



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana
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THE LEVEL

July 2011

NO. 461

SUMMARY OF THE 145th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Legislation

GMR-2011- 01: Recommending that every candidate for the degrees of Masonry be required to have a nationwide criminal background check by adding Section 37075 and Amending Section 37080 and 37090, Code of Statutes. **FAILED**

GMR-2011-02: Recommending that the Masonic Home of Montana exercise the management of its corporation in their own best interest and separate from the management and control of Grand Lodge. **FAILED**

GMR-2011- 03: Recommending that the Grand Lodge and Masonic Home of Montana enact action to allow the Masonic Home of Montana to operate as its own corporate entity, amending Section 4020.B. **WITHDRAWN**

GMR-2011- 04: Recommending that the Code be amended to ensure that the not-for-profit status of our Lodges not be placed in jeopardy by improper actions of lodges and its members and to prevent transfers of finances and assets that do not meet the specific not-for-profit purpose of the organization, that of fraternal benevolence, amending Section 24080. **PASSED**

R – 2010 – 02: A Resolution Amending Section 620 to add Treasurers to the list of those elected officers entitled to vote. **PASSED**

R-2011-01: A Proposed Resolution adding Section 37075 to the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Montana regarding background checks and applicant investigations, adding Section 37075. **FAILED**

R-2011-02: A Resolution Amending Article V - Committees Defining Jurisprudence membership makeup and defining removal. **FAILED**

R-2011-03: A resolution amending Section 5020 of the Code of Statutes to change the method of selection of the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence and restricting their removal. **FAILED**

R-2011-04: A resolution amending Section 41020 to correctly identify the name and function by changing the term Life Membership to Lodge Endowment Membership (and 41040, 20020, 22070. **TABLED UNTIL THE 146TH SESSION**

R-2011-05: A resolution amending Section 360 to correctly identify the name and function by changing the term Life Membership to Lodge Endowment Membership. **PASSED HOLDOVER TO 146th SESSION**

R-2011-06: A resolution adding a new Code Section 28065 to allow Lodges the ability to recognize eligible Master Masons by bestowing upon them the title of “Honorary Past Master”. **FAILED**

Grand Lodge Budget

Grand Lodge Budget for 2011-2012

PASSED

Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee for 2011-2012 is \$31.00

PASSED

SUMMARY OF THE 145th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION Continued

Special Committee on Recognition

Special Committee on Recognition – To extend mutual recognition to the: Grand Lodge of Ukraine, the National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta. **APPROVED**

The following Lodges were not represented at the Annual Communication-

NOT REPRESENTED : 7. Diamond City; 11. Flint Creek; 13. Missoula; 17. Mystic Tie-Riverside; 20. Sheridan; 24. Mount Moriah; 25. Benton; 27. West Gate; 33. Acacia; 35. Monitor; 42. Kalispell; 43. Victor; 44. Choteau; 50. Chinook; 54. Augusta; 63. Ponemah; 64. Whitefish; 69. Musselshell; 70. Thompson Falls; 86. Judith; 90. Lower Yellowstone; 95. Treasure; 96. Kyle; 102. Pilgrim; 104. Western Star; 105. Meridian; 120. Ekalaka; 128. Delta; 140. Park; 150. Bigfork; 152. Trinity; 157. Lincoln.

Lodges Failed to Submitted 2010 Annual Return: Pilgrim No.102.

Missing Lodge Officer Election Reports

The following Lodges have not yet sent in their 2011-2012 Officer Election Reports

Diamond City No. 7
Musselshell No. 69

Sheridan No. 20

Chinook No. 51
Havre No. 55
Pilgrim No. 102

Lincoln No. 157

Lodge Dues and Per Capita

41010. MINIMUM. The minimum annual dues shall be no less than the current Grand Lodge per capita. Dues shall commence with the first day of the month next following the conferring of the Master Mason degree.

