



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
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THE LEVEL

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2011 Annual Returns

The 2011 Annual Return instruction and work package will be mailed to each Lodge Secretary during the Month of November. A .pdf version is also available at the Grand Lodge website.

ROLLS users can produce the Annual Return directly from ROLLS if you have keeping you 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 throughout the year, and should not be used to report something for the first time. Returns should be completed as soon as possible, but prior to 15 March.

Remember to submit your Annual Financial Disclosure Worksheet. We had hoped that we would have it included in the ROLLS electronic version, however the programming was not completed in time. Therefore, you need to complete and send the paper copy that was included with the printed copy of the Annual Return, or you can go to the Grand Lodge website and use the "form fill" version and then print it and mail it in.

Also, you need to complete the applicable IRS 990 form, for most lodges it will be the 900N Electronic Post Card. You will need to send a copy of the electronic IRS receipt. If you complete one of the other IRS 990 paper forms you will need to send a copy of the form.

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, If the officer is continuing in that office just leave the existing start date, and do not enter an End Date. 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 8,2011 (enter the date) but don't enter the projected End Date in 2012. 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.

Suspended NPD - Remember, if you are reporting someone NPD on the 2011 Annual Return, to use the date of 12/31/2012 as the suspension date.

50 Year Members - The Secretary needs to request 50 Year Awards, and the requester name and date need to be entered into ROLLS. Once the member has been presented the 50 Year Award, the date presented needs to be reported to Grand Lodge, or entered into ROLLS. The date presented is a critical date.

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) is due to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than 21 February 2012.

Format direction for proposed legislation is contained with this Bulletin on page 5.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

November, December 2011 and January 2012

November

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8
 203 - Ellis C. Donaldson Deceased - 11/05/2011

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24 / 8
 362 - Joseph C. Engel III Reinstated - 11/15/2011

Yellowstone Lodge - 26 / 10
 7305 - Michael W. Cummins Raised - 11/01/2011

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
 2196 - Alfred D. MacDonald Deceased - 11/14/2011

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3
 641 - Donald A. Garberg Affiliated - 11/22/2011

Friendship Lodge - 37 / 9
 7129 - Nathanael J. Bussey Failure to Advance - 11/08/2011
 7208 - Jesse J. Olson Failure to Advance - 11/20/2011

Boulder-Basin Lodge - 41 / 4
 5379 - Earl F. Baker Dimitted - 11/23/2011

Treasure Lodge - 95 / 9
 6241 - Marlyn G. Cornett Deceased - 11/12/2011

Captain Scott Lodge - 98 / 9
 4201 - Frank J. Stolle Deceased - 11/02/2011

Billings Lodge - 113 / 1
 3239 - Joseph R. Pirami Dimitted - 11/28/2011
 7325 - Shaun L. Combs Reinstated - 11/28/2011

Delta Lodge - 128 / 3
 7181- Michael A. Murieen Failure to Advance - 11/16/2011

Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1
 2362 - James McBride Deceased - 11/14/2011
 7309 - Jonathan E. Coxwell Reinstated - 11/23/2011

December

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
 7315 - Judd D. Everly Affiliated - 12/05/2011

Deer Lodge - 14 / 8
 4 - Bird E. Curtiss Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 2354 - Phillip E. Maxwell Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 2869 - Wayne E. Nichols Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011

4202 - Raymond L. Stolp Jr. Suspend NPD 12/31/2011
 6942 - Kenneth B. Strickland Susped NPD - 12/31/2011

Bozeman Lodge - 18 / 5
 7041 - Douglas B. Campbell Fail to Adv 12/02/2011

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8
 1604 - Lloyd R. Jordan Dimitted - 12/29/2011
 3734 - Kenneth R. Schoen Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
 5040 - Robert E. Endresse Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
 5782 - Aaron Briceno Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
 6450 - Joseph M. Parchen Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011

West Gate Lodge - 27 / 4
 3823 - Budd W. Seyler Deceased - 12/04/2011

Livingston Lodge - 32 / 5
 178 - Paul G. Dion Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 790- Britton M. Gray Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 1383 - Gregory T. Hurley Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 1396 - John P. Hykes Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 2088 - James A. Liska Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 3360 - Lawrence A. Redfield Susped NPD - 12/31/2011
 3883 - John W. Shorthill Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 5227 - E. Johann Anderson Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
 5639- Gary M. Blakely Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011

