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Elbow Creek Rendezvous

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You've lived in Montana all your life. You think you've been around -know lots of folks, all the way from Yaak to Alzada, from Wesby to Wisdom. But, it's a safe bet that you've never heard of the *Elbow Creek Rendezvous*. The very sound of it will likely conjure up romantic images of grizzled mountain men and buck-skinned fur traders cavorting in some picturesque, undefiled mountain setting. You imagine being one of those early argonauts who gathered annually to "cash in their take", exchange lies of their exploits with natives and bears, and challenge each other to great contests of skill and endurance that determine who can spit the farthest, fall the tallest tree, and drink the most "mountain dew". You doubtlessly envision the kind of mountain rendezvous we've all read about and seen portrayed in movies. Well, *Elbow Creek* is where the romance of the Old West and the reality of the 21st Century effortlessly flow together and merge. This *Rendezvous* is now. This is Montana. This is better.

If you "wikipedia" the word **"Rendezvous"**, you'll find that it is the anglicization of the French word *Rendez-vous* meaning "appointment" (literally, *make you* or *return you*). In a general sense, it means any type of meeting, generally between two persons. It can also be a place either for a meeting at an agreed time, or where people often meet.

Apply that definition then to the second Saturday in July; locate it in the rugged, scrubby-pine-speckled foothills of the Beartooth Mountains - somewhere between the towns of Bridger and Roberts; add a hundred or so Masons in cowboy boots, and more brotherly love and friendship than you can shake a native-red-cedar gavel at, and you'll find yourself day-camped at one of Montana's most intriguing and appealing Masonic events: the infamous, ever-anomalous, annual *Elbow Creek Rendezvous*.

As per it's name, you may have predicted that the *Elbow Creek Rendezvous* takes place in a lush *CREEK BOTTOM,* or low dale. In your mind, maybe an Arthurian-like, stone–altar lies beckoning in the tall, salt grass, shaded by a canopy of ancient cottonwoods, like some primeval, wild-wood cathedral. Dream on, dear reader. Such is not the case. In actuality, a sparse, but quaint, makeshift lodge is constructed unpretentiously on a high, barren hill (the better to observe the approach of *cowhands?*). The altar and

Above - Elbow Creek Rendevous - 2007

Right - 50 year awards presented by Will Alexander(center) to George Ferris (left) and Ed Yedlicka (right).

warden stations consist of large, weathered tree stumps, each exhibiting the meticulously-carved symbol of its office. Underfoot, crested wheatgrass and prairie flowers suffice as the lodge room carpet. Amidst the sagebrush and prickly pear, the arid summer breeze is accented by buzzing grasshoppers, and the bellowing of the resident herd of Tolman Ranch cows and calves. This is *Rendezvous.* This is Montana. This is better.

Seasoned returnees know to bring their own lawn chairs, umbrellas, bottled water and sunscreen. And contrary to the Masonic tradition of only the Master donning a hat, (and with due regard to the thermometer pushing triple digits), everyone is permitted to shade themselves with as large a sombrero as they can find. They say that, two years ago - before the Master's gavel could rap, three rattlesnakes had to be excised from a hole in three-foot-round, "altar stump"! (descendents of the original "*Eve's* dropper"?) [pun intended]. After reflecting upon past experiences, it was determined that the *Rendezvous'* meeting time should be moved up to earlier in the day, in hopes of avoiding the late afternoon thunderstorms that frequent the high plateau between the drainages of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone and Rock Creek. *Rendezvous* veterans still tell tales of the year when a fierce wind blew away the sprig of acacia - along with all their cowboy hats and lawn chairs; and of the time they all scrambled for their pickups when lightening struck a nearby knoll, only yards away. A few years ago, someone lugged up a little concrete to encase the base of the flag pole, the only semipermanent fixture there. These days, when dark clouds roll in, no one dares to sit near the flag

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From the Grand East

Greetings Brothers,

I had the recent pleasure of representing the Montana Grand Lodge at the first Joint Session of the Supreme Councils for Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of Scottish Rite held in Washington D.C. There were forty-six Grand Masters in attendance as the guests of the Supreme Councils. From the inception of the Southern Jurisdiction in 1801 and the Northern in 1813, this was the first time the two had united into a single event and I was honored being at this historic event.

Besides the memorable experience of representing Montana Masons in the Joint Session of Scottish Rite, I attended the Scottish Rite Research Society Lecture and learned interesting history on the proliferation of the Masonic degrees. In 1717, the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, Masonry consisted of two degrees—Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft. By 1725, the Master Mason degree was added as a new "high degree." Simultaneously while speculative Masonry was evolving, high degree Masonry was also being formed. A 1733 manuscript references the Scotch Masons' Lodge as an advanced degree. The modern name of "Scottish Rite" is derived from the name of this lodge and its degree. Scotch Masonry therefore refers to a type of Masonry and not a country.

In 1762, the highest degree in Scottish Masonry was the 25°, the Order of the Royal Secret. Of course we know that since then the highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry is the 33°. Thus Masonic degrees went from two in 1717 to 25 in 1762 and by 1801, founding of Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite, there were 33. The question is why were more added?

I believe it was because those early Masons, like current Masons, wanted to learn and advance in the principles of Masonry. These Masons yearned for the lessons contained in Masonic philosophy and its moral teachings.

In the various degrees that I have received in my Masonic experience, I believe that 90% of what Masonry has to teach can be found in the first three degrees of the blue lodge. Nonetheless I appreciated taking the subsequent "higher" degrees because it reinforced in different ways principles and beliefs I had learned earlier. Same principles, just different methods and symbols used for teaching.

In my conversations with young Masons on what they expect from Masonry, I hear them asking the lodge to provide a forum for further Masonic education. An education that goes beyond what is presented in ritual. The task of lodges is to give them this education and if we fail to do so, our lodges will lose a great opportunity to cultivate strong members.

Masonry is no ordinary organization and its members are no ordinary men.

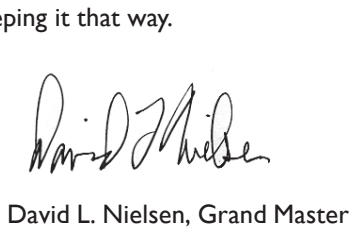
In our fraternity we use symbols to teach and remind us of the lessons we have learned. Sometimes we confuse the use of symbols with trademarks.

Trademarks are used in the commercial world to help people identify a type of product. It is a means of marketing a certain brand. When I worked for Proctor & Gamble in the 1970's there was a religious group that contended the historic trademark of the crescent moon with stars used by Proctor & Gamble since its early beginnings was a satanic symbol and anti-Christian. Proctor & Gamble spent millions of dollars in advertising to educate their customers that the historic trademark was just that and had no symbolic connection with devil-worship. Here is an example of an innocent trademark, which has no subliminal meaning, being interpreted as a symbol of evil.

With our symbols, the value is not as a trademark to publicly advertise that we are Masons but to individually remind of our Masonic beliefs and promises. When I wear a square and compass, I am privately reminded to square my actions and keep my conduct within due bounds. The marketing of Masonry is not through the symbols we wear but through the outward manifestation of Masonic values we show in our public actions and conduct.

