

FROM THE GRAND EAST

Brothers,

As I write this message the winter Olympics are taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is rewarding to watch as the "Super Stars" make Olympic history. The Super Bowl is behind us and I cannot help but reflect on the outcome of the games that led to the two teams competing in the Super Bowl. It seemed that each playoff game had Super Stars that would surely make the difference in the outcome of any of the games. But the winners had the best team. Each of the other teams may have had their stars but the team that worked best together won the Super Bowl. And so it is in Masonry.

In the building of King Solomon's Temple, there were superstars – Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre and of course, Hiram Abiff. There were also 3,300 Masters of the Work, 80,000 Fellowcraft and 70,000 Apprentices on the team. And though tragedy occurred to disrupt the work, the strong moral fiber of the Craft prevailed and the building process continued and teamwork prevailed.

In any Lodge there are "go to" guys who will see an assignment through to success and there are those who play a supporting role. The super star shines because of the support that he has from hardworking members. But the Lodge flourishes from the obvious efforts of all its members.

In January I attended numerous St. John Dinners and in February I enjoyed some Americanism events and all were well done. In March we will be encouraging Public School Events and I look forward to their successful conclusions. I expect that Bikes for Books will play a role in the pride we have in encouraging our school children to excel in their attempts to become better readers. These events will not only display Masonic Charity in our communities but also the teamwork that it takes to finance and plan these events. I thank each Lodge for working together to get the job done.

It is gratifying to witness the resurgence of new members petitioning our great fraternity, especially the younger men. Our responsibility now is to give them a reason to participate in Lodge activities on a regular basis. We must make our meetings and activities meaningful and interesting. Education is a key component in improving ourselves and also our Lodges to the point that we can communicate the values that

Freemasonry represents to all those we come in contact with. I believe the education in the Lodge will reflect a reduction of NPD's in our jurisdiction. I thank those lodges that have established an education program for each meeting in an effort to communicate the lessons of Masonry to their members.

Freemasonry has for the last few years received some very favorable publicity. Starting with the "National Treasure" movies as well as Dan Brown's most recent novel "The Lost Symbol," Freemasonry has been shown in a positive light.

No other fraternity has the Mystery of our beginning or the mission of enlightenment of the individual that we may find perfection through self improvement. Our mission is ageless as is our fraternity.

I congratulate those Lodges participating in the Master Builders Award. Our newer members are especially excited about assisting their Lodges to accomplish their goals in this program. It gives them an opportunity to participate in Lodge activities, support their officers while establishing themselves as an asset to their Lodge.

Preparations are being made for the 144 Annual communication of Grand Lodge in Missoula, on June 25th and 26th. Your Grand Tyler, Colbert Howell, is doing a tremendous job in organizing this event and I encourage each of you to attend.

Brothers, I am still committed to serving this Grand Jurisdiction with whatever strength and knowledge that I possess. Join me in committing yourselves to become a better individual through the lessons of our great fraternity

and with that commitment, I assure you "The Best is Yet to Come".



Thomas L. Lund
Thomas L. Lund, Grand Master

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LEARNING

By the turn of a season, the end of a storm or by the consummation of some eventful period, we are reminded that the time has come for reawakening. To renew or strengthen our interest in Masonry and to sip afresh from its rejuvenating principles, can be the beginning of a new outlook on life.

Each lodge meeting affords an opportunity to learn. You forfeit your chances for enjoyment of our Craft at its fullest when you withhold your best effort in learning. When you give only the minimum to learning, you receive only the minimum in return

Take hold of your Masonry, apply your gifts and talents, work with dedication and self discipline. Have high expectations for yourself and your brethren and convert every challenge into an opportunity.

Our individual wisdom is an integral part of the wisdom of the Craft, while our strength adds to its vitality and harmony, causing it to be a beautiful institution.