Coming Soon to a Lodge Secretary Near You

By the first week or two in September each Lodge through the Lodge Secretary will be mailed a copy of the current Constitution and Code of Statutes. Please watch for this mailing and make sure that a copy is available or shared by the Worshipful Master, Secretary and or Instructor. Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00 each from the Grand Lodge Office.

Secretaries and Treasurers

Change in Fee Processing

CHANGE - New member “candidate contributions” to the Montana Masonic Home and George Washington Masonic Memorial was amended at Session. Each Entered Apprentice shall pay to the lodge \$5.00 to support the George Washington Masonic Memorial and \$10.00 to support the Masonic Home of Montana. These fees shall be paid only once by the candidate. The lodge shall remit the fees collected and annually include them as part of the Annual Return process.

Calendar of Events

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| Aug 5 | GM @ Billings Area Lodge Installation |
| Aug 6 | GM @ Glacier Area Lodge Intallation |
| Aug 7-9 | Grand Lodge of Wyoming - Cheyenne |
| Aug 19 | Happy Birthday Grand Master |
| Aug 20-23 | GM @ SR Biennial Mtg, D.C. |
| Aug 24-28 | Shrine PNSA, Butte |
| Aug 26-27 | 2nd Tri-Jurisdictional Outdoor Lodge (Montana, Alberta & Saskatchewan) Host City Helena, MT. Metting will be at Mullan Pass |
| Aug 28 | GLO 1/4 Meeting - Grand Lodge Office, Helena |
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| Sep 7 | GM Install Lavina No. 101 |
| Sep 9-10 | Algeria Shrine Fall Ceremonial - Malta |
| Sep 10 | GM @ Bannack Historic Lodge Annual Meeting |
| Sep 14-17 | Grand Lodge of Idaho - Sand Point |
| Sep 23-25 | GM @ Grand Lodge of California - San Francisco |
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| Oct 14-15 | GM @ Scottish Rite Reunion - Billings |
| Oct 21-22 | GM @ St Croix, MN - GM at Family Reunion |
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| Nov 5 | GM@Lafayett Lodge NO. 241, Seattle – |
| Nov 13-16 | Grand Lodge of Nevada - Elko |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

April, May, June July 2011

April

Montana Lodge - 2 / 4

6636 - Scott L. Newell Raised - 04/07/2011
 7182 - David J. Mackenzie Raised - 04/07/2011
 7231 - Kurtis Koenig Raised - 04/07/2011
 4180 - Norman P. Stewart Deceased - 04/27/2011

Gallatin Lodge - 6 / 5

4354 - Laurence E. Thayer Deceased - 04/05/2011

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6

431 - Michael S. Farr Reinstated - 04/07/2011
 1916 - Michael E. Langston Reinstated - 04/07/2011
 4784 - Mark C. Wildung Reinstated - 04/18/2011

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4

4130 - Edward W. Stede II Affiliated - 04/14/2011
 7213 - BILL H. SAMPSON Affiliated - 04/14/2011

Butte Lodge - 22 / 8

6080 - Craig L. Christenson Reinstated - 04/19/2011
 7205 - Gerritt L. Andersch Rejected - 04/20/2011

Benton Lodge - 25 / 9

2560 - Donald A. Miller Deceased - 04/07/2011

Yellowstone Lodge - 26 / 10

1253 - Jeffrey C. Holland Affiliated - 04/22/2011
 1681 - Leslie C. Kelly Affiliated - 04/22/2011
 2249 - John J. Mangan Affiliated - 04/22/2011

Stevensville Lodge - 28 / 6

2123 - Forrest K. Looney Dimitted - 04/27/2011

Acacia Lodge - 33 / 8

7174 - Floyd V. Savage Raised - 04/19/2011

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3

5770 - Walter Breuning Deceased - 04/14/2011

Monitor Lodge - 35 / 8

1290 - Samuel E. Hopwood Deceased - 04/17/2011

Friendship Lodge - 37 / 9

7128 - Casey G. Jenni Raised - 04/04/2011

Ionic Lodge - 38 / 6

7162 - Samuel T. Anderson Raised - 04/26/2011
 2783 - George W. Neal Deceased - 04/30/2011

