



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
425 N Park Ave
Helena, MT 59601

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2011 Annual Returns

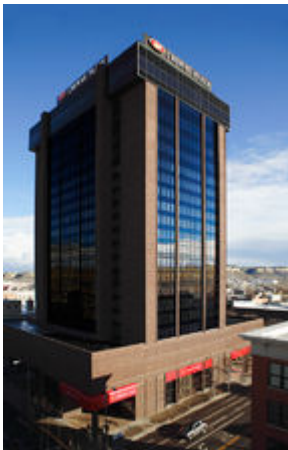
The 2011 Annual Return workpackages have been mailed to all Lodges and the following have not yet submitted their Annual Return:

Columbia Falls No. 89
Jordan No. 148

Proposed Legislation for the 146th Annual Communication

Proposed legislation for the 146th Annual Communication, which will be held in Billings on June 21, 22 and 23, 2012 (at the Crown Plaza Hotel) will be mailed out to the Lodges within the next few weeks. Legislation will be contained within the Advance Proceedings and The Montana Freemason magazine.

146th Annual Communication—Billings—June 21-23, 2012



The 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana will be June 21, 22 and 23, 2012. The Session Hotel and location of all Session events will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27 N 27th Street in Billings. The Annual Session and all events will be on the 3rd Floor.

Hotel Reservations - Everyone attending will be responsible for making their hotel reservations on their own- either with the Corwne Plaza, or another hotel of their choice.

To call for reservation at the Crowne Plazz—call 406 252-7400
Ask for room block “Grand Lodge of Montana

2012 Dues Cards

The 2012 Dues Cards should have been received by all members who have paid their 2012 Lodge Dues or 50 Year Members and Paid Life Members. Everyone must be issued a 2012 Dues Card. Remember to bring your current Dues Card with you to the Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge and Grand Secretary Mailing Address

When sending U.S. Mail to the Grand Lodge Office or to the Grand Secretary please use the following address.

Grand Secretary
PO Box 1158
Helena, MT 59624-1158

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

January-February—March 2012

January

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
2279 - Louis F. Marquardt Deceased - 01/26/2012

Gallatin Lodge - 6 / 5
7432 - Howard J. Pound Petition for Affiliation - 01/11/2012

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6
3405 - Edwin E. Reser Deceased - 01/18/2012
7355 - Walter L. Bradford Raised - 01/21/2012

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8
7278 - kyle L. Hausveit Raised - 01/17/2012

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24 / 8
7380 - Carl W. Campbell Reinstated - 01/16/2012

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
3883 - John W. Shorthill Reinstated - 01/30/2012

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3
1976 - Kenneth E. Leck Deceased - 01/05/2012

Victor Lodge - 43 / 6
7360 - Fred R. Huskey Affiliated - 01/10/2012

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8
2686 - William E. Morrow Deceased - 01/09/2012

Havre Lodge - 55 / 9
691 - Harry W. Gilbert Dimitted - 01/27/2012

Stillwater Lodge - 62 / 1
2753 - Charles R. Mussetter Jr. Deceased - 01/08/2012
6442 - Jonathan K. Von Nieda Failure to Advance 01/12/2012

Belgrade Lodge - 68 / 4
3821 - Monte W. Severson Reinstated - 01/30/2012

Lower Yellowstone Lodge - 90 / 7
5333 - Virgil O. Austreng Deceased - 01/23/2012

Saints John Lodge - 92 / 1
4123 - Clark C. Stanton Deceased - 01/02/2012
3687 - Harvey C. Schake Deceased - 01/08/2012

Billings Lodge - 113 / 1
7081 - Mark T. Olsen Reinstated for Advancement 01/23/2012

Delta Lodge - 128 / 3
3907 - Dennis R. Simmons Dimitted - 01/11/2012

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1
4464 - Millard F. Trask Deceased - 01/18/2012

Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1
124 - Darrell A. DeMars Deceased - 01/08/2012

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2
7310 - George A. Bland Raised - 01/26/2012
7311- John L. Sonderegger III Raised - 01/26/2012