While at the Joint Session, I had the privilege of hearing Ill. Brother John Glenn, 33° tell us stories about his life as an astronaut. At the end of his speech Northern Jurisdiction Supreme Commander McNaughton stated that in a picture taken of John Glenn in his spacesuit upon his return from outer space the outline of Brother Glenn's 33° ring could be seen through the gloves. The ring has since been replaced by the Northern Jurisdiction and it has custody of the ring worn by this great American hero as he circled the earth in his space capsule. John Glenn wore his ring as a reminder to his vows and not as a trademark for marketing.

I am proud of belonging to an organization of a quality and caliber that includes John Glenn as a member. Masonry is no ordinary organization and its members are no ordinary men. They represent integrity, graciousness, decency, humility and respect for human diversities. We are an elite organization and the way we will attract quality men into our ranks is by keeping it that way.



David L. Nielsen, Grand Master

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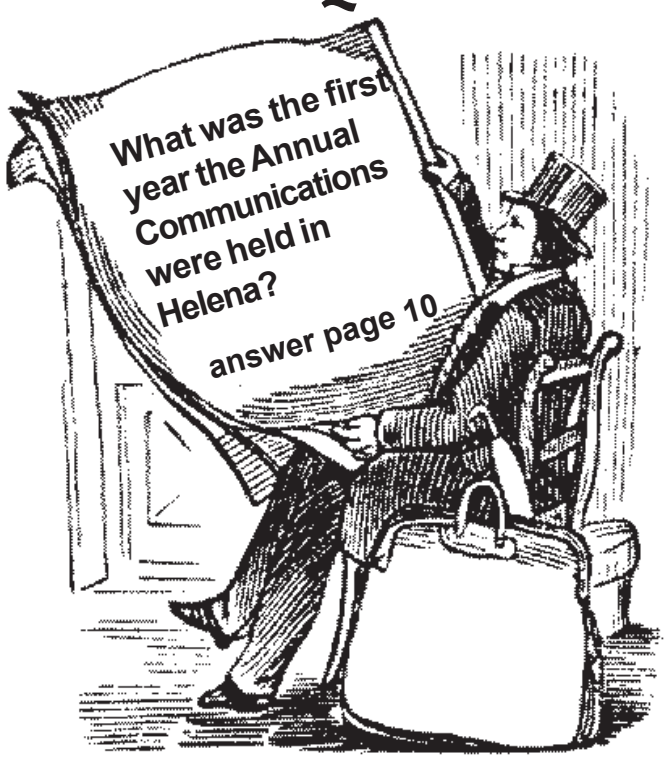


What Value is Placed on Masonry?

The following paper was presented by R.W. Brother John Mangen and R.W.Tom Lund at the 2007 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference.

As many of you know my name is John Mangen a rancher from southeastern Montana and I sell Black Angus bulls. This is not to be confused with those of you who sell just a lot of BULL!!!! Before we get started I would like to sell this 2007 Rocky Mt. Conference chair the way ranchers sell things in Montana. The proceeds from this chair will go to your favorite Masonic charity.

Auction——

The reason I sold that chair was to try to establish a value to the square and compass. At an auction the buyers set the price and not the seller. I wondered what the emblem of Freemasonry might be worth to us that belong to the Masonic Fraternity. Obviously it's worth more than the $30 I had invested in this chair. But ask yourself what is Masonry really worth! Is it worth more than a folding chair with a Masonic logo on it? Are we selling Masonry to the highest bidders or letting it go to the lowest bidder? Is the price of becoming a Mason too high or is it maybe way too cheap?? Have our Masonic dues become a burden?? Or have we instead cheapened the status of our fraternity??

Just before I was born my father petitioned Powder River Lodge #135,was voted on and accepted. It cost him about 5% of his yearly income to become a member. That was all of 2 weeks wages just to join. Back then a new car averaged $1900, the minimum wage 75 cents an hour and a gallon of gas was 23 cents. Forty years after my Dad joined the Masonic fraternity I also petitioned Powder River Lodge #135 and like Dad was voted on and accepted. My initiation fees were also the same as Dads. But I paid less than 1% of my yearly income to belong to our great fraternity. With the rate of inflation that had transpired over the years, to equal my father's commitment it should have cost me $833 to join our lodge. To keep up with inflation our initiation fees now would be over $900 I might add that while looking through the records and minutes of over 50 years ago I found that in my Lodge when someone took their first degree they went on to finish the 3rd degree, 100% of the time. This held true until the late 1960. I truly believe that if our Lodges charged that $900 the Fraternity would be stronger and better because of it. There would be fewer unworthy men challenge our west gate.

Everyone realizse that all prices have gone up. Almost everything cost more and it takes more to live. But I believe that if you want something bad enough we find a way to make it happen. There are brothers on fixed incomes, and they do not draw the same income from their pensions or social-security that they did with their pre-retirement careers. But the fact of the matter is those senior citizens have more disposable wealth than at any other time in our nation's history. I also realize that retirees are not the only ones that live on fixed incomes. Some of our brothers work long and hard for little pay, but this does not automatically translate into an inability to pay fees and dues.

Masonry isn't dying-we're killing it. Our fraternity will not be measured in history by it's quantity but by it's quality.

Ever since the 1970's there has been a near total inability of our craft to attract the "Lost Generation" of baby boomers. Our membership curve has been sliding into the basement. It might make sense for us to analyze this and conclude that while the actual cost of joining a Masonic Lodge goes down so has membership declined. How can we expect new petitioners to hold true to the beliefs and attitudes of Masons if we ourselves place a cheap value on Masonry? It's too easy to become a Freemason; fees for the degrees are ridiculously low. It costs less to pay our Lodge dues for a year than it does for a 15minute consultation with a doctor or lawyer. I can pay my Lodge dues for 3 years for what it takes for me to fuel up my pickup. It's important to remember that there are many intelligent potential members that truly believe you get what you pay for. To these people a cheap organization might be suspect as not being worthy of their time. We must set our goals to desire high quality candidates, obtain their petitions and do a complete investigation, then assist their entrance into our fraternity. We need to provide real value for their investment of time and money and challenge to their intellect. We need to have brothers with the intelligence to learn, understand and appreciate the work. They need to have the moral qualifications and good character to fit in with our lofty goals for the order and its individual members. Above all Masonry must never be too easy or too cheap.

R.W. Brother John Mangen

One other thing that has been lost with the decline of investment into Masonry is Pride. Just look at most of the aging Masons, the pride they show of belonging to this fraternity. This is not seen in our younger generation. We have reduced the effort and cost associated with entrance into our order in an effort to attract those who might have been scared off by either the time or effort required to learn the work or modest cost associated with membership. We're seeking and accepting members whose qualifications fall far short of our traditional group. Frankly, some of them are not up to the high standards of the past. Masonry isn't dying-we're killing it, our fraternity will not be measured in history by it's quantity but by its quality.