Acacia Lodge - 33 / 8
 3460- Timothy Riddle Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 3688- John F. Schalk Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
 6521- Charles M. Westphal Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3
 362- Joseph C. Engel III Affiliated - 12/13/2011
 491 - Christian R. Fleck Jr. Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
 2523 - E. D. Merrill Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011

Ionic Lodge - 38 / 6
 1810 - Joseph L. Kochis Deceased - 12/03/2011
 6210 - Curtis C. Cook Deceased - 12/05/2011
 7320 - Louis E. Jeffries Affiliated - 12/08/2011
 7232 - William S. Blocker Raised - 12/13/2011
 519 - Clyde E. Foote Deceased - 12/25/2011
 5388- Paul C. Baker Deceased - 12/26/2011

Choteau Lodge - 44 / 3
 499 - Robert F. Fleshman Deceased - 12/29/2011

North Star Lodge - 46 / 7			Libby Lodge - 85 / 2	
6751	- Stephen M. Nigh	Raised - 12/07/2011	4990-	Richard E. Davidsen NPD - 12/31/2011
4672	- Samuel Waters	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Treasure Lodge - 95 / 9	
Hiram Lodge - 52 / 10			1173 -	Walter E. Hettrick Deceased - 12/06/2011
1376	- Lynn D. Hunter	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Lavina/Temple Lodge - 101 / 1	
1378	- Ryan N. Hunter	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	4537-	Claude H. Utterback Deceased - 12/07/2011
3244	- William D. Pittman	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Scobey Lodge - 109 / 7	
4634	- Jerry L. Wallace	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	4290 -	William A. Swanson Dimitted - 12/31/2011
5256	- William C. Anderson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Loyalty Lodge - 121 / 7	
Doric Lodge - 53 / 5			2801-	Don Nelson Dimitted - 12/01/2011
2672	- Lon E. Morris	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	2039-	Keith L. Lewis Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
4228	- Louis O. Strand	Deceased - 12/31/2011	Delta Lodge - 128 / 3	
Mount Jefferson Lodge - 56 / 4			3668-	Paul S. Sather Deceased - 12/01/2011
1971	- Jessie D. Layman	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Powder River Lodge - 135 / 10	
Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3			766-	Kris C. Goulette Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
7027	- Jeremy D. Wilson	Raised - 12/06/2011	Shelby Lodge - 143 / 3	
7029	- Kris J. Cron	Raised - 12/06/2011	6520 -	Michael P. Spencer Suspend NPD - 12/31/2011
2258	- Aaron R. Mans	Deceased - 12/09/2011	Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1	
Manhattan Lodge - 59 / 5			6625-	Bobby G. Costner Sr. Dimitted - 12/28/2011
1551	- Robert A. Johnson	Dimitted - 12/14/2011	Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1	
Golden Eagle Lodge - 66 / 1			4664 -	Dennis Warren Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
6818	- James H. Christenson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	7098-	Conrad E. Barrett Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
Unity Lodge - 71 / 9			Bigfork Lodge - 150 / 2	
1495	- Frank H. Johanson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	1157-	David A. Hermann Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011
4624	- Richard E. Walker	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Sentinel Lodge - 155 / 6	
Corinthian Lodge - 72 / 1			2026 -	Bob J. Lerum Deceased - 12/22/2011
3503	- William J. Robertson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	January	
5871	- William L. Bruski	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	Helena Lodge - 3 / 8	
5919	- Joseph A. Burrows	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	7350-	Edward T. Downey Affiliated - 01/02/2012
Mission Valley Lodge - 78 / 6			Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6	
992	- Hilbert J. Hanson	Deceased - 12/20/2011	1177	- Warren K. Heyer Sr. Deceased - 01/02/2012
7186	- Gregory B. Landon	Raised - 12/22/2011	7356	- Brandon R. Curran Affiliated - 01/04/2012
283	- Oliver K. Dupuis	Dimitted - 12/31/2011	7357	- Jon H. Caro Affiliated - 01/04/2012
Pondera Lodge - 80 / 3			Sentinel Lodge - 155 / 6	
7132-	Robert C. Hill	Failure to Advance - 12/15/2011	3267	- Edward A. Potter Deceased - 01/01/2012
Cut Bank Lodge - 82 / 3			6727	- Brett F. Hardy Raised - 01/04/2012
273	- Carson R. Dunk	Affiliated - 12/06/2011	7339	- William G. Pinson Raised - 01/04/2012
116	- James R. DeKaye	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011	7351	- Kyle J. Hibler Raised - 01/04/2012
1696	- Gerald D. Kennedy	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011		
1940	- Joshua A. Larson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011		
1947	- Steven J. Larson	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011		
3050	- Gary D. Parker	Suspended NPD - 12/31/2011		

