



Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana  
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## THE LEVEL

June/July 2010

NO. 456

### SUMMARY OF THE 144th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

#### Legislation Resolutions

**R – 2010 – 01: A resolution adding Section 100 to the Defined Words of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on Montana: 100 AN ACT WRONG IN ITSELF: Conduct contrary to generally accepted moral standards. It includes any act of business, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a person owes to another, or to society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between people. It also includes conduct which is contrary to justice, honesty or good morals, including acts of fraud, deceit and dishonesty, even though not necessarily a crime.** **PASSED**

**R – 2010 – 02: A Resolution Amending Section 620 to add Treasurers to the list of those elected officers entitled to vote.** **Approved/Holdover to 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication**

**R – 2010 – 03: A Resolution Amending Section 5020 to restrict Past Grand Master's from serving on any Standing Committee.** **FAILED**

**R – 2010 – 04: Resolution Amending Sections 230 and 620 of the Constitution and 28090 of the Code of Statutes and adding a new Code Section 28065 to allow recognition with the title of Honorary Past Master and with it Grand Lodge voting privileges.** **FAILED**

#### Committee Recommendations

**FIN 2010 – 01: A recommendation to amend Section 6030 and restate to correct organizational name change and to allow better management the accounting and processing of fees collected.**

6030. Contribution fee to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and the Masonic Home of Montana. In addition to the degree fees (37080), 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. Once all fees have been received through the Annual Return process the combined fees from all lodges for Masonic Home of Montana and the George Washington Masonic Memorial will be remitted to them by the Grand Secretary.

**PASSED**

**FIN 2010 – 02: A recommendation to eliminate Code Section 5170 and add Subsection E of Code Section 5080. Changing the Code and making the Investment Committee a sub-committee of the Finance Committee.** **PASSED**

## SUMMARY OF THE 144th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION Continued

### Grand Lodge Budget

Grand Lodge Budget for 2009-2010

**PASSED**

**Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee** for 2010-2011 is \$29.85

**PASSED**

### Emergent Legislation

Emergent legislation was presented as part of the Finance Committee Supplemental Report. A request was presented and approved to bring the item to the floor. The Craft was presented a recommendation to include a prohibition of members benefiting from individual lodge assets and to prevent lodges from liquidating assets that might jeopardize the tax status of the lodge and or Grand Lodge including using lodge assets to purchase members paid life memberships prior to consolidation or surrender of the Charter.

**FAILED**

### Special Committee On Recognition

**Special Committee on Recognition** – To extend mutual recognition to: Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Missouri; Grand Lodge of Cyprus; United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria; Serenissima Grand Lodge of San Marino; and the Grand Lodge of Moldova.

**APPROVED**

### Other Actions

**Galata Lodge No. 106:** The Final Report of the Special Committee to Review Charges against Galata Lodge No. 106 and adopted. However, the Grand Master requested and the Craft assembled voted to impose specific actions that would be required to be completed by November 1, 2010 or have the Charter arrested.

**Plentywood Lodge No. 91:** The Grand Master requested and the Craft assembled and approved the formation of a three member commission to review the condition of Plentywood Lodge No. 91, in addition Grand Master requested and the Craft assembled voted to impose specific actions that would be required to be completed by November 1, 2010 or have the Charter arrested.

**The following Lodges were not represented at the Annual Communication:** Montana Lodge – 2, Diamond City Lodge – 7, Flint Creek Lodge – 11, Mystic Tie-Riverside Lodge – 17, Sheridan Lodge – 20, Mount Moriah Lodge – 24, Benton Lodge – 25, West Gate Lodge – 27, Glendive Lodge – 31, Chinook Lodge – 50, Augusta Lodge – 54, Thompson Falls Lodge – 70, Terry Lodge – 74, Sandstone Lodge – 84, Plentywood Lodge – 91, Saints John Lodge – 92, Kyle Lodge – 96, Pilgrim Lodge – 102, Western Star Lodge – 104, Galata Lodge - 106, Scobey Lodge – 109, Ekalaka Lodge – 120, Park Lodge – 140, Trinity Lodge - 152 and Lincoln Lodge – 157.