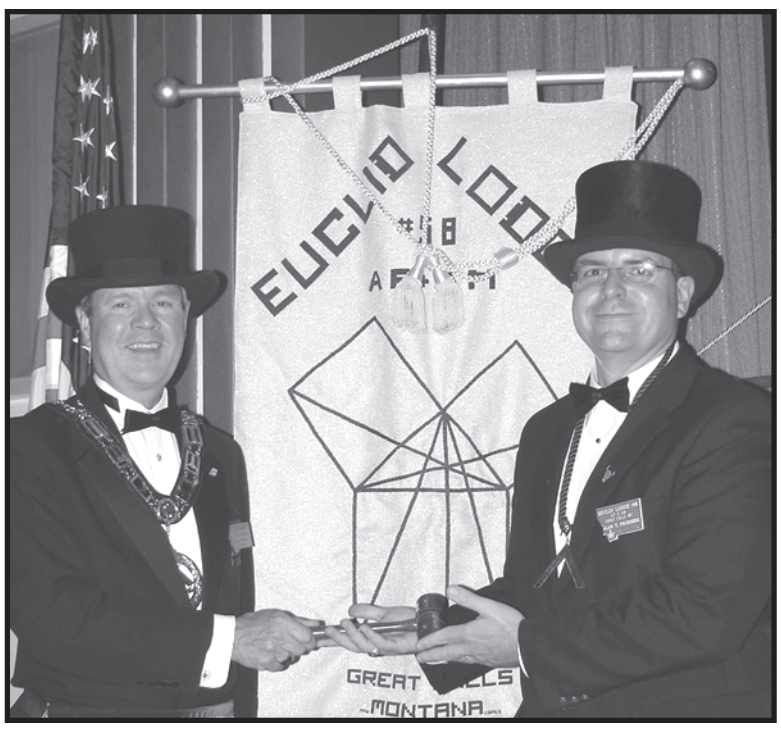
In conclusion, I would like to tell you about a man who is somewhat of a legend in my home Lodge. Bob Tacker lived about 30 miles south east of Broadus and like most people in our area was a rancher. Now Bob was not a wealthy person by any standards and I'm sure the dues he paid took their toll, ***but he loved Masonry*** and was very proud of the fact that he was a Mason. He so much wanted to be an active member that he learned a lot of the different degree work. Many times during the winter when the country roads were impassable he would bundle up and ride horseback, leaving on Monday for the Lodge meeting on Tuesday and riding back home on Wednesday. No doubt the Square and Compass carried a high value in the heart of this man. We can only wish all Masons shared this kind of loyalty and pride in our great fraternity.

Masonic Postal Chess Club

Since 1975, Master Masons of recognized lodges have joined the Masonic Postal Chess Club to play chess by mail (and now also by e-mail) with Brother Masons in all states. Membership includes both beginners and experienced players. Members play as often and with as many opponents as desired. Some members prefer to play with only one opponent with others play several games simultaneously. All club officers are volunteers, and yearly dues are $20.00, with no additional fees for additional games.

For more information, or a membership application write to the club secretary, Brother Dennis Plymette, 304 Longmeadow Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or send an E-mail to dennisplymette@yahoo.com.

Euclid Lodge NO. 58 Installation



On August 11th, MWGM David Nielsen conducted the installation of officers for Euclid No.58, assisted by RW Bro. Reid Gardiner and W. Bro. Tom Duffy. L to R are MW. GM Nielsen and W. Brother Alan T. Frohberg, Worshipful Master.

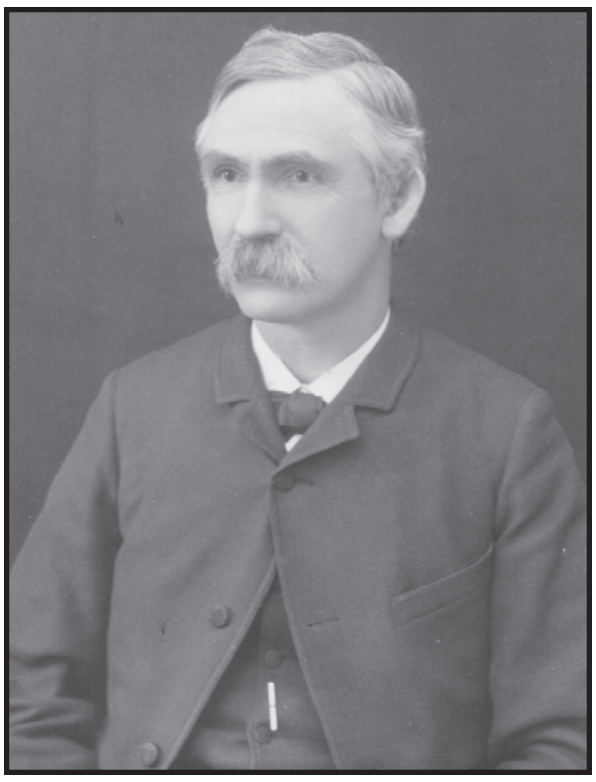
Hands of the Workmen

Fifth Grand Master and Fourth Grand Secretary

Cornelius Hedges, at his death on April 27, 1907, was considered the most venerated figure in Montana Masonry.

He was born on October 28, 1831 in Westfield, Mass. He was made a Master Mason at Independence, Iowa, in Independence Lodge No. 87, on October 27, 1858, on the eve of his 27th birthday.

In 1864 he emigrated to the west, walking the entire distance from Iowa to Montana and arrived in Virginia City on July 10, 1864. There he embarked upon the popular occupation of gold miner, but later related that he abandoned Virginia City and went to Helena when his mining claim was jumped. Helena became his home for the rest of his life. He soon realized that his livelihood could best be obtained through the practice of the profession for which he was trained.



Cornelius Hedges
1831 – 1907

It was only six months after his arrival in Helena, that on June 9, 1865 he demitted from his lodge at Independence, Iowa. To aid that movement in establishing the first Masonic Lodge in Helena, he became the master of Helena Lodge U.D., under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Upon receipt of the charter as No. 10 on the Colorado registry he became the first elected master and in that capacity assisted in the organizing of the Grand Lodge of Montana under which Helena was chartered as Lodge No. 3 after drawing straws for the first numbers. He served as master of Helena No. 3 until December, 1866. He was an active participant with the other Helena Lodges, Morning Star No. 5 and King Soloman No. 9. The three Helena Lodges so admired him that they presented a gold walking stick to him that is on display in the Montana Masonic Musuem.

At the first election of Grand Lodge Officers he was named Senior Grand Warden in January, 1866. When the second meeting of the Grand Lodge was held in October of that year, Brother Hedges was on his way to Iowa to become reunited with his family. He did not return until the spring of 1867. It was not until the fifth communication, the first one to be held in Helena, that Brother Hedges again had an opportunity to attend. He recorded that his only duty was to write the correspondence report.

In 1870 the Grand Lodge again met in Virginia City and Hedges, who had held no office, was elected as Grand Master. The following year he became Grand Historian, and on June 24, 1872, was appointed as acting Grand Secretary to replace H.K. Hosmer, who had moved from the state. The following meeting he was elected as Grand Secretary and held the office continuously until he died. His gold and silver Past Master's jewel is on display in the Montana Masonic Museum.

Brother Hedges was a member of and received the highest honor in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite. He was a charter member of Miriam Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, and was Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter in 1893.