North Star Lodge - 46 / 7

6440 - Carl J. Millerick Raised - 04/27/2011

Chinook Lodge - 50 / 9

2213 - Jared L. Maddox Reinstated - 04/07/2011

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3

3043 - Alexander J. Para Suspended Plural NPD - 04/02/2011

Belgrade Lodge - 68 / 4

2560 - Donald A. Miller Deceased - 04/07/2011

Captain Scott Lodge - 98 / 9

3313 - Moe Rademacher Affiliated - 04/20/2011

Park Lodge - 140 / 5

2147 - Orvis C. Lovely Deceased - 04/08/2011

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1

3749 - Ronald A. Schruck Deceased - 04/19/2011

Rimrock Lodge - 149 / 1

1457 - Theodore R. Jeffers Deceased - 04/08/2011

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2

2109 - Victor H. Lohn Deceased - 04/14/2011

MAY

Morning Star Lodge - 5 / 8

4072 - Elmer L. Speer Deceased - 05/22/2011

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6

7074 - Alvin D. Bohnsack Raised - 05/07/2011
 7110 - Alexander L. Wood Raised - 05/07/2011
 7112 - Jeremy L. Belcourt Raised - 05/07/2011
 5119 - Samuel A. Trammell Suspended UMC - 05/27/2011

Bozeman Lodge - 18 / 5

1306 - Clarence R. Houghton Deceased - 05/26/2011

Sheridan Lodge - 20 / 4

2946 - Harry A. Odden Jr. Dimitted - 05/07/2011

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24 / 8

7239 - John P. Gibson Raised - 05/23/2011
 7240 - Eric J. Henrich Raised - 05/23/2011

Yellowstone Lodge - 26 / 10

1868 - Albert A. Kwasinski Dimitted - 05/24/2011

Ashlar Lodge - 29 / 1

7234 - Adam L. Johnson Raised - 05/03/2011
 7235 - Stephan A. Bradley Raised - 05/03/2011

Cascade Lodge - 34 / 3

6436 - Benjamin D. Mock Raised - 05/10/2011
 7142 - Robert R. Remy Raised - 05/10/2011
 5806 - Robert L. Brodock Deceased - 05/18/2011

Ionic Lodge - 38 / 6

394 - Jack A. Evans Deceased - 05/06/2011
 7125 - Raymond J. Monk Raised - 05/17/2011

Kalispell Lodge - 42 / 2

7236 - Robert E. Quist Raised - 05/19/2011
 7237 - Guthrie W. Quist Raised - 05/19/2011

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8

5971 - John O. Cantrell Affiliated - 05/06/2011
 1743 - Melvin T. King Deceased - 05/08/2011
 1540 - Noral W. Johnson Deceased - 05/09/2011
 4072 - Elmer L. Speer Deceased - 05/22/2011

Corinthian Lodge - 72 / 1

2452 - Harry H. McLane Deceased - 05/21/2011
 5150 - L. Frank Adams Reinstated - 05/26/2011