Jack R. Levitt

DECADES OF SERVICE AND PAYING IT FORWARD

Masonry, Eastern Star, Rainbow and Job's Daughters played an active role in lives of Bert and Lorraine Enloe – once caretakers of the Great Falls Masonic Temple living for a time in the Temple's Apartment. According to their children and several active members of the Great Falls Masonic family, the Enloe's decided years ago to leave part of their estates to the Great Falls Temple Association so their service could continue beyond their own efforts to those who would use the Masonic Temple in years to come. Bert was a local handyman and often offered his talents when the Temple needed some TLC. Lorraine was a 50 year + member of her Eastern Star Chapter, attending meetings and installations regularly into her nineties. Worshipful Brother Thomas Duffy, Jr. Grand Warden sat with Lorraine at her 100th birthday where she discussed with him the improvements she would like to see at the Masonic Temple in the future. Coincidentally, Lorraine had sat in Chapter with four generations of the Duffy family.

The check presented for \$37,000.00 will be used to

improve the facility according to Lorraine's request. Like the international Pay It Forward movement inspired by



the book and the movie- the Enloe's from Great Falls changed their world and Masonry one favor at a time inspiring others with their work and what such work

reaped. R.W. Brother Duffy encourages all members of the Masonic Family across Montana, who are blessed with gifts to pass them on to their local organizations and Masonic Temples in the form of estate gifts, donations, endowments, and scholarships.

The Great Falls Masonic Temple Association would like to thank the Enloe Family for their service and continuing gifts. Their Masonic work guided them to do for others – this was their blessing as well as ours.

Pictured - Shirley Marxer and Howard Enloe, daughter and son of the late Brother Bert and Lorraine Enloe, presented a check to Thomas M. Duffy, Great Falls Temple Board Trustee.

SHOW ME EDGAR A. GUEST

I would rather see a Mason, than hear one any day,
I would rather one would walk with me than merely
show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the
ear,

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.
And the best of all the Masons are the men who live
their creeds,

For to see the good in action is what everybody
needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it
done,

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue
too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you
do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice
you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and
how you live.



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THE REASON

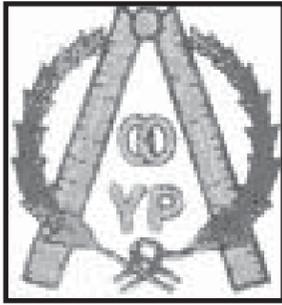
In his address to the third annual communication of Grand Lodge in Virginia City, October 8, 1867, Nathaniel Langford makes note of early Masonic history and events in Montana. By 'cutting to the chase' and deleting the flowery language of his address we get to the heart of it: "Masonry, in all its symbolic teachings, --- is yet without a written history. - The great element of its indestructibility-- is its secrecy. With an existence of scarcely five years, we yet can not tell when it first came here (to Montana), who brought it, or at what particular moment in our brief history it did not exist here. It came with us, but we found it here upon our arrival." Langford continues by describing his journey from Minnesota, crossing the Rocky Mountains at the Mullan Road where three Master Masons opened and closed an informal Lodge, the first recorded in Montana.

Nathaniel Langford's comments are interesting in that one begins to sense the reality of the times. He continues with comments regarding the death at Bannack, Montana and funeral for William H. Bell of St. Louis. Brother Bell wanted a Masonic funeral and a meeting of Masons was called for at the cabin of C. J. Miller to prepare for such funeral. No one knew then how many Masons were there. At Brother Bell's funeral, 76 Masons were proven to be such. The 77th Mason was Brother Bell for whom the service was performed.

Brother Langford continues: "No one knew which of that little band might next be stricken down, nor by what casualty. Death by violence and at the hands of

assassins literally stared each of us in the face. Masonry, hitherto known only as a quiet, agreeable, social, moral and peaceful institution, grew into a Briareus and put forth its hundred arms in all directions for our protection and support."

Such is the formation of many societal organizations, Masonry being perhaps the oldest and most profound.



People of like mind congregate for their own support, protection and general well being.

Such is the case in the Yukon Territories in the late 1800's. The Yukon Order Of Pioneers was formed by the congregation of Masons and Eagles. Their logo is pictured. It has a couple of familiar symbols, doesn't it?

Yukon Order Of Pioneers is a male fraternity with members residing in the Yukon for over 25 years. It's Grand Lodge oversees two subordinate Lodges; Dawson City #1 and Whitehorse #2. Organized at Forty Mile, Yukon Territory, on December 1st, 1894 it's motto was "do as you would be done by". Apparently early prospectors arrived to stake their claims at the town site of Forty Mile on the Yukon River near the Alaska border. Many of the transients were not too truthful and might over stake someone's claim, thus the Lodge was formed.