For 36 years he wrote the Correspondence Report for the Grand Lodge Proceedings and for all the years of his active Masonic life he took part in many important meetings and conferences of the Masonic world. Ever active on behalf of Masonic charity, the Montana Masonic Home in the Helena Valley may be considered his most enduring monument.

Besides becoming ever more involved in Masonic activities, he found time to take part in a bewildering number of civil affairs.

Cornelius Hedges, described by a 19th century historian as "one of the ripest scholars and newspapermen" in the Montana Territory. He brought to the newly organized territory three college degrees – two from Yale (1853) and a law degree from Harvard (1855) – a talent for writing and a deep desire to become part of the unfolding history of the northwestern frontier. He was married in 1856 and with his wife went to Iowa, where he practiced law and worked in a newspaper office.

Hedges served as an editorial writer on the Helena Daily Herald for nearly 20 years. He had contributed articles to the newspaper since August 1869, and he was hired as an editorial writer in 1872 at $30 a week. In 1885 Hedges helped organize the Montana Territorial Press Association, and he subsequently was elected first vice president. He was inducted into the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame on May 9, 1965.

His concern over the problems and future of Montana was mirrored daily in his editorials. He was credited with suggesting a national park in the Yellowstone area. The letter from N.P. Langford to Hedges identifying him as the originator of the National Park concept is kept within the Montana Masonic Museum.

Cornelius Hedges was instrumental in spurring legislation to provide funds for the University of Montana. A foe of racially segregated schools, Hedges served four two-year terms as Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction (1872 to 1878 and 1883 to 1885)

In 1871 President Grant appointed him U.S. District Attorney for Montana, and in 1875 he was elected probate judge for Lewis and Clark County, serving in that position from 1875 to 1880. He is said to have earned an enviable reputation in the territorial courts. From 1880 to 1887 he was supreme court reporter and prepared several volumes of the Montana Reports.

An alert scholar, Hedges saved three documents later given to the State Historical Society: his diary, which describes in detail the activities and hopes of the Montana pioneers; the original town plot of Helena; and a map showing routes that led to Virginia City in the 1860s. He co-authored the book "Masonic History of the Northwest", A Graphic Recital of the Organization and Growth of Freemasonry in the North West States, 1909.

He helped organize the State Historical Society and served as its first President. He was also a member of the Helena Library Association, which lead the way to the formation of the first public library in Montana, the Lewis and Clark County Library.

He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1884 and when the first state legislature convened in 1889, Hedges, a Republican, took his seat as the first senator from Lewis and Clark County. The Montana Masonic Museum has an autograph book belonged to Bro. Hedges which contains the signatures of all the legislators of the Territorial Constitutional Convention.

Montana Grand Assembly, IORG

Helena Assembly #7 hosted a very successful Grand Assembly June 10th to June 12th. The session was presided over by Beth Rolfe, Grand Worth Advisor.

Beth Rolfe

There were several innovative and special events: A Native American Worship Service preceded the boat ride at the Gates of the Mountains on Sunday afternoon. On Tuesday the lunch for all attendees was held at the Montana Club. Our girls enjoyed the sunshine walking in their formals from the Consistory to the club and back. Rainbow girls and adults worked diligently to make this a success and we are very appreciative of their efforts, and all the help from the Helena Masonic community to make this a most memorable event.

We are very proud of our Service, Membership, Ritual Competition and Scholarship winners. Selene Christman, Hardin Assembly #33 and Emily Keegan, Hamilton Assembly #2 will share the honor of Miss Montana Rainbow Service for this next year. Hamilton and Hardin shared awards for increasing their membership by the greatest percentage and the award for 1st line signers on petitions went to Maggie Anderson, Garden City #55, Freda Harder and Jackie Hoover, Helen #7, Alicia Ramirez, Billings Jewel #24, and Katie Spencer, Hardin #33. The Montana Majority Ambassadors ran ritual competitions and winners were Love – Land Uffleman, Hardin #33; Service – Kenya Carbis, Helena #7; Rose Lecture – Lorelei Hallock, Hamilton #2.

Ashley Brester

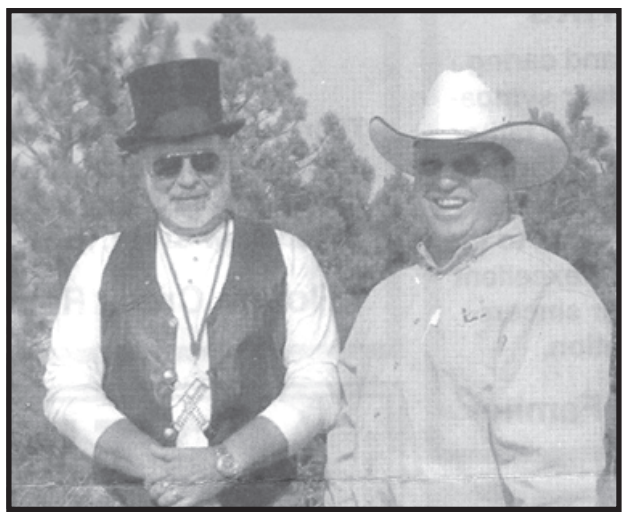
Ashley Brester from Garden City #55 in Missoula will serve as Grand Worthy Advisor for 2007-2008. Ashley is the daughter of Kirsti and Steve Brester, and the granddaughter of Joan and Doug Combs.

Elected as Grand Worthy Associate Advisor is Selene Christman from Hardin #33.

Grand Assembly will be in Missoula at the Doubletree Inn, June 15th to June 17th, 2008. Please know you are always welcome at any Rainbow meeting or Installation and especially Grand Assembly. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the entire Masonic Family. *Diane Sherick, Supreme Deputy.*

Scenes from the Annual Meeting of Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3-7-77

New Master of Powder River Lodge



LeRoy Biesheuvel, left, was installed as Master of Power River Lodge No. 135 during ceremonies held at the Mangen Ranch on Sunday, August 19. Performing the honors of installation was John Mangen, Junior Grand Warden.

Have You Heard of the Widows Sons?

Dan Koch Jr. PM Corinthian #72 Sec/Trea Widows Sons Montana Grand Chapter

The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association is an independent and international association of Master Masons who have joined together to enjoy our passion for sport motorcycling. Our goals are to fraternize and ride with brethren who share common interests, help raise Masonic awareness, and support our Blue Lodges through active attendance, and by assisting in and attending lodge events and activities.

As Freemasons, the Widows Sons are dedicated to supporting the widows & orphans of our Masonic brethren. We participate in runs or rides for various charitable causes. Each Chapter of the Widows Sons is required to sponsor a charitable event, or donate to their chapters Widows Fund each year. We do not attempt to speak or act as representatives or authorities of Freemasonry in any Masonic Jurisdiction, as we are not associated with any recognized Masonic Bodies. Rather, we are an International Association of sport motorcyclists who happen to be comprised of Master Masons.