February

Flint Creek Lodge - 11 / 8
6578 - Keith W. McLeod Deceased - 02/04/2012

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6
2929 - Robert D. O'Conner Deceased - 02/09/2012

Bozeman Lodge - 18 / 5
7387 - Michael F. Kurpjuweit Affiliated - 02/02/2012
7040 - Jared L. Hoesel Failure to Advance - 02/03/2012
7042 - Greg G. Lannon Failure to Advance - 2/03/2012

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24 / 8
1197 - William J. Hill Affiliated - 02/06/2012
1944 - Lance E. Larson Affiliated - 02/06/2012
2984 - Russell Olson Reinstated - 02/15/2012
6689 - Neil A. Butori Reinstated - 02/21/2012

Stevensville Lodge - 28 / 6
4509 - William D. Turner Dimitted - 02/04/2012

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1
4313 - Nelson Tallbull Sr. Deceased - 02/13/2012
4772 - Harold J. Widup Dimitted - 02/14/2012
7398 - Sean P. McDuffee Raised - 02/22/2012
7447 - Robert T. Pare Raised - 02/28/2012

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
1149 - Charles R. Hepburn Deceased - 02/13/2012

Boulder-Basin Lodge - 41 / 4
5981 - Charles W. Carlson Deceased - 02/04/2012

Kalispell Lodge - 42 / 2
2819 - Richard M. Nelson Deceased - 02/16/2012

Choteau Lodge - 44 / 3
5651 - Donald C. Bloom Deceased - 02/13/2012
Hiram Lodge - 52 / 10
1376 - Lynn D. Hunter Reinstated - 02/21/2012

Doric Lodge - 53 / 5

7202 - Daniel T. Parisi Raised - 02/14/2012

Augusta Lodge - 54 / 3

3967 - Douglas Smith Deceased - 02/03/2012

Stillwater Lodge - 62 / 1

7390 - William B. Calovis Affiliated - 02/09/2012
6442- Jonathan K. Von Nieda Reinstated for Advancement
02/09/2012

6442- Jonathan K. Von Nieda Raised - 02/28/2012

Golden Eagle Lodge - 66 / 1

7381 - Stanley E. Corkins Affiliated - 02/02/2012
4039 - Allen C. Snyder Deceased - 02/17/2012
7344 - Wade R. Schwindt Raised - 02/18/2012
7346 - Ronny Aasterud Raised - 02/18/2012
6818 - James H. Christenson Reinstated - 02/20/2012

Belgrade Lodge - 68 / 4

7400 - Clinton J. Field Rejected - 02/29/2012

Musselshell Lodge - 69 / 5

3223 - Clifford R. Pidcock Deceased - 02/06/2012

Unity Lodge - 71 / 9

7319 - Marc E. Allen Rejected - 02/15/2012
6482 - Ihian D. Fluet Raised - 02/28/2012

Judith Lodge - 86 / 9

4608 - Grover Von Bergen Deceased - 02/19/2012

Kyle Lodge - 96 / 7

150 - L. John Depuydt Affiliated - 02/07/2012

Scobey Lodge - 109 / 7

3731 - Merle R. Schneekloth Deceased - 02/05/2012

Billings Lodge - 113 / 1

7080 - Matthew A. Cantrell Reinstated for Advancement
02/13/2012
4321 - Edwin A. Taylor Reinstated - 02/15/2012
7358 - Frederick J. Sparks Failure to Advance - 02/27/2012

Powder River Lodge - 135 / 10

5975- Michael J. Capra Affiliated - 02/28/2012

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1

7170 - Christopher L. Conklin Raised - 02/22/2012
7295 - Carson A. Roberts Raised - 02/22/2012

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2

4187 - Larry M. Stillwaugh Affiliated - 02/23/2012

March

Morning Star Lodge - 5 / 8

2628 - John C. Monson Jr. Deceased - 03/06/2012

Gallatin Lodge - 6 / 5

7432 - Howard J. Pound Affiliated - 03/14/2012
742 - Gerald R. Goldenstein Deceased - 03/24/2012