At Skagway, Alaska Jefferson "Soapy" Smith and his cohorts were accomplished extortionists. The Arctic Brotherhood was the Alaskan equivalent of the Yukon Order Of Pioneers. It was formed during the Gold Rush era to ensure stamper's rights. The 1899 Arctic

Brotherhood Hall can still be visited in Skagway, Alaska. With 20,000 pieces of driftwood tacked to the front of it, it's hard to miss.

Masonry has been a stabilizing influence in just about all the gold fields of the old west from California to Alaska. Furthermore, the Brotherhood of Masonry has influenced the behavior and actions of men from the very beginning of our nation and was at the very heart of our Republic.

The point is that Free Masonry has been a principle vehicle for the practical application of what is right and what is wrong. In the early days where men were free to apply avarice and deadly sin, the practical application of the Golden Rule was provided by the institution of Free Masonry. Long live Masonic precept of freedom, liberty and justice. 'All of the above' is reason enough to continue making Masons.

John N. Love G H

STEREO OPTICON

Stereo What ?? It's that old time projector some Lodges may have stuck up in the 'archives' of the Lodge along with a bunch of old glass plates. The machine was used some years ago, or perhaps still in use, to project an image on a wall or screen depicting a scene being described in one of the three lectures of the Blue Lodge degrees.

More than likely these units are not used because of their obsolescence, or perhaps more correctly the lectures are not being presented. The machines themselves are now antiques. Either way, computer image files are now available taken from the stereo opticon slides.

John N. Love GH

YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC LODGE NO. 88

FORT BUFORD, NORTH DAKOTA

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota will charter Yellowstone Historic Lodge No. 88 at Fort Buford, about twenty miles southwest of Williston, N.D on May 21 and 22, 2010. This lodge was active at Fort Buford during the 1800's. Through the efforts of historians, Masonic records and many Grand Jurisdictions who have provided valuable assistance, we can present the most accurate and documented account of the first Regular and Prince Hall Chartered Lodges in Dakota Territory, which later became the state of North Dakota.



The first Masonic Charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Minnesota in 1872 to Yellowstone Lodge No. 88. The primary officers of this Lodge were members of the 7th Infantry. The second Charter to arrive was carried by the Buffalo Soldiers of the 25th Infantry, in 1892. The 25th Infantry was one of only four all black units in the military at that period, and their Eureka Lodge No.135, was chartered through the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri at Ft. Apache, AZ Territory in 1891.

Events

Friday, May 21st

5 pm Masonic Historical Exhibit, Ft Buford; 6:20 BBQ

Saturday, May 22

7-9am Registration Airport International Inn at Williston.

10-12am – Public Opening & Historic Program, Airport International Inn

1pm Registration Ft Buford Historic Site

2-4 Rededication Ceremony, Institute Historic Lodges

7pm Banquet at International Airport Inn

For More Information Contact: The Grand Lodge of North Dakota at 701 235-8321.

TOLERATION

Along with the current renewed interest in Freemasonry there is an anti-Masonic sentiment. It is mostly spawned by suspicion of the unknown, fear, ignorance, envy or desire for power. Unfortunately, many outside the Fraternity fail to comprehend the true philosophical purposes of Freemasonry. It is therefore feared and hated by those who do not understand its truly benign, all encompassing and civilizing nature.

To combat anti-Masonry, it is necessary to strive to live its principles and substitute charity for hatred, friendship for intolerance and love of God and his children for dislike of others. The members of our fraternity must always hold aloof from separate sects, respect and tolerate others and ask – "What is your need?" rather than "What is your creed?" If these suggestions are followed, undeserved criticism against our Craft would be viewed as unjust, and the influence of our critics greatly weakened.

We should treat those who attack us and our beliefs with toleration and be certain that our thoughts and actions are always exemplifications of Brotherly Love. Rather than responding in a negative fashion, heed the poet's advice:

He called me a heretic, a rebel and a lout.

He drew a circle that shut me out.

But Love and I had the wit to win.

We made a circle that drew him in.

Jack R. Levitt PGM(CA), PM 6 & 18

ELECT THOSE OFFICERS

L. D. GROSS(150), PM, JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Question: Failure to properly complete what basic, annual requirement of all Montana constituent lodges leads to consternation and outbursts of muttering in the halls of Grand Lodge?