We are not a gang or 1% club! As Masons, each of us strives to be an upright and law abiding member of the community. We are active in our Lodges and are always mindful to present a good impression to the public when riding together. Each chapter of the Widows Sons strives to serve our fraternity as a "Masonic Booster Club" by supporting our Blue Lodges through various activities, and by raising "Masonic Awareness" when attending public events. The Widows Sons Masonic Riders have been well received and accepted by both the public and our non-riding brethren throughout the world. Our main goal is to have fun and fellowship while riding together, and to serve as an asset to our fraternity, its members, and our widows and orphans.

In the fall of 2005, three brothers from Corinthian #72, came together to lay the groundwork for getting a chapter started in Montana. With the support and assistance from 7 other exceptional Brothers, Montana was granted our Grand Chapter Charter on July 23, 2006. Now at the 1 year mark, the Montana Grand Chapter is 22 members strong. Through conversations and explanations about the Widows Sons, interest was generated about Masonry in general and as a result, Montana has two new Masons.

If you have any questions or would like information about becoming a member of the Widows Sons, contact me at Widows Sons, P.O. Box 254, Laurel, Mt. 59044 or e-mail at dkoch911@yahoo.com and mention "Widows Sons" in the comment line. Or you can check out our website at www.widowssons.com/montana/.

Lodgeical Hints and Tips

Blake Gardiner, PM, Sec Helena No. 3

1. Remember, dues are paid for an entire year, and that means in the logic of the Lodgeical program, you cannot suspend a member NPD on December 31. You need to make the suspension effective on January 1 (at least in January). If you make the NPD suspension effective on December 31, the program will not allow reinstatement later. (If you have a December date, you will need to change the suspension or demit date to January to enter a reinstatement. Keep in mind that for the Annual Return you will show the suspension effective December 31st.
2. You can use Group Codes and Committee Codes to help keep track of members. You can set up groups and committees in the "Files" menu. But, you have to go to the "Utilities" menu to add members to groups and committees. You can view a member's groups and committees in the lower menu.
3. If you need to remove a member from one group or committee there is a "secret" way to do it: Go to the "Groups and Committees" tab in the lower menu. You will see the two large data boxes on the left, and the titles on the right (Groups & Committees). If you double click on the title, it will open an "undocumented" box on the right under the title that allows you to edit the membership data.
4. If you have a suspended or demitted member, and have properly entered the suspension/demit date, and the reinstatement date, the program will make an automatic note in the "Notes" on the lower menu telling you how long the member was suspended or demitted, in years, months and days. Because you cannot issue a dimit if a member is not current on their dues, the program will not let you enter a dimit date for a time when the dues are not current.
5. A planned enhancement (hopefully) will allow for the recording of the EA and FC proficiency dates (Now only the MM proficiency is recorded). But you should enter the EA and MM proficiency dates in the "Notes" for future reference until the changes are made in the program.
6. There is a selection under the "Dues" tab that will allow you to automatically update the annual membership expiration date of all your life and 50-year members at once, so you don't have to do them each by hand. (This is not a good idea, if you have an assessment levied against the membership.)

A Growing Lodge - Huntley Project Lodge No. 144

Reid Gardiner, Grand Secretary

On Wednesday, September 12th, MWGM David L. Nielsen, MWPGM Tom Valente, W. Sr. Grand Deacon/District Officer William Alexander, and myself had the privilege of installing Lewie Fletcher as Worshipful Master, and other officers elected and appointed.

Until this installation I would have said that the best installation that I ever saw was the very first one I participated with in my Lodge, Helena No. 3. However, I can honestly say that the installation of Huntley Project No. 144 was the best installation I have ever attended. Every officer elected and appointed was present, and there were a fair number of guests on the sidelines. Everyone was warm and friendly and talked to everyone. The real meaning and feeling of brotherhood was present. None of the officers are PMs except for the WM, Secretary, Treasurer and Instructor. Huntley Project has five candidates they will start the year with and has another five petitions that are waiting to be returned. I often hear the phase over used and misused that there was "friendship, fellowship and fun" but in this instance there really was. This is a wonderful lodge that shows pride and that success is alive and well in many of our small lodges. The food was plentiful and flavorful and some of the best prepared that I have encountered. This lodge is excited about Masonry, and seems to have found the key to growth within its small community and is not limited by it. WOW! This is a lodge that every Mason should visit. It is a long trip from Helena to Worden but the events of the evening made the trip worthwhile.

Above: The Officers elected and appointed and members of Huntley Project No. 144

Right: MWGM Nielsen installing Llewellyn Fletcher as Worship Master of Huntley Project No. 144.

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pole. During the opening invocation, everyone secretly prays for calm skies, and keeps one eye on the weather.

No one is exactly sure when Belfry Lodge #138 staged the first *Rendezvous*, but Bros. Marvin Pelo and Oliver Luoma claim, "Must be come'n neigh on some thirty odd years." Unfortunately, Belfry turned over its charter in 1988, but the neighboring lodges of Golden Eagle #66 in Bridger, Corinthian #72 in Laurel, Star In The West #40 of Red Lodge, and Carbon Lodge #65 in Joliet all agreed to sally forth in the spirit of duty and service, jointly to perpetuate a uniquely Montanan and truly Masonic affair. The four area lodges now rotate and share the responsibilities of gaining a dispensation, procuring the necessary lodge paraphernalia, providing refreshments, and soliciting degree performers, all for the sole purpose of interacting fraternally and conducting the second section of the third degree of Ancient Craft Masonry. In all its years, at least one of the local lodges has always managed to provide a lucky candidate. This year there were two: Brothers James Fox and Tim Marek from Laurel, who will surely never forget their adventure that particular July afternoon.

There is no shade at Elbow Creek, nor bad actors. Worshipful Brother Larry Thompson of Red Lodge, assisted by a very capable cast, performed majestically in the East. Brother Roger Ferguson delivered an impassioned recitation of the Bible Lecture, and to add molasses to the cake, your Sr. Grand Deacon (their Beartooth District Officer), Worshipful Brother Will Alexander honored Brothers Ed Yedlicka and George Ferris of Bridger with their 50 year awards.

As our "business on the hill" wound down to close; as we grinned and mopped our brows, we could not help but feel somehow taller - propped up by a gratifying sense of genuine accomplishment. In our minds, we were quite pleased with our labors. In our hearts, we were more than happy to be Montanans. And in our souls, we were ever so proud to be Masons.

Freemasonry is but empty forms without its beautiful, rich and purposeful traditions. And while it has been argued that some of our traditions may no longer serve us, the tradition that is *Elbow Creek Rendezvous* serves our beloved institution extremely well. It should also be noted that at the expert-culinary hands of Bro. Kevin Cook and others, *Elbow Creek Rendezvous* also serves a most succulent roast-pig, gallons of delicious coleslaw and baked beans, mountains of chilled watermelon, and yard-after-yard of homemade carrot cake -epicurean delights any mountain man, fur trader, or sojourning Mason would ride ten days for and greatly appreciate.

This is *Rendezvous.* This is Montana. This is better.

This is the best.

See you there next year.

Photos by W. Bro. Don Cerovski

Bikes for Books: Why We Do This

A HUGE thank you for donating the twelve bikes to our Stevensville Elementary youngsters! What a generous And much appreciated deed.

Thanks again and continued best wishes!

