonic ritual but you must understand and then live its precepts. Knowing the ritual without understanding it is like perfuming a pig. Understanding it requires contemplation. That is the exacted price, just as faith requires prayer as a price. Do not hesitate to drink deeply at the fountain of understanding rather than merely gargling at it. However, you cannot find the priceless secrets of Masonry in books, as only a hint or clue may from time to time be found in them. The way to learn the inner and hidden mysteries concealed in Masonry is to budget time for Masonry and earn the right to know them by study and carefully living in accord with its precepts and moral requirements. By going on the path of personal practice and experience and by observing and following the object lessons the Creator has placed before us.

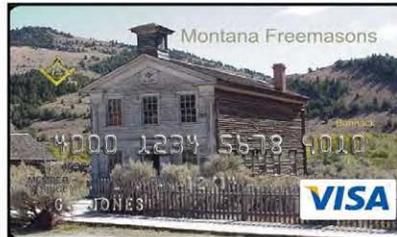
The depth of your understanding of Masonry can only be measured by the manner of your living its principles. You must be a diligent thinker to understand and utilize the unchanging virtues inculcated by Masonry. The ritual gives you enough to know what, but you must contemplate enough to know where and how to utilize its teachings. For example, that portion of the ritual which suggests that our duty is not to be better than our brethern but to be better than ourselves requires that we must always show tolerance, even to those who err against us. It means that we must exercise forbearance under provocation, and that we must keep on the right course despite condemnation or derision or any form of misunderstanding. It further means that every other person has a soul and is equal to us if equal in virtue.

You need not grasp Masonry's overriding plan in its entirety to follow its dictates, but you must have a voluntary and dedicated desire to live them, and the discipline to spend the time to learn them. You must continually chip and polish your character. You must continually fulfill the important duties owed to God, your neighbor and yourself. You must deserve reward even though it cannot be guaranteed.

As you continue to study, your enlightenment will increase and the principles of Masonry will point out to you many priceless truths. You will understand the eternal paradox of a word being lost and yet ever being with us. It will occur to you that God is not outside but within us and therefore that which we seek lives in our souls. You will then appreciate that contentment is the end product of purity of life and conduct, and the value of keeping your apron pure and undefiled before the world.

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