Diamond City Lodge - 7 / 5

4716 - Robert J. Weitz Deceased - 03/21/2012

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8

99 - Leonard W. Decco Affiliated - 03/20/2012
7172 - Andrew H. Erickson Raised - 03/24/2012
7359 - William H. Morrison Raised - 03/24/2012

Stevensville Lodge - 28 / 6

7272 - Jeffrey K. Beer Raised - 03/15/2012

Friendship Lodge - 37 / 9

5542 - Richard W. Benner Deceased - 03/01/2012

Ionic Lodge - 38 / 6

5244 - Michael P. Anderson Reinstated - 03/08/2012

Chinook Lodge - 50 / 9

3018 - John G. Overcast Deceased - 03/12/2012
5648 - James Blevins Deceased - 03/19/2012

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8

1867 - William A. Kussman Reinstated - 03/23/2012

Malta Lodge - 57 / 7

6462 - Willard R. Abrahamson Raised - 03/21/2012

Stillwater Lodge - 62 / 1

1125 - Donald J. Hemphill Deceased - 03/22/2012

Thompson Falls Lodge - 70 / 2

1635 - William N. Karamanos Deceased - 03/03/2012

Sandstone Lodge - 84 / 10

4950 - Denzil R. Young Dimitted - 03/06/2012

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Judith Lodge - 86 / 9

245 - Arthur L. Dubbs Jr. Deceased - 03/24/2012

Lower Yellowstone Lodge - 90 / 7
3761 - Charles R. Schumacher Deceased - 03/28/2012

Saints John Lodge - 92 / 1
4348 - Vernon P. Tesch Reinstated To - 03/22/2012
5602- Kenneth D. Biery Deceased - 03/23/2012

Captain Scott Lodge - 98 / 9
3346 - James C. Raw Affiliated - 03/07/2012
6227 - Howard A. Cooper Affiliated - 03/07/2012

Lavina/Temple Lodge - 101 / 1
2337 - Frank E. Mathew Deceased - 03/23/2012

Scobey Lodge - 109 / 7
7275 - Jonathan W. Smith Raised - 03/15/2012

Rapelje Lodge - 122 / 1
1125 - Donald J. Hemphill Deceased - 03/22/2012

Powder River Lodge - 135 / 10
1997 - Charles S. Lei Deceased - 03/28/2012

Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1
7440 - William L. Orrell Affiliated - 03/28/2012
7056 - Ian C. McKay Raised - 03/28/2012
7228 - Jason D. Koehn Raised - 03/28/2012

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2
4287 - Nils A. Swanson Deceased - 03/31/2012

April

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
7446 - Ronald D. Martin Affiliated - 04/02/2012

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3
7445 - Travis J. Gruit Affiliated - 04/03/2012
7254 - Michael A. Schmidt Raised - 04/03/2012
7277 - Ryan M. Kohler Raised - 04/03/2012
7430 - Eric R. Froyd Reinstated - 04/03/2012



Attire for Session

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo

Visiting Dignitaries – Black Tuxedos

Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie

Ladies – complimentary to the men

Friday, June 22nd

Session

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo jacket with Black Tuxedo pants

Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie

Master Masons Banquet -

ALL - Western Attire, GLO Sport Coat and Tie

Ladies – complimentary to the men

Saturday, June 23rd

Session

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo/Black Bow Tie

Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie

Installation and Reception for new Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Lodge Officers – Black Tuxedo/Black Bow Tie

Visiting dignitaries and all Master Masons – Suit or Coat & Tie

Ladies – complimentary to the men

**146th Annual Communication
 GRAND LODGE AF & AM of MONTANA
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27 N 27th Street, Billings, Montana
 June 21, 22, & 23, 2012**



PRE-REGISTRATION

Mail this Form to:
**146th Annual Communication
 PO Box 1158
 Helena, MT 59624-1158**

Registration must be Received prior to June 1, 2012

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT: (Name Badge Will Be Completed From This Information)

NAME: _____
 (Full Given Name)

TITLE: _____

NAME OF LODGE: _____ LODGE NUMBER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ACCOMPANIED BY (Lady's Name): _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please complete the top section and mail it in even if you do not plan to purchase any meals.