Dennis Kimzey, Supt.
Stevensville Public Schools

On behalf of Four Georgians Elementary students and staff, we would like to thank you for promoting reading through your Bikes for Books program. The students look forward to it.

Mrs. Stinson
Librarian

Special People make Special Schools!

Thank you for the bike it was a very big surprise! Tabitha 3rd grade

Thank you so much! I got the red bike, my 1st favorit color. I love it. Again thanks Ranie Fremont 5th grade

Thank you a lot for my bike. My parents were surprised that I got a bike. Thanks you! from, Tashia (3rd grader)

Stated Communications for the Traveling Mason in Montana

Anaconda
Acacia Lodge No. 33
218 W Park
1st & 3rd Tues 7:00 pm Sept-June

Augusta
Augusta Lodge No. 54
411 Broadway
1st & 3rd Wed 8:00 pm Sept-May

Baker
Sandstone Lodge No. 84
245 W 1 St
1st & 3rd Tue 7:30 pm Sept-May

Belgrade
Belgrade Lodge No. 68
100 N Broadway
2nd & 4th Tues 7:30 pm
2nd Tue. Sept- 1st Tue. Jun

Bigfork
Bigfork Lodge No. 150
8089 Hwy 35
2nd & 4th Tues 7:30 pm Sept - May

Big Sandy
Treasure Lodge No. 95
226 Johannes Ave E
1st Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Big Timber
Doric Lodge No. 53
101 E 2nd Ave
1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-May

Billings
Ashlar Lodge No. 29
101 Broadwater
2nd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-May

Billings Lodge No. 113
11th & Broadwater,
2nd & 4th Mon 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Rimrock Lodge No. 149
1101 Broadwater
2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Boulder
Boulder-Basin Lodge No 41
170 S Main, Boulder
1st Thurs 8:00 pm Apr-Dec

Bozeman
Gallatin Lodge No. 6
13 N Bozeman Ave
2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Bozeman Lodge No. 18
14 S Tracy Ave
1st & 3rd Thurs 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Bridger
Golden Eagle Lodge No. 66
121 S Main, Bridger
1st & 3rd Mon 7:30 pm 2nd Mon
Sep-1st Mon Jun

Broadus
Powder River Lodge No 135
201 W Holt
2nd & 4th Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Butte
Butte Lodge No. 22
314 W Park, Butte
1st & 3rd Tues 7: 00 pm Sept-Jun

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 24
314 W Park, Butte
1st & 3rd Mon 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Monitor Lodge No. 35
314 W Park, Butte
1st Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Cascade
Meridian Lodge No. 105
28 First St.
1st Wed 7:30 pm Sept-May

Chinook
Chinook Lodge No. 50
409 Ohio St
1st & 3rd Thurs 8:00 pm Sept-May

Choteau
Choteau Lodge No. 44
25 1st N.W
1st & 3rd Wed 8:00 pm Sept-May

Circle
Circle Lodge No. 136
803 C Ave
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-May

Columbia Falls
Columbia Falls Lodge No. 89
11 5th Street W
1st & 3rd Wed 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Columbus
Stillwater Lodge No. 62
35 N 4th St
2nd & 4th Thurs 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Conrad
Pondera Lodge No. 80
24 3rd Ave SW
2nd&4th Tues 8:00 pm
3rd Wed Sept-May

Cut Bank
Cut Bank Lodge No. 82
304 W Main, Cut Bank
1st Tuesday 7:00 Sept-May

Deer Lodge
Deer Lodge No. 14
304 Milwaukee Ave
1st Tues 7:30 pm Sept thru Jun

Denton
Western Star Lodge No. 104
Broadway & Main
2nd & 4th Mon 8:00 pm
(4th Mon) Sept to (2nd Mon) Jun

Dillon
Dillon Lodge No. 16
11 South Idaho
2nd & 4th Thurs 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Drummond
Ruby Lodge No. 36
133 Broad Ave
3rd Wed 6:00 pm Sept-Jun

Ekalaka
Ekalaka Lodge No. 120
1st & 3rd Mon 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Ennis
Montana Lodge No. 2
1st Street
1st Thurs 7:00 pm Mar- Nov

Eureka
Eureka Lodge No. 93
303 Dewey Ave
3rd Thurs 7:30 pm Jan-Dec

Fort Benton
Benton Lodge No. 25
1712 Front St
1st & 3rd Mon 7:30 pm Sept-May

Forsyth
Hiram Lodge No. 52
1049 ½ Main St
1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-June

Galata
Galata Lodge No. 106
2nd St
2nd Wed 8:00 pm Apr-Oct &
Dec-Mar (2:00 pm Dec-Mar)

Geraldine
Pilgrim Lodge No. 102
320 Main St, Geraldine
2nd & 4th Mon 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Glasgow
North Star Lodge No. 46
643 2nd Ave S
1st & 3rd Wed 7:00 pm Sept-May

Glendive
Glendive Lodge No. 31
202 S Merrill
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-May

Grass Range
Captain Scott Lodge No. 98
Third & Main
1st & 3rd Wed 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Great Falls
Cascade Lodge No. 34
821 Central Ave
2nd & 4th Tues 7:30 pm Sept-May

Euclid Lodge No. 58
821 Central Ave
1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-May

Delta Lodge No. 128
821 Central Ave
2nd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Hamilton
Ionic Lodge No. 38
115 S 3rd St
2nd Thurs 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Hardin
Saints John Lodge No. 92
424 N Crow Ave
2nd & 4th Thurs 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Harlowton
Musselshell Lodge No 69
1 St SE & N Central
3rd Mon 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Havre
Havre Lodge No. 55
305 3rd Ave
2nd & 4th Thurs 7:00 pm Sept-May
2nd Thurs June-Aug 7:00 p.m.

Helena
Helena Lodge No. 3
15 Jackson St
1st & 3rd Mon 7:00 pm Sept - Jun

Morning Star Lodge No. 5
15 Jackson St
2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Hinsdale
Kyle Lodge No. 96
141 Montana St
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Hobson
Judith Lodge No. 86
1st Ave E
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Hot Springs
Hot Springs Lodge No.153
121 "A" Street N
2nd Tues 7:00 pm Sept – Jun

Joliet
Carbon Lodge No. 65
200 Main St
1st Thurs 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Jordan
Jordan Lodge No. 148
Montana Street
2nd Sat&2nd Thurs 2 pm &
5:30 pm Sept – June

Kalispell
Kalispell Lodge No. 42
239 Main St
1st & 3rd Thurs 7:00 pm Sept-May

Trinity Lodge No. 152
239 Main St
2nd & 4th Thurs 7:00 pm Sept - Jun

Laurel
Corinthian Lodge No. 72
9900 Airport Rd
1st & 3rd Mon 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Lavina
Lavina-Temple Lodge No.101
101 Main St
2nd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Lewistown
Friendship Lodge No. 37
322 W Broadway
2nd and 4th Mon 7:30 pm Sept-June

Libby
Libby Lodge No. 85
1208 Utah Ave
2nd & 4th Thurs 7:00 pm Mar-Nov

Lincoln
Lincoln Lodge No. 157
Main Street
Last Wed 7:00 pm Sept - May

Livingston
Livingston Lodge No 32
Park & 2 nd St
1st & 3rd Tues 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Mel Tillis Becomes Dual Memeber of Hiram Lodge NO. 52

On the afternoon of July 21st, twelve members of Hiram Lodge No. 52, Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana, assembled at a room at the Rosebud County fairgrounds. There Worshipful Master Ronald Swenson presented Brother Lonnie Melvin "Mel" Tillis with a paid life membership (endowed membership) with Hiram Lodge No. 52.