**25050. REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE.** 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.

### Missing Lodge Officer Election Reports

Lodge Election reports have not been received from 27 lodges as of July 2, 2009. We can not complete the Directory until these lodges submit their election information. By Code all lodges should now have their elections completed.

Great Falls District: Cut Bank No. 82; Galata No. 106;

Glacier District: Whitefish No. 64; Bigfork No. 150; Trinity No. 152

Headwaters District: Montana No. 2; Sheridan No.20;

Livingston District: Manhattan No. 59; Park No. 140

Rocky Mountain District: Monitor No. 35; Lincoln No. 157

Sagebrush District: Yellowstone No. 26; Glendive No.31; Ekalaka No. 120; Jordan No. 148

CMR District: Pilgrim No. 102

Beartooth District: Billings No. 113

### Lodge Installations

Lodges shall hold their annual installation of officers after the annual communication of Grand Lodge, but no later than the first regular meeting in September, and hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. Ref: Section 25030

### 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.

The monthly bulletin should be shared in lodge with all the members. Distribution is limited to the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Instructor, Grand Lodge Officers, PGM's, Committee Chairmen and the Secretary or Recorder of our Appendant Bodies.

### 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.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

May, June, July 2010

### May

Gallatin Lodge - 6

4814 - Josh Williams Reinstated - 05/12/2010

6204 - Richard F. Conner Reinstated - 05/26/2010

Dillon Lodge - 16

6977 - Jeffery R. Humphrey Reinstated - 05/13/2010

Mystic Tie-Riverside Lodge - 17

5974 - Peter A. Capp Deceased - 05/21/2010

Bozeman Lodge - 18

5902 - Gerard S. Burkhart Deceased - 05/13/2010

Mount Moriah Lodge - 24

1042 - Jeffery Hartwick Reinstated - 05/02/2010

7004 - Kurt P. Sheehan Raised - 05/03/2010

7005 - Michael J. Swoboda Raised - 05/03/2010

7006 - Robert T. Vivian Raised - 05/03/2010

5160 - Philip G. Aguirre Sr. Deceased - 05/17/2010

Stevensville Lodge - 28

301 - Lloyd W. Eby Deceased - 05/10/2010

Cascade Lodge - 34

1254 - Norman M. Holland Deceased - 05/11/2010

Friendship Lodge - 37

6705 - Thomas R. Girvin Jr Raised - 05/17/2010

6503 - Destry J. Lodman Raised - 05/17/2010

Ionic Lodge - 38

6990 - Jeffery B. Lowe Affiliated - 05/13/2010

6991 - Leo C. Vogel Affiliated - 05/13/2010

Star in the West Lodge - 40

4396 - Larry R. Thompson Deceased - 05/17/2010

Kalispell Lodge - 42

6993 - Terry F. Wheeler Raised - 05/20/2010

North Star Lodge - 46

830 - Lynn D. Grobel Deceased - 05/24/2010

Ottawa Lodge - 51

1154 - William B. Herman Dimitted - 05/09/2010

Euclid Lodge - 58

6607 - Aaron D. Pursell Sr. Raised - 05/04/2010

6592 - Tad M. Kimmet Raised - 05/04/2010

6593 - James T. Horne III Raised - 05/04/2010

6595 - Scott P. Western Raised - 05/04/2010

Mission Valley Lodge - 78

104 - Lyle L. Decker Deceased - 05/13/2010

Meridian Lodge - 105

6696 - Lewis W. Butler Raised - 05/19/2010

Scobey Lodge - 109

1728 - Harvey L. Killian Deceased - 05/27/2010

Jerusalem Lodge - 115