Answer: The annual election of officers.

The Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge makes clear what is needed from the constituent lodges. **Sec 25020** plainly states: "Lodges shall hold their annual election of officers no earlier than the first regular meeting in April and no later than the first regular meeting in May. Elections held before or after the designated times are void." Period!

According to **Sec 27020**, election of the Master, wardens, secretary and treasurer shall be by written ballot, requiring a majority of votes cast, excluding any blank ballots. Here and in **Sec 32030**, it's also noted that all eligible lodge members present must vote. To be considered eligible to vote in an election for master, wardens, secretary and treasurer, a lodge member must simply be in good standing with paid dues, or have had his dues remitted within one year prior to the election.

All other officers other than the five aforementioned are appointed by the Master-elect.

Sec 27030 points out that any Mason who has served as a warden in any jurisdiction may be elected Master of a lodge. He must, however, be a member of that lodge, as are all other officers to be elected or appointed... save for the Tyler, the only one who can be a member of another lodge.

They also must all, of course, be in good standing and they must have passed satisfactory proficiencies in all three degrees, per **Sec 39070-B**.

If one of the officer candidates who has received a majority of written votes is found to be delinquent in his dues, **Sec 27080** provides that after his dues are then paid, and he receives a majority in a second ballot, the member is considered "properly elected."

Following the election, the very important next step is for the sitting lodge secretary to file a report with Grand Lodge as to who was elected to what offices. This is necessary under **Sec 28090-C**, Duties of the Secretary. A significant amount of Grand Lodge administrative work and concern is dependent upon this information.

It is realized and understood that some lodges unfortunately suffer an agonizing struggle to assemble a slate of officers for the coming year. But the procedure does not change: **Constituent Montana lodges may not simply forego annual election of officers**. If a lodge finds that it's unable to conduct a proper election within the stated times, then by a majority vote of its members present, the lodge must "promptly" state its case to the Grand Master and ask for a dispensation to hold the election at another time other than is designated by statute, per **Sec 27020**.

In his powers and duties enumerated in **Article I, Sec 1040-B**, the Grand Master may grant such a dispensation.

The annual election of officers in the constituent lodges is a vital cog that helps keep the Masonic wheels turning smoothly without interruption year after year. It takes little time to accomplish, helps peace and harmony prevail on the floor of Grand Lodge (held shortly thereafter on the fourth Friday in June), and allows for timely and good installation of your lodge officers between the end of Grand Lodge and the first regular meeting of your lodge in September.

MONTANA MASONIC HALL OF FAME

Question: What very important day comes before the infamous April 15th?

Answer: Montana Masonic Hall of Fame nomination deadline day on April 1st.

That's right Brothers. Don't let this day slip by you. Nominations must be received by the Grand Historian; c/o Grand Lodge; PO Box 1158; Helena MT 59624-1158, along with the nominating form, completed with the Lodge Seal, and supporting documents, no later than April 1st.

For explicit details, refer to Section 10030 of the Code of Statutes. Your Lodge Secretary also has all the details.

AID AND ATTENDANCE

A MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FROM THE VA

The following information is provided for our Brothers who are Veterans are unaware and may be eligible for this benefit. This is only an overview of the Aid and Attendance program.

Requirements: 90 days Military Service/one day during a War time period.

- ♦ World War 2 – Dec 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
- ♦ Korea – Jun 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955
- ♦ Viet Nam – Aug 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975
- ♦ Persian Gulf – Aug 2, 1990 through date to be determined

You must have a medical condition that requires a **need of assistance from someone else on a regular basis**. This program pays up to: \$1632.00 monthly for

a veteran; \$1,055.00 monthly for a surviving spouse; \$1,949.00 monthly for a veteran and spouse, Tax Free. These funds may be used to pay the following:

- ♦ Nursing home long term care
- ♦ Assisted living or for adult care services such as board and care
- ♦ In some cases it pays family members, except for the spouse, to provide care at home
- ♦ Professional home care providers to come into the home – Qualification is more difficult.
- ♦ Up to \$1,200.00 to renovate the home to help with disability such as ramps and grab bars.