Upcoming Events

January

Grand Lodge of Colorado Jan 27-29

February

Grand Lodge of Alaska	Feb 1-3
Grand Lodge of Nebraska	Feb 2-4
Grand Lodge of Utah	Feb 2-4
Shrine PSNA	Feb 16-18
Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Secretaries	Feb 18-21
Proposed Legislation Due	Feb 21
Annual Returns Due	Prior to March 15

2012 Dues Cards

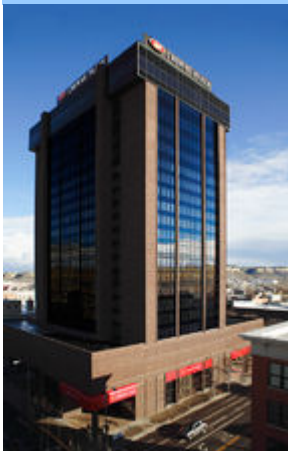
The 2012 Dues Cards have been mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge. Dues notices should have been sent to the members. Dues for 2012 are due to the lodge by the end of December. Once you have received payment from your dues paying members, remember to send their dues card to them right away. Please remind your members that the current years (2012) Dues Card will need to be presented at the Annual Communication. Expired or dues cards other than the 2012 (Red) Dues Card will not be accepted as proof that the member is in good standing.

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

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 Crowne Plaza, or another hotel of their choice.

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._____.” (*leave blank*)
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. Remember, the Proponent’s Rationale does not become part of the approved legislation.
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 2011 Annual Communication. Please include both a paper copy and an electronic copy of proposed legislation.

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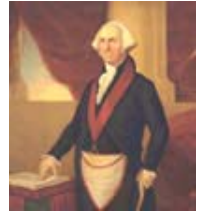
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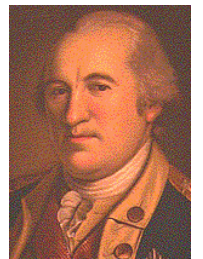
By the time Freemasonry came to the American Colonies, around 1730 it had evolved into a Fraternity, comprised of men from every walk of life, every profession, and every social class. In Europe, its membership included not only scientists, philosophers, merchants, farmers, musicians, and men in public life, but especially the great military leaders. It was no different in the Americas.

George Washington, the first Commander in Chief of the American forces, was a member of the Fraternity. Thirty-three of the men Washington picked to serve under him were Freemasons, as were such Founding Fathers as Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and John Hancock.



Commodore John Paul Jones, the father of the United States Navy, was a Mason.

Baron Friedrich von Steuben, a Prussian Freemason who joined Washington at Valley Forge, is considered by many to be the founder of the U.S. Army as an effective and disciplined fighting force.




Samuel Nicholas, who created the U.S. Marine Corps, was a Freemason.

General Henry “Hap” Arnold, who was with the Air Force from its infancy and developed it into a separate branch of the Armed Services, was a Freemason.



William F. Reynolds, the first officer of the U.S. Coast Guard to become an Admiral, was a Freemason.

Two hundred twenty-four of the men who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor are members of the Fraternity. 

In 1917 members of the 163rd Infantry from Fort William Henry Harrison located at Helena, Montana formed the Montana Army Lodge No.1.

Sir Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and President Harry S. Truman were all Freemasons. During the height of the Second World War, Truman made a special appearance in the newsreels being shown in movie theatres all over America. He said, in part, “At this very moment, in fox-holes and on shipboard, beneath the sea and in the air, countless hands are being clasped in fraternal recognition of each other in the darkness as well as in the daylight. And countless fathers, bravely wishing Godspeed to their departing sons, are saying ‘Boy, when your hour of darkness and loneliness comes, find a Freemason, and tell him you are the son of a Freemason, and you’ll find a friend.’”

It’s been a long time since warriors went into battle on horseback, armed with lance and battleaxe, and it’s been a long time since Masons built castles. The tools of both have changed-but the spirit hasn’t.



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