

Lewis Jewel Application

The "Lewis Jewel" may be worn by a Montana Master Mason, if, at the time of his initiation, his father was also a Master Mason in good standing. If the father was in good standing at the time of his death this would also qualify. The Cost is \$30.00 (includes engraving and postage).

Full Name of Applicant (son)

Montana Lodge Name and Number

EA Date; FC Date; MM Date

Full name of Father of the applicant (father)

Lodge Name and Number

EA Date; FC Date; MM Date

Fathers Lodge & Jurisdiction if not Montana

Mail Jewel to:

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Lewis Jewel
P.O. Box 1158
Helena, Montana 59624



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The “Lewis” is traditionally the name used to describe the son of a Mason. In the days of operative Masonry, it was a great source of pride when a son followed in his fathers footsteps and was entered as an Apprentice; his name entered on the roll, and thereby admitted to the lodge. To study his father’s skills and learn to use his father’s tools were manifest expressions of the greatest honor and esteem a son could pay. It was common to carry on the tradition through several generations in the same family.

It is a heart-warming day when a young man first shows interest in Freemasonry and asks his father how he might become a Mason, and it is a proud day when the son, in the fullness of time, is admitted a member of a lodge by initiation.

To moralize—On the day that King Solomon laid the foundation stone of the temple, beginning the construction of the great building project conceived hi his father David, but given to his son to complete, the last words of King David may have come to his mind. When the time of David’s death drew near, he gave his last charge to his son Solomon. I am going the way of the earth. Be strong and show yourself a man. (1 Kings 2:1).

When a son of a Mason wears the Lewis Jewel, it ought to impress upon all this same moral. It personifies the words—from generation to generation.

In 2008, the Grand Lodge of Montana approved the use of the “Lewis Jewel” for Montana Master Masons. The Lewis Jewel is worn by a Master Mason who is the son of a Master Mason.

The design of the jewel consists of three bars connect by chains, the upper most bar displaying the Square and Compass, the second bar contains the name of the father. The lower bar contains the name of the son. Suspended from the bars are three pieces.



A “Lewis” is a simple, but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of stone into place. It consists of three metal parts: tow wedge-shaped sidepieces, and a straight centerpiece, that fits together (tenon). A dovetail recess is cut into the top of the stone block (mortise). The two outer pieces are inserted first and then spread by the insertion of the centerpiece. The three parts are then bolted together, a metal ring or shackle is attached and the block is hoisted by hook, rope and pulley. By this means, the block is gripped securely. Once set in its place in the structure, the lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamp or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the next course of stones.

