

SUMMARY OF THE 145th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



Most Worshipful Grand Master John J. Mangan, opened and presided over the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Montana held in Miles City, Montana, on June 23, 24 and 25, 2011.

Attendance at the Communication

Elective Grand Officers: 5
Appointed Grand Officers: 13
Past Grand Masters: 12
Other Past Grand Officers: 12
Worshipful Masters: 19
Senior Wardens: 14
Junior Wardens: 10
Proxies for Worshipful Masters: 4
Proxies for Senior Wardens: 2
Proxies for Junior Wardens: 1
Secretaries: 26
Past Masters: 98
Duplicates: 80
Others present not entitled to vote: 14
Total Brethren: 150
Total Votes 136
Total Chartered Lodges: 94
Total Lodges Represented: 62

Senior Ritualist Award – Chris Rubich (29)

Silver and Bronze Medals - Distinguished Service Medal (Silver) – Bill Gamble (26),
Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) – Pierre Mangan (26) and Ronald Talcott (135)

Secretary of the Year – Erle Gross (92)

Montana Masonic Hall of Fame – Ralph Wilcox, Sr. (73)

Two Masonic Home Board Trustees Elected – David Nielsen (5,18) & Terry Davis (22)

Hall Of Fame Trustee – Jesse Barnhardt (135)

Grand Lodge Budget

Grand Lodge Budget for 2011-2012

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

PASSED

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Legislation Grand Masters Recommendations

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enact action to allow the Masonic Home of Montana to operate as its own corporate entity, amending Section 4020.B. **WITHDRAWN**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**

Holderover from 144th Session

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

Proposed Recommendations

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**

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.

Legislative action adopted at the 145th Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

The 146th Annual Communication will be held June 21, 22 and 23, 2012 in Billing, Montana.

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