Brother Mel thanked all of the lodge members and spoke at some length about his own Masonic experiences. He told the brothers that he was not the product of a one day class, but had taken his degrees in the usual manner. His son was in the process of becoming a Mason also.

Brother Mel posed for pictures and the 15 minute meeting turned in 35 minutes of fellowship. Later that evening, at his concert, he spoke to the crowd and told them about his membership in Hiram Lodge and made some very good comments about Masonry. Bro. Tillis is a member of Branson Lodge No. 587 in Branson, Missouri.

Submission Deadline for December, 2007
Montana Masonic News is PRIOR to Nov. 27, 2007
(see page 2 for details)

Malta
Malta Lodge No. 57
116 S 5th E
1st & 3rd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-June

Manhattan
Manhattan Lodge No 59
301 N Railroad Ave
2nd & 4th Wed 8:00 pm Sept-May

Marysville
Ottawa Lodge No. 51
W Main St
1st & 3rd Fri 8:00 pm Apr-Dec

Miles City
Yellowstone Lodge No. 26
907-½ Main
2nd & 4th Tue 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Missoula
Missoula Lodge No. 13
126 E Broadway
1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept - 1st meeting in Jun
Harmony Lodge No. 49
126 E Broadway
1st & 3rd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-May
Sentinel Lodge No. 155
126 E Broadway
1st & 3rd Mon 7:30 pm Aug-May

Philipsburg
Flint Creek Lodge No. 11
101 E Broadway
3rd Wed 7:00 pm Sept – May

Plains
Ponemah Lodge No. 63
205 W Lynch
2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Plentywood
Plentywood Lodge No. 91
302 N Jackson
1st Wed 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Polson
Mission Valley Lodge No. 78
1102 4 th Ave E
1st & 3rd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-May

Pony
Mount Jefferson Lodge No. 56
200 Broadway
2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 pm Sept-May

Reed Point
Rapelje
Central Ave
2nd & 4th Tues 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Red Lodge
Star in the West Lodge No. 40
101 N Broadway
3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Roundup
Unity Lodge No. 71
419 Main
1st & 3rd Wed 8:00 pm Sept-May

Scobey
Scobey Lodge No. 109
120 Main
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Shelby
Shelby Lodge No. 143
801 N. Marias Ave
2nd Thurs 7:00 pm Sept-May

Sheridan
Sheridan Lodge No. 20
108 Jefferson
1st Thurs 1:00 pm Sept-May

Sidney
Lower Yellowstone Lodge No. 90
220 W Main
1st & 3rd Wed 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Stevensville
Stevensville Lodge No. 28
300 Church St
1st&3rd Thurs 7:30 pm Sept-Jun

Superior
Mountain Lodge No. 110
202 River St
1st & 3rd Tues 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Terry
Terry Lodge No. 74
302 Spring St
2nd & 4th Mon 7:30 pm Sept-May

Thompson Falls
Thompson Falls Lodge No. 70
200 Columbia St
2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 pm Sept-April (dark Dec & Jan)

Three Forks
Three Forks Lodge No. 73
Main & Date
1st & 3rd Tues 7:30 pm Sept-May

Townsend
Valley Lodge No. 21
131 S Spruce
3rd Mon 7:00 pm Sept-June

Troy
Troy Lodge No. 126
315 Kalispell Ave
2nd & 4th Tues 7:00 pm Apr-Dec

Twin Bridges
West Gate Lodge No. 27
212 S Main
1st & 3rd Thurs 7:00 pm Sept-June

Victor
Victor Lodge No. 43
Main St
2nd & 4th Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Virginia City
Virginia City Lodge No. 1
219 West Wallace
2nd & 4th Thurs 7:00 pm Sep-May

Whitefish
Whitefish Lodge No. 64
Nucleus & 5th St
2nd & 4th Tues 7:00 pm Sept-Jun

Whitehall
Mystic Tie/Riverside Lodge No. 17
8 N Main
2nd Tues 7:00 pm Mar-Nov

White Sulphur Springs
Diamond City Lodge No. 7
12 E Main
2nd Thurs 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Wilsall
Park Lodge No. 140
Clark & Hill
2nd & 4th Mon 8:00 pm Sept-May

Winnett
Jerusalem Lodge No. 115
Milsap St & Leeper Ave
1st Mon 7:00 pm Jan-Dec (14)

Wisdom
Wisdom Lodge No. 61
110 Elm St. Wisdom
1st & 3rd Tues 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

Wolf Point
Loyalty Lodge No. 121
302 4th Ave S
1st & 3rd Thurs 8:00 pm Sept-Jun

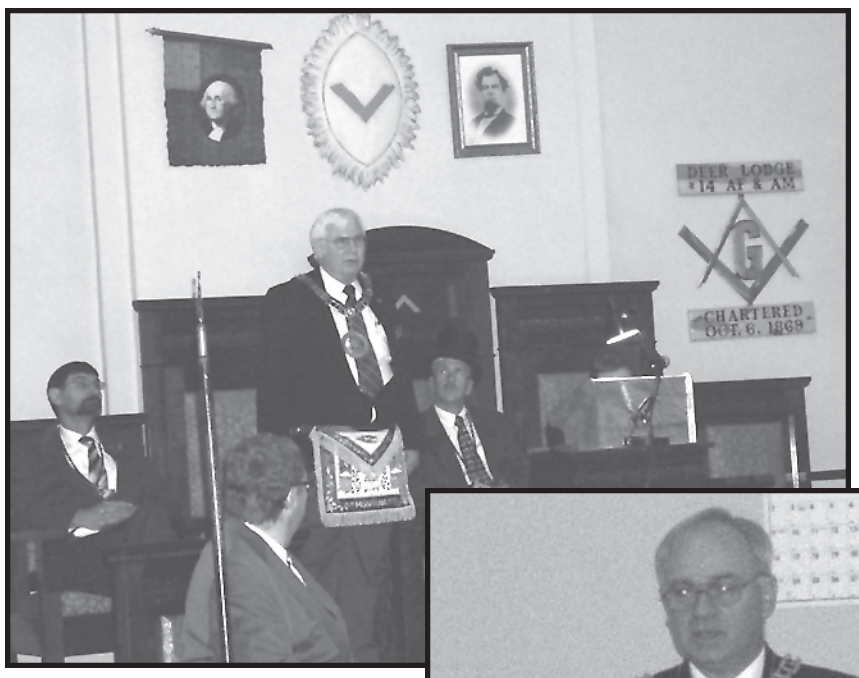
Worden
Huntley Project Lodge No 144
4th and Lewis
2nd and 4 th Wed 7:30 Sept-June