Many deserving Veterans who are eligible but may be unaware of this valuable pension must be informed and we need your help to do that. Please become part of this

valuable program by being alert for any person that may be eligible for benefit and let them know what they are missing out on.

If you are a Veteran and qualify for this benefit and if you need assistance with the proper procedure to include yourself in the Aid and Assistance Program please contact: in Montana contact the VA Montana Healthcare System at Fort Harrison, Patient Business Office at 406 447-7468, or e-mail: <http://www.va.gov>

If you have any questions, please call our toll free number, 1-800-827-1000, or you may contact VA electronically via the Internet at <https://iris.va.gov>.

If you have internet access you can learn more about this program at the following: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Pension/vetpen.htm#7>

INDEPENDENCE ROCK COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Brothers this is an opportunity to return the support that the Grand Lodge of Wyoming has given to our Historic Lodges. Once every ten years they conduct a commemorative event at Independence Rock, Wyoming.

The eleventh Masonic Commemorative Service on Independence Rock on the Sweetwater River between Rawlins and Casper Wyoming will be held on July 4th, 2010.

Grand Master Harry



W.C. Oberg, III and the Freemasons of the Jurisdiction of Wyoming are pleased to invite all regular Masons and their families, to participate in this every ten year event honoring those brothers traveling west who

held the first known Masonic communication in Wyoming on the crest of Independence Rock on July 4, 1862.

Join us for a wagon train, cowboy poetry, Oregon Trail history, a Masonic meeting on the Top of the Rock, and brotherly fellowship.

Camping will be available the night of July 3rd and motel accommodations are available in Rawlins and Casper.

Activities tentatively planned

Saturday, July 3rd – Entrance to the Masonic camping area and camping available at 1pm; Wagon Train arrival (mid afternoon); Evening entertainment.

Sunday, July 4th – Church Service at 10am; Assemble on the Rock at 12:30 pm; Open Tyled meeting on the Rock at 1 pm; Public program in Masonic area base of the Rock at 3 pm.

For more information contact: Don Porter, PGM –WY at 1014 S 13th St, Laramie, WY 82070 or email at donporter1666@msn.com

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On February 22, 1910, George Washington's 178th birthday, Masonic leaders from across the nation met in Alexandria, Virginia and formed an association for the purpose of building a great memorial to honor America's foremost Freemason. February 22, 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, will be a day of great festivities.

In honor of the occasion, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, hosted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, will be held in nearby Arlington. Delegates will attend the Association's Annual Meeting and celebrate the 100th Anniversary and Washington's 278th birthday at the Memorial.

At the Annual Meeting, a new portrait of George Washington as a Freemason will be unveiled. Painted by local artist, Christopher Erney, the portrait will be a new interpretation of Washington. Prints of the portrait will be available

at the meeting. Complementing the portrait is a new video. It presents George Washington as the inspiration for the founding of America and explores the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Underwritten by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, it will be available on DVD and as a download from the Memorial's website for Masonic education.

The Memorial's new logo to commemorate the occasion was also designed by local artist Christopher Erney. The logo combines the Washington Family Crest with numerous Masonic symbols. Its Square and Compasses is taken from the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone affirms the Association's motto "In Memoriam Perpetuum" as it supports Freemasonry in a new century of service. (see side bar)

Following the Annual Meeting, the International Order of DeMolay will rededicate the colossal bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall and reaffirm the role of DeMolay young men in Freemasonry. The statue was a gift to the Memorial from the DeMolay and 2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of its unveiling by President and Past Grand Master Harry S. Truman.

On display during the celebration will be the Trowel and Gavel used at the 1793 Cornerstone Laying of the United States Capitol by George Washington and the 1752 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Bible upon which a young Washington took upon himself his Masonic obligations.

The new White House Stones Exhibit will be inaugurated at the celebration. Each stone in the exhibit is marked by one of the Scots Masons who helped build the White House in the 1790s. The stones were discovered during the restoration of the White House by President Harry S. Truman in 1948. President Truman had the stones labeled and one was sent to each U.S. Grand Lodge and other Masonic organizations. The

Exhibit reassembles nearly 50 stones. The Exhibit also includes minute books from Lodge No. 8 of Edinburgh recording the stonemasons' marks and noting those who have "gone to America." A matching Minute Book of Federal Lodge No. 1 will show those Scots masons forming the first lodge in 1793 on White House grounds. The exhibit is supported by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, and by the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia.