Mission Valley Lodge - 78 / 6

7249 - William G. Cordis Sr. Reinstated - 05/18/2011

Sandstone Lodge - 84 / 10

4117 - Michael L. Stanhope Dimitted - 05/18/2011

Libby Lodge - 85 / 2

7230 - Larry J. Ledum Reinstated - 05/12/2011

Captain Scott Lodge - 98 / 9

5610 - Larry R. Bilyeu Dimitted - 05/28/2011

Delta Lodge - 128 / 3
2950- Donald B. Offerdahl Deceased - 05/04/2011

Huntley Project Lodge - 144 / 1
6623 - William R. Neese Raised - 05/11/2011

Trinity Lodge - 152 / 2
3951 - Edwin P. Smalley Deceased - 05/31/2011

Lincoln Lodge - 157 / 8
4072 - Elmer L. Speer Deceased - 05/22/2011

JUNE

Montana Lodge - 2 / 4
7233 - Joel P. Guzzo Affiliated - 06/02/2011

Gallatin Lodge - 6 / 5
7238 - Michael Wainwright Raised - 06/01/2011

Missoula Lodge - 13 / 6
5817 - Richard A. Brothers Reinstated - 06/01/2011
3265 - Thomas M. Porter Reinstated - 06/06/2011
4529 - Ronald E. Ulrich Reinstated - 06/06/2011
3689 - William R. Schall Jr. Reinstated - 06/16/2011

Dillon Lodge - 16 / 4
7214 - Justin D. Devers Raised - 06/16/2011
7215 - Derek L. Gore Raised - 06/16/2011
7216 - Thomas W. Meine Raised - 06/16/2011

Bozeman Lodge - 18 / 5
7168 - Donald M. Powell Raised - 06/01/2011
7243 - Arthur L. Gilbert Reinstated - 06/02/2011

Valley Lodge - 21 / 5
3251 - Frederick Plymale Deceased - 06/13/2011

Stevensville Lodge - 28 / 6
7241 - Kim M. Bowman Affiliated - 06/02/2011
4481 - Jack D. Tripp Deceased - 06/24/2011

North Star Lodge - 46 / 7
125 - John H. Demko Deceased - 06/13/2011
321 - Marvin A. Edwards Deceased - 06/21/2011

Chinook Lodge - 50 / 9
321 - Marvin A. Edwards Deceased - 06/21/2011

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8
7090 - John T. Brothis Affiliated - 06/03/2011

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3
1175 - Joseph P. Heyde Withdrawal from Plural - 06/30/2011

Shelby Lodge - 143 / 3
5491 - Larry W. Bean Dimitted - 06/01/2011

JULY

Helena Lodge - 3 / 8
5147- Harold E. Adams Deceased - 07/07/2011

Deer Lodge - 14/8
6059 - Stewart K. Chessmore Deceased - 07/18/2011

Valley Lodge - 21/5
6507 - James M. Dean Raised- 07/25/2011

Boulder-Basin Lodge - 41 / 4
952 - Roger K. Hand Deceased - 07/01/2011

Choteau Lodge - 44/3
4345 - Charles F. Tesch Deceased - 07/21/2011

Ottawa Lodge - 51 / 8
952 - Roger K. Hand Deceased - 07/01/2011

Mount Jefferson Lodge - 56 / 4
7250 - Fred L. Blackwell Affiliated - 07/10/2011

Euclid Lodge - 58 / 3
7137 - Paul R. Roy Raised - 07/02/2011
7138- Robert F. Goering Jr. Raised - 07/02/2011

Corinthian - 72/1
7152 - Heston R. Schessler Raised- 07/09/2011

Failure To Advance

34090. STANDING OF ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS WHO FAIL TO ADVANCE. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, made in this jurisdiction, who shall fail for one year to prefer his request for advancement to his lodge shall be stricken from its list of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, unless the lodge, before the expiration of the one year, shall by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting extend the time for a definite period and upon good cause being assigned for the delay. Any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft who shall be dropped from the rolls for failure to apply for advancement shall have the right to petition for the remaining degree or degrees from the lodge which dropped him from the rolls. The petition shall be referred to a committee and ballot thereon had as in the case of an original petition for the degrees.

50 Year Awards

50 Year Awards are not mailed out automatically to the Lodge. Please request the award two to three weeks prior to when you need to present it. If you are using ROLLS you will be able to see who is coming due. Remember you must also report the date the award is presented either in ROLLS or to the Grand Lodge Lodge Office.