Tickets are limited and availability is not guaranteed after June 1st

Friday, June 22, 2012

Men's Luncheon (Italian Sandwich/Fruit/Dessert) No. ____ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon (Chicken Chef Salad/Dessert) No. ____ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Master Masons (& Ladies) Banquet
 (Prime Rib) No. ____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

(Chicken Oscar) No. ____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

(Vegetarian, upon request) No. ____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Breakfast (Men & Ladies) (Breakfast Buffet) No. ____ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Men & PGM's Luncheon (Turkey Bacon Club/Dessert) No. ____ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Reception for New Grand Master & Grand Lodge Officers
 (Light Buffet, Beer Bar) No. ____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total Activity Amount: \$: _____

Payment for Activities:

Check Enclosed: # _____

(Please make checks payable to: 146th Annual Communication)

Credit Card (Master Card or Visa Only): _____ Expires: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Registration/Credentials and Session will be at the Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

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Crowne Plaza Hotel

(406)252-7400

27 N 27th Street

Billings, Montana

(Block of Rooms under “Grand Lodge of Montana” - Block Room Rate - \$99.00 + tax)

Hotels available in the immediate area include:

Clock Tower Best Western
2511 1st Ave North
(406) 259-5511

Dude Rancher
415 North 29th
(406) 259-5561

Hilltop Inn
1116 North 28
(406) 245-5000

KOA
547 Garden Ave
(406) 252-3104

RV Parking is available at:
Holiday Inn Grand Montana
5500 Midland Rd
(406) 248-7701

TENTATIVE AGENDA

(Full agenda will be available in the Session Program)

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

5:00 p.m. Vesper Service – Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012

8:30 a.m. Public Grand Opening (Ladies Welcome) - Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

10:00 a.m. Formal Opening of Grand Lodge

10:00 a.m. Election of Grand Lodge Officers

1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor

1:45 p.m. Call to Order

Committee Reports

Reception of Montana Past Grand Masters

Reception of 50-Year Masons

Reception of Visiting Grand Lodge Officers

4:30 p.m. Grand Lodge Call from Labor to Refreshment

6:00 p.m. No Host Fellowship - Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

7:00 p.m. Master Masons Banquet - Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

**Featured Speaker: Ronald A. Seale, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander,
AASR-Southern Jurisdiction**

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (for those registered)

9:00 a.m. Call to Labor - Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

Legislation

11:55 a.m. Grand Lodge Call from Labor to Refreshment

1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor

Finance Final Report with Budget

3:00 p.m. Formal Closing of 146th Annual Communication

5:00 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2012 - 2013

Crowne Plaza, 3rd Floor

Grand Lodge Officers Public Installation, followed by the Reception for the new Grand Master, will take place on the 3rd Floor of the Crowne Plaza. All Masons, ladies, families and friends are invited.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.



Montana

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Most Worshipful Grand Master 2011-2012
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April 2, 2012

Dear Brothers,

I cordially invite you to attend the One Hundred Forty Sixth (146th) Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27 North 27th Street in Billings, Montana. The Annual Communication will begin on Thursday, June 21 and continue through Saturday, June 23, 2012. The general registration forms and tentative agenda are enclosed. All events including registration and credentials will be on the 3rd floor.

The Vesper Service will be held on Thursday, June 21st at 5:00 p.m. Following the Vesper Service, the Billings Area Lodges will host a BBQ dinner, from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Billings Masonic Center, 1101 Broadwater Avenue. The cost for the BBQ is \$5.00. For more information contact Chris Rubich at (406) 861-7983.

On Friday, June 22nd, after session, the no host social will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Master Mason Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Featured speaker for the banquet will be Ronald A. Seale, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander, AASR-Southern Jurisdiction.

All pre-registration forms must be received no later than June 1, 2012. There will not be tickets available after June 1st. Hotel information is on the back side of the enclosed registration forms.

You will find a copy of the pre-registration form included in this Bulletin; more copies may be made, as needed. The pre-registration form is also posted on-line at www.grandlodgemontana.org and will also be contained within the special session issue of The Montana Freemason magazine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

William L. Alexander, II
Grand Master

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Helena, MT 59624-1158



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