A gala reception will be held in Grand Masonic Hall and while the Annual Meeting is being held the ladies will enjoy an entertaining program in the North Lodge Room. A Centennial Celebration souvenir booklet containing a brief history of the Association including historic and current photographs will be distributed and several commemorative gift items will also be available and on display.

2010 is a unique celebration year for the Memorial Association. Together we are celebrating 100 years of dedication to Freemasonry's greatest brother and honoring the countless brothers who built and sustain the Memorial. Equally important, 2010 marks a pledge of rededicated service, trusting in God that the century ahead will be filled with success and achievement. The Association shines as a bright light of Masonry as it fulfills its mission: "To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country."

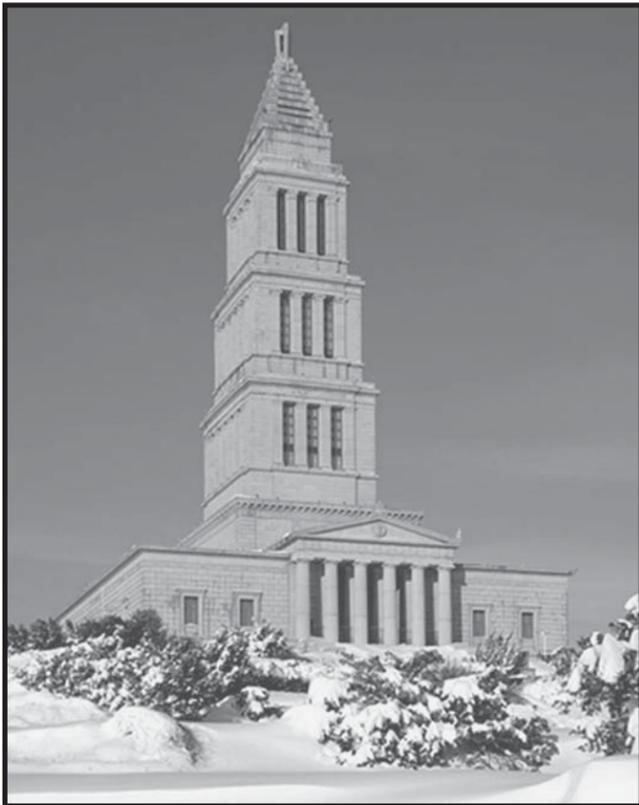
To learn more, please visit the Memorial's website: www.gwmemorial.org

New Memorial Logo

Since its inception, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has used as its logo the Washington Family crest with a Masonic square, compasses and "G" emblem and the motto "In Memoriam Perpetuum." For a new century of service, a new logo has been created. Keeping the same elements, it enhances the Association's Masonic identity. Virginia artist Christopher Erney began his design by enlarging the Washington family crest to make it the focus of the seal. Rather than a generic Masonic emblem, the new logo employs the one carved

into the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone. The cornerstone was laid by then president, Calvin Coolidge, and every U.S. Grand Master, using the same trowel as used by Washington for the U.S. Capitol.

The new design replaces the foliage that surrounded the crest with tools, emblems and symbols of Freemasonry. On either side of the crest are pillars representing Jachin (strength) on the left and Boaz (to establish) on the right. The pillars are topped by terrestrial and celestial globes representing Freemasonry universal and a Freemason's charity. Acacia vines of remembrance encircle the pillars. Complementing the globes is the sun in its glory above and the crescent moon below. Connecting the two lesser lights as the crest's boarder is a cable tow. At the right, pomegranates represent abundance; on the left a sheaf of wheat represents wealth. Within the wheat are five of the six working tools. The sixth, the Square of the Master, is found resting upon Washington's crest. The new logo is now the Association's trestle board to labor "In Memoriam Perpetuum." The new logo will be used in Association publications and webpages and widely available on new items in the Memorial's gift shop.



DEMOLAY NEWS

How many of you can name the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay? Who was Jacques DeMolay and why is he revered by the young men of our Masonic family? What are the three Great Bulwarks of DeMolay? Even if you know the answers to these questions, when is the last time you witnessed beautiful and impressive DeMolay ritual and degree work?

Well, wait and wonder no more!