FREEMASON NETWORK

meeting on the level

Hosted by the Supreme Council, 33°, A.&A.S.R. of Freemasonry, S.J., USA



The Freemason Network is hosted by the Supreme Council, 33°, A.&A.S.R., S.J. It is not only fun to use the site and participate in its activities, but also it can be an invaluable tool in retaining new members and getting inactive ones involved again. Unlike other social networks, the Freemason Network is only for Freemasons in good standing. Hence, the topics are of Masonic interest, and there is no spam or annoying applications. Once a brother joins the Freemason Network and his Masonic credentials are verified, he is immediately empowered with the ability to exchange ideas and information with thousands of Masons worldwide—and the numbers keep growing!

Go to: <http://freemasonnetwork.org/montana>

Here you can become a member of the Grand Lodge of Montana site and you can interact, share and collaborate with other members of your Grand Lodge. The Freemason network was created to provide our members with the opportunity to network with one another, share their experiences, and aggregate media and news into one easy to use portal.

Some of the tools available include uploading pictures and videos, joining forums and groups, scheduling events, reading news, classifieds, and Grand Lodge forums, reading or creating blogs, making new friends, and staying in touch with old ones. In short, anything you can do in a commercial social network with the added benefit of a Freemason-only, private, and fraternal environment.

In terms of Masonic education, the Freemason Network can be an extremely useful tool when you're conducting preliminary research into a subject of Masonic interest, particularly when inquiring into the history and practices of Freemasons in other countries. In short, the Freemason Network is more than a social network. It is a valuable tool for students and researchers of Masonic history and philosophy while also providing an opportunity to connect with others interested in the same subjects worldwide. When are you going to register and become a member of the Network?

District Meetings

Encourage all of your members to attend, the District Officers promise a great program for you. For immediate questions contact the District Officer. Be sure to get the date for your District meeting on your Lodge calendar and schedule.

- Great Falls District** - Saturday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m., Great Falls
- Glacier District** – Saturday, October 8th, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ponemah Lodge, Plains
- Headwaters District** - November, Boulder-Basin Lodge No. 41, Boulder
- Livingston District** - Saturday, October 8 at 10.00 a.m., Bozeman Masonic Temple, Bozeman
- Rocky Mountain District** - Saturday, September 24th, Butte Masonic Temple, Butte
- Missoula District** - Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polson
- Northern Lights District** - Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m., Loyalty Lodge, Wolf Point.
- Charles M Russell District** - Saturday, October 22, Lewistown Masonic Temple, Lewistown.
- Sagebrush District** - TBD
- Beartooth District** - Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Billings Masonic Center



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2011 Tri Jurisdictional Outdoor Lodge

August 26 & 27, 2011

A joint event sponsored by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan. To be held **August 26 & 27, 2011** at Helena Montana, There will be joint outdoor meeting at the site of the Mullan Pass Historic Masonic Site.



All Master Masons of Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Montana are invited. If you wish to be on our email list for updates... Send your name and email address to:

Email contact: 2011trijurisdictional@gmail.com

Facebook: [2011-Trijurisdictional-Outdoor-Lodge](https://www.facebook.com/2011-Trijurisdictional-Outdoor-Lodge)

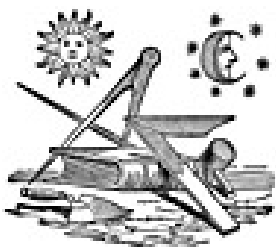
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Back To Light



The summer vacation time is nearing an end and most of our lodges will be returning to light in September. After being dark for a couple months it's time to think about getting our lodges started up again and being prepared for meetings and events. It may be a good time to set up a Rusty Trowel meeting, get phone trees started up and send out reminders to attend meetings. If you need assistance remember your Lodge Instructor can help or contact your District Officer. Another great resource to consider is the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine that all have Brothers who will be glad to give assistance to any of your Lodge meetings.