

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MONTANA



SUMMARY OF THE 143rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert A. Coleman., opened and presided over the 143rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana held Glasgow, Montana, on June 25, 26 and 27, 2009.

ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNICATION

Elective Grand Officers present: 5	Total Chartered Lodges: 99
Elective Grand Officers Pro Tem: 1	Chartered Lodges present: 62
Appointed Grand Lodge Officers present: 13	Chartered Lodges <u>not</u> represented: 37
Past Grand Masters present: 11	Distinguished Guests: 27
PGM from other jurisdiction living in MT*: 1	* MT PM
Grand Lodge Officer –Emeritus: 1	Others present not entitled to vote: 7
Worshipful Masters present: 17	Proxies Worshipful Master: 7
Senior Wardens present: 9	Proxies Senior Warden: 8
Junior Wardens present: 10	Proxies Junior Warden: 2
Secretaries present: 20	Total Registered: 181
Other Past Grand Officer entitled to vote: 1	Total entitled to Vote: 147
Past Masters Not Included above: 41	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2009 - 2010

Thomas L. Lund (38) **Most Worshipful Grand Master**
275 Cooper Lane, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-5776(H), thomaslund@grandlodgemontana.org

John J. Mangen (135) **R.W. Deputy Grand Master**
41 W Powderville Rd, Broadus, MT 59317, 406 436-2263 (H), johnmangen@grandlodgemontana.org

William L. Alexander II (65) **R.W. Senior Grand Warden**
270 Boyd Cooney Dam Rd, Roberts, MT 59070, 406-962-3371 (H), williamalexander@grandlodgemontana.org

Thomas M. Duffy (58) **R.W. Junior Grand Warden**
2 Prospect Ave, Great Falls, MT 59405, 406 454-0060 (H), thomasduffy@grandlodgemontana.org

Bruce W. Lahti (34) **R.W. Grand Treasurer**
41 Dune Ridge Lane, Great Falls, MT 59404, 406 454-3690 (H), bruceLahti@grandlodgemontana.org

Reid L. Gardiner (3) **R.W. Grand Secretary**
PO Box 1158, Helena, MT 59624, 442-7774 (W), 410-1543 (C), mtglsec@grandlodgemontana.org

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 2009 – 2010

Thomas W. Chisholm (153) **W. SR. Grand Deacon**
50478 Moiese Valley Rd, Ronan, MT 59864, 406 676-8808 (H), thomaschisholm@grandlodgemontana.org

Donald S. Cerovski (1/37/59/68) **W. JR. Grand Deacon**
PO Box 662, Belgrade, MT 59714, 388-7766 (H), donaldcerovski@grandlodgemontana.org

Brian J. Murphy (1/6/136) **W. Grand Marshal**
618 S. 7th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715, 209-4288 (C), brianmurphy@grandlodgemontana.org

Lewis K. Smith, III (14) **W. SR. Grand Steward**
149 Meadow Vista Lane , Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 560-1602 (C), lewissmith@grandlodgemontana.org

Burk “B.J.” Rhodes (57) **W. JR. Grand Steward**
PO Box 1182, Malta, MT 59538, 59538 654-5237 (H), bjrhodes@grandlodgemontana.org

Gerald “Jerry” Anderson (155) **W. Grand Standard Bearer**
PO Box 3060, Missoula, MT 59806, 251-2358 (H), geraldanderson@grandlodgemontana.org

Russell J. Stoddard (84) **W. Grand Sword Bearer**
PO Box 1265, Baker, MT 59313, 778-3648, russellstoddard@grandlodgemontana.org

George A. Dengel (98) **W. Grand Pursuivant**
PO Box 22, Grass Range, MT 59032, 428-2245

Colbert P. Howell (13) **W. Grand Tyler**
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Jim E. Trowbridge (38) **W. Grand Chaplain**
384 Eagle Ln, Corvallis, MT 59828, 961-3286(H), 360-1008 (C), jimtrowbridge@grandlodgemontana.org

John N. Love (38, 61) **W. Grand Historian**
170 Westhills Way, Hamilton, MT 59840, 363-6144 (H), johnlove@grandlodgemontana.org

Thomas Miller (101) **W. Grand Organist**
1822 Cannon St, Helena, MT 59601, 443-2855, thomasmiller@grandlodgemontana.org

Andrew S. Gardiner (5) **W. Assistant Grand Secretary**
PO Box 1158, Helena, MT 59624, 442-7774 (W) 459-87573 (C), andrew@grandlodgemontana.org

SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

Distinguished Service Medal (Silver) Joseph R. Simpson (86)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) Gary Schmidt (3), Don Nelson (121)

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Terry Davis (22)

LEGISLATION

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

GMR - 2009 - 01	Allowing All Master Masons Voting Members of Grand Lodge	FAILED
GMR - 2009 - 02	Clarifying the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame	PASSED
GMR - 2009 - 03	Clarifying the Signing of By-Laws	PASSED
GMR - 2009 - 04	When a Lodge becomes unsafe or unsuitable	PASSED

HOLDOVER LEGISLATION

JUR - 2009 - 01	Determination of quorum for Session	PASSED
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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

R - 2009 - 01	Committee for conducting One Day Classes	FAILED
R - 2009 - 02	One Day Classes	FAILED
R - 2009 - 03	Committee on Membership	PASSED
R - 2009 - 04	Committee for Masonic Organizations	PASSED
R - 2009 - 05	Proficiency required before joining appendant body	FAILED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN - 2009 - 01	Concerning Audits	PASSED
FIN - 2009 - 02	Duties of Grand Treasurer	PASSED
FIN - 2009 - 03	Security Bond change to Fidelity Coverage	PASSED
FIN - 2009 - 04	Clarifying duties of Secretary/Treasurer	PASSED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION

Special Committee on Recognition – To extend mutual recognition to:
Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of North Carolina

APPROVED

GRAND LODGE BUDGET

Grand Lodge Budget for 2009-2010	PASSED
Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee for 2009-2010 is \$27.85	PASSED

Records OnLine for Lodge Secretaries (ROLLS) approved for acquisition and use by the Grand Lodge of Montana and constituent Lodges.	APPROVED
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TWO MASONIC HOME BOARD TRUSTEES ELECTED

David L. Nielsen (5,18) 3150 Vigilante Dr, Helena, MT 59602
Marshall Gingery (41), 2522 Primrose Ln, Helena, MT 59701

HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE

Elected as a Trustee of the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame, Larry Hale (38)

OTHER ACTIONS

TROY LODGE NO. 126

Troy Lodge No 126 requested permission to surrendered its Charter and the request was accepted by the Craft.

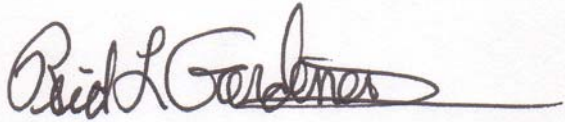
GALATA LODGE NO. 106

By action of the Craft assembled, Galata Lodge No. 106 has been charged with violation of Section 22060, Item A .Disobedience of any provisions of the Constitution or Statutes of Grand Lodge; B. Disregard of lawful authority of the Grand Master; E. Failure to meet within a period of three successive months. These charges will be investigated by a commission of sitting Worshipful Masters or Past Masters and could end in action to revoke the Charter.

Legislative action adopted at the 143rd Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

The 144th Annual Communication will be held June 24, 25, and 26, 2010 in Missoula, Montana.

Fraternalv submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Reid L. Gardiner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reid L. Gardiner

R. : W. : Grand Secretary