For the first time in the history of Freemasonry in Montana, YOU, my brother, can officially become a member of the Order of DeMolay!

While attending our 144th Annual Communications in Missoula this coming June, treat yourself to a very rare opportunity. Under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of MT, Montana DeMolay will be

conferring both the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees for the benefit of Masons who desire to become Honorary DeMolays. You will receive all the beautiful lectures, take solemn obligations and even witness the costumed

trial of Jacques DeMolay in all its glory - all for the mere fee of \$50 - which includes a lovely, framable certificate proclaiming your status as an Honorary DeMolay.

Seating will be limited, so PREREGISTER TODAY by sending an email request to:

Dad Brian Murphy murphyworks@me.com

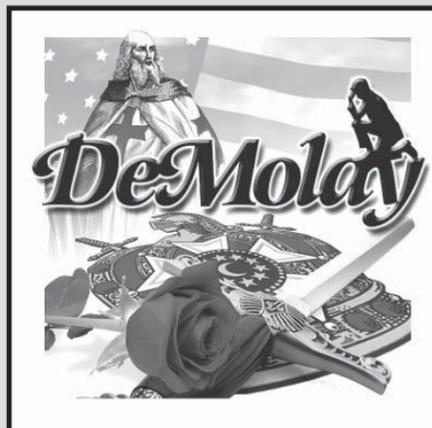
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We'll send you a form and

further information and instructions.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

Go DeMolay!



GRAND LODGE AF & AM OF MONTANA

THOMAS L. LUND, MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

144TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Our guest speaker for the 144th Annual Communication will be Very Worshipful Brother John L. Cooper, III. He is a highly sought-after and exemplary speaker who is most knowledgeable on many Masonic subjects; his presentations are both exciting and inspirational mixed with humor and Masonic insight.

John Cooper is a native Californian who grew up in Orange County, California, where he attended the local public schools. He received a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles. He later earned a Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate School. He spent twenty-five years in public school teaching and administration, and serving as Superintendent of the Escondido Union High School District in San Diego County before moving to San Francisco to become Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California.

His association with Freemasonry began in 1958 when he became a member of Fullerton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, serving as Master Councilor in 1961, and then as Senior Councilor of the Southern California DeMolay Association in 1962. He holds the Degree of Chevalier and the Active DeMolay Legion of Honor, and is an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council.

His Masonic career began in 1964 when he petitioned Azure Lodge No. 533 at Fullerton. He was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in that Lodge, becoming a Master Mason on September 10, 1964. In 1965 he

demitted to James A. Foshay Lodge No. 641 near UCLA where he was a graduate student, and entered the line of officers. In 1969 he was installed as Master of that lodge. His interest in Masonic Education led to his appointment in 1970 as a member of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee and he served as a Vice Chairman of that committee.

His interest in Masonic history, philosophy and ritual led him to become a member of many Masonic research lodges and societies over the years. In 1972 he served as Master of Southern California Research Lodge, and was later to serve twice as Master of Northern California Research Lodge. In 1994 he was the Anson Jones Lecturer for the Texas Lodge of Research, and in 2004 was the speaker for the Annual Feast and Assembly of the Philaethes Society in Washington, DC. He also received a distinguished service award from the Philaethes Society in 2005 for his 2004 paper on Prince Hall Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of California.

In the York Rite he is a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver from the General Grand Chapter of

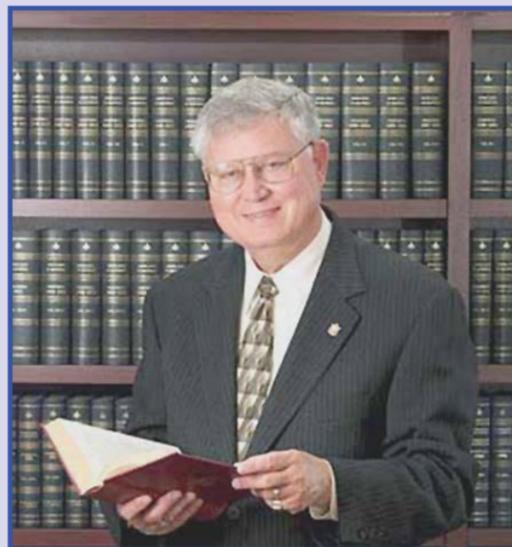
Royal Arch Masons, and holds the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. In the Scottish Rite he is an Inspector-General Honorary of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and has presided over all four bodies of the Scottish Rite in

the Valley of Burlingame.