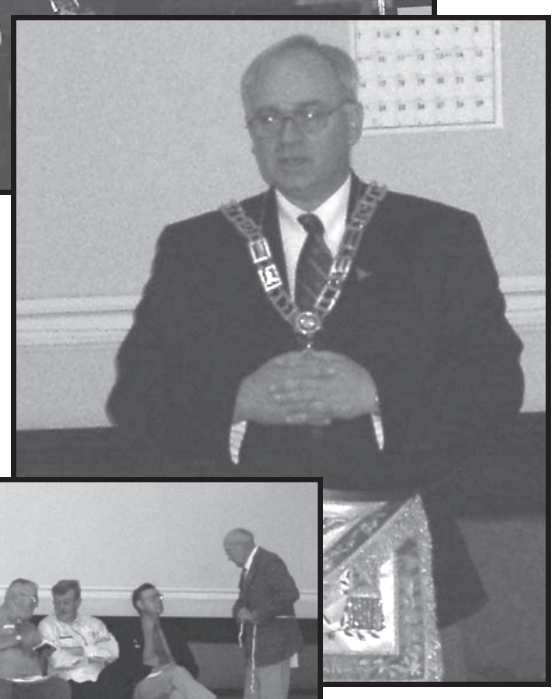
Mullan Pass
Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862
Mullan Pass
4th weekend in July

Bannack
Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3-7-77
Bannack Road
2nd weekend in September

First Lodge of Instruction for 2007

On Saturday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m., W. Bro. Lewis Smith, Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer and District Officer opened the first Lodge of Instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic Year for the Rocky Mountain District in the hall of Deer Lodge No. 14. There were 38 brothers present for instruction and discussion of the Entered Apprentece Degree. RWSGW Tom Lund assumed the position as the candidate, W. Brother Jim Axelson of Butte 22 sat was Worshipful Master assisted by brothers from several different lodges. RW Deputy Grand Master Robert Coleman presented the reasons that MWGM Nielsen established this format and that they are first a lodge of instruction with the possibility to do some degree work.





David Nielsen - in his new33° White Hat

Plumb, Level and Square

Gene Thompson, PM, Libby No. 85

My sins are many
My virtues are few
On Sunday it's Church
My faith to renew
But in workday strife
With it's wear and tear
Allow me to follow
Plumb, level and Square

By walking up rightly
Looking all in the eye
Speaking in truths
Abhorring all lie's
Straight as a plumb line
God wants me to be
Narrow the path that is laid out for me!

Give me the square
This is the key
Doing to others
As I would have them do to me!
In viewing the compass
I will circumscribe
And will not step over
And let desire to abide

All these at the Altar, On Bended knee
I swore too up hold
These obligations you see
When he calls me up yonder
And they judge me up there
Just say that he followed
Plumb, level and square

Our Vision

The Masons of Montana will be recognized as a relevant and respected Fraternity, committed to attracting, developing and retaining all men of high quality who strive for self improvement and the opportunity to make a positive difference in their community, and in the lives of those around them.

Our Mission

Freemasonry in Montana strives to satisfy our members as we teach moral standards, and support a way of life that promotes fellowship, brotherhood, and self-improvement through excellence in leadership, education, family, charity, and community involvement.

Trivia Answer:

1871 was the year the Annual Communication was held in Helena for the first time.

Attention Snow Birds

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Celestial Lodge

My Brethren, the roll of the workmen has been called, and one more Master Mason has not answered to his name, He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them he has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use.

His labours here below have taught him to divest his heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Strengthened in his labours hereby faith in God, and, confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above. Author unknown

Wally C. Haacke	Flint Creek No. 11	07/04/2007
Clancy M. Greene	Missoula No. 13	07/31/2007
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Randolph B. Ingram	Mission Valley No. 78	07/18/2007
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Donald Coburn	Ottawa No. 51	08/10/2007
Elmer E. "Buzz" Emerson	Cascade No. 34	10/30/2006

If you are aware of a fellow brother who has passed away, please email the information to rgardiner@grandlodgemontana.org or complete this form and mail to:

Montana Grand Lodge PO Box 1158 Helena, MT 59604.

Deceased: _____

Lodge: _____

Calendar of Events

September 2007

Sept 11 Victor No.42 Installation
Sept 12 Huntley Project No. 144 Installation
Sept 15 Northern Lights Dist Lodge of Instruction-Scobey
Sept 15 Rocky Mountain Dist Lodge of Instruction-Deer Lodge
Sept 17 Sentinel No. 155 Installation
Sept 20 Grand Lodge of Idaho (20-22)
Sept 24 Sapphira Temple DON Supreme Queen Visit -Helena
Sept 29 Job's Daughters –Helena
Sept 29 Grand Lodge of California (29-30)

October 2007

Oct 5 Scottish Rite –Missoula
Oct 6 Red Cross – Helena
Livingston Dist Lodge of Instruction-Manhattan
Oct 13 Missoula & Glacier Dist Lodge of Instruction-Polson
Oct 13 Red Cross, Billings Masonic Center
Oct 26 Algeria Shrine Fall Ceremonial –Great Falls (26-27)

November 2007

Nov 1 GM@ Lafayette Lodge –Seattle
Nov 4 End Daylight Savings Time
Nov 6 Election Day
Nov 12 Veterans Day
Nov 12 Grand Lodge of Nevada-Reno (12-13)
Nov 14 GM Visit @ Huntley Project No. 144
Nov 16 GM Visit @ Billings
Nov 22 Thanksgiving

Lodges of Instruction

2007

September 15 Northern Lights District (EA Degree) –Scobey
Rocky Mountain District (EA Degree) – Deer Lodge
October 6 Livingston District (EA Degree) – Manhattan
October 13 Missoula & Glacier District (FC Degree) – Ploson
December 8 Sagebrush District (FC Degree) – Terry
CMR District (FC Degree) – Fort Benton
Headwaters District (FC Degree) – Pony

2008

January 19 Missoula & Glacier District (MM Degree) – Plains
January 26 Rocky Mountain District (FC Degree) – Butte
February 2 Beartooth District (MM Degree) – Billings
February 23 Rocky Mountain District (MM Degree) – Helena
March 1 Great Falls District (MM Degree) – Great Falls

Montana Annual Communications

For advance planning and to give an idea when and where our Annual Communications will be the following is provided. More information will be added as the various dates get closer.

2008

2008 - Helena, June 26 – 28

Tentative session site is the Helena Civic Center.

Session hotels will be the Great Northern Hotel ($98.00) and the Park Plaza Lodge ($94.50)

Alternate hotels will include the Red Lion Colonial Inn ($98.00) and the Days Inn ($77.00)

2009

2009 – Glasgow, June 25-27

Session site is the Cottonwood Inn & Suites and Convention Center ($78.00)

2010

2010 - Missoula, June 24-26

Session site and primary session hotel will be the Hilton Gardens ($120.00)

Alternate hotels will be added later.

Lodge Afghan

These afghan's are available for $54.95 which includes shipping and insurance. For every one sold (if you mention this ad) $7.00 will be gifted to the Montana Masonic Foundation for its charitable activities.

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