4215 - Loren F. Story Deceased - 05/28/2010

Loyalty Lodge - 121

5708 - Robert A. Bowker Deceased - 05/16/2010

1728 - Harvey L. Killian Deceased - 05/27/2010

Bigfork Lodge - 150

2810 - John A. Nelson Deceased - 05/12/2010

Trinity Lodge - 152

7003 - Phillip M. Jones Affiliated - 05/27/2010

7002 - Bob Driggers Reinstated - 05/27/2010

Lincoln Lodge - 157

5231 - George C. Anderson Deceased - 05/26/2010

### June

Bozeman Lodge - 18

607 - Harold A. Fryslie Deceased - 06/03/2010

Butte Lodge - 22

6512 - John E. Smith Jr. Raised - 06/05/2010

6717 - Joseph D. Rowe Raised - 06/05/2010

Stevensville Lodge - 28

922 - Stephen A. Hall Reinstated - 06/03/2010

Livingston Lodge - 32

1752 - Robert H. Kinyon Affiliated - 06/15/2010

**June**

Ionic Lodge - 38  
5596 - William D. Bickel Deceased - 06/04/2010

Kalispell Lodge - 42  
1784 - Harvey L. Knebel Deceased - 06/04/2010

Victor Lodge - 43  
6642 - Kenneth J. Cook Raised - 06/01/2010

Malta Lodge – 57  
1320 - George R. Hoynes Deceased - 06/04/2010

Stillwater Lodge – 62  
422 - John D. Fantz Deceased - 06/09/2010

Corinthian Lodge – 72  
1578 - Edward W. Jones Deceased - 06/02/2010

Delta Lodge – 128  
5423 - William H. Barker Jr. Deceased - 06/29/2010

Bigfork Lodge - 150  
5423 - William H. Barker Jr. Deceased - 06/29/2010

Trinity Lodge - 152  
1628 - Donald W. Kaltschmidt Deceased - 06/10/2010

Hot Springs Lodge – 153  
1965 - Ernest E. Laws Deceased - 06/24/2010

Sentinel Lodge – 155  
6986 - John M. Bennett Raised - 06/03/2010  
6760 - Kenny L. Nau Raised - 06/03/2010  
6690 - Matthew A. Cavanaugh Raised - 06/03/2010  
6686 - Stephen A. Rosbarsky Raised - 06/16/2010

**July**

Ionic Lodge - 38  
6022 - Frank Cash Jr. Deceased - 07/01/2010  
6936 - David A. Brown Raised - 07/01/2010

**Calendar of Events****July**

Jul 15-17 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference, NM

July 17 Shrine East West Game — Butte

July 17 Ottawa Lodge No. 51, Installation

July 24 Mullan Pass Historic Lodge Annual Meeting—Mullan Pass

July 28- 31 Shrine PNSA

**August**

Aug 8-10 Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Evanston

Aug 14 Butte Lodge No. 22 Installation

Aug 14 GM @ Great Falls area Lodges Installation

Aug 28 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Broadus

Aug 28 Powder River No. 135 Installation

**September**

Sept 11 Bannack Historic Lodge Annual Meeting - Bannack

Sept 16-18 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Nampa

Sept 24- 25 Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco

Sept 24-26 Tri Jurisdictional Grand Master's Roaming Outdoor Lodge, Elkwater, Alberta

Sept 25 Corinthian Lodge No. 72 – 100th Anniversary

Note: Lodge Installations must be completed by the 1st regular meeting in September.

## Grand Master's Condensed Plan for 2010-2011



1. Keep that aura of secrecy
2. Take pride in being a Freemason in all that you do
3. Be true to our vows of higher deeds nobler thoughts and purer actions
4. Become an elite fraternity of a privileged few
5. Keep a goal of self improvement through faith
6. Be true to the Landmarks of Masonry
7. Enrich your life through Masonry

John Mangen

Grand Master 2010-2011



### Elected Grand Lodge Officers for 2010-2011

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