He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California in 1991, and served as Grand Secretary for nearly eighteen years before his retirement in April, 2008. Brother Cooper served as President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America in 2008.

John, and his wife Heather, make their home in Lincoln, near Sacramento. When not involved in Masonic activities, John serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. James Episcopal Church in Lincoln, where he is also a member of the

governing board. He and Heather enjoy camping, music, and community service.



*John L. Cooper, III
Special Guest Speaker at the 144th
Annual Communication*

Session events will be at the: Hilton Garden Inn

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Tentative Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010

- 5:00 p.m. Vespers - Rotunda South
- 6:00 p.m. No Host Social Hour - Rotunda North
- 7:00 p.m. Grand Master's Invitational Banquet, - Salon A, B, C

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Public Grand Opening - Salon D, E, F, G
- 10:00 a.m. Formal Opening of Grand Lodge
- 10:30 a.m. Election of Grand Officers
- 11:00 a.m. Committee Reports
- 12 Noon Men's Luncheon - Salons A, B, C
- 12:30 Ladies Luncheon - South Rotunda
- 1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor
- 3:50 p.m. Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment

Breakout Sessions:

- ♦ Insurance for Lodges & Master Insurance Plans - Salon D
- ♦ ROLLS Tips & Tricks - Bitterroot B
- ♦ Finance Requirement & Reporting - Bitterroot A
- 6:00 p.m. No Host Fellowship - Rotunda North
- 7:00 p.m. Master Masons Banquet - Salons A, B, C, D

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast - Salon A, B, C
- 8:30 Ladies Tour - Bitterroot Valley
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Labor - Salon D, E, F, G Reports

LEGISLATION

- 11:55 a.m. Grand Lodge call from Labor to Refreshment
- Noon Men's Luncheon - Salons A, B, C
- Noon PGM Association Lunch - Bitterroot Room B
- 1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Refreshment to Labor Reports

Invitation to 145th Annual Communication

- 3 p.m. Formal Closing of 144th Annual Communication
 - 3:30 p.m. 2009- 2010 Grand Lodge Officer Pictures
 - 4:30 p.m. Installation
 - 7 p.m. - 12 p.m. Western BBQ & Music at Flying H Stables
- Reception for new Grand Master and Grand Officers Public Installation will follow immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge. All Masons, Ladies, families and friends are invited. Reception at Flying H Stables. This will be a Country BBQ with Music.*

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LADIES EVENTS DURING GRAND LODGE

Time is flying and the 144th Annual Communication for our Masons will be held in Missoula, Montana on June 25 and 26, 2010 at the Hilton Gardens with Grand Master Tom Lund presiding.

We are planning a good time for all the attendees! I would especially like to invite all the ladies of Master Masons to attend the Annual Communication. The ladies program will begin on Friday June 25th with the Grand Master's wife's luncheon to be held in the South Rotunda of the Hilton Gardens at 12:30 P.M. We will have entertainment, food and fun! After lunch there will be transportation to deliver ladies either downtown to ride the wonderful Carousel and shop downtown, or go to the Southgate Mall for lots of shopping, or just take some time for your self in the lovely motel. Shopping coupons will be provided in your registration bag. In the evening a Social hour will begin at 6:00 P. M. before the banquet which will be at 7:00 P.M. The theme for the banquet will be "National Treasure" which should be fun.

On Saturday June 26th, we will meet at the entrance to the Hilton Gardens at 8:30 A.M. for a tour of the Beautiful Bitter Root Valley. Our first stop will be at the St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville, the first permanent settlement in Montana founded in 1841. After our tour of the Mission and the surrounding buildings we will get back on the bus, have a snack and travel to the Marcus Daly Mansion on the outskirts of Hamilton. The mansion has 56 restored rooms, a very beautiful property and lots of history. Leona Chapter #31 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Hamilton will provide us with lunch on the Mansion grounds. After our tour and lunch, we will get back on the bus and travel to beautiful downtown Hamilton for some more shopping!! (Shopping coupons will be provided). For those who are

shopped out or not interested in shopping, we will have some fun