

## SUMMARY OF THE 144th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas L. Lund., opened and presided over the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana held in Missoula, Montana, on June 24, 25 and 26, 2010.

### Attendance At The Communication

#### Lodges represented as present: 72 of 98

Elective Grand Officers: 6	Proxies for Worshipful Masters: 4
Appointed Grand Officers: 12	Proxies for Senior Wardens: 5
Past Grand Masters: 12	Proxies for Junior Wardens: 2
Other Past Grand Officers: 10	Past Masters: 134
Worshipful Masters: 24	Duplicates: 92
Senior Wardens: 25	Others present not entitled to vote: 20
Junior Wardens: 14	Total Brethren: 211
Secretaries: 35	Total Voting Members: 191
	Visiting Grand Lodge Officers: 37

### Ritualist Awards

Lewie Fletcher (144)  
Bobbie Heaton (144)

### Senior Ritualist Award

Gerald L. Schleining (144)

### Silver And Bronze Medals

Distinguished Service Medal (Silver)	James C. Axelson (22)
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)	Mark A. St. John (18)

### Secretary Of The Year

Doug Stam (78)

### Montana Masonic Hall of Fame

Theodore Thomas Williams (6, 18)

### Two Masonic Home Board Trustees Elected

Paul Martello (3,51) 130 Shelly Rd, Helena 59601  
Marc A. McCormick (16) 751 Hollibaugh Rd, Stevensville 59870

### Hall Of Fame Trustee

Elected as a Trustee of the Montana Masonic Hall of Fame, John Love (38., 61)

### Grand Lodge Budget

Grand Lodge Budget for 2009-2010	<b>PASSED</b>
Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee for 2010-2011 is <u>\$29.85</u>	<b>PASSED</b>

### 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**

### Emergent Legislation

Emergent legislation was approved to be brought before the Craft assembled to consider amending the Code 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.

### Elected Grand Lodge Officers for 2010-2011

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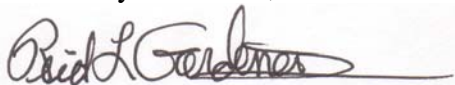
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Legislative action adopted at the 144th Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

**The 145th Annual Communication will be held June 23, 24, and 25, 2011 in Miles City, Montana.**

Fraternally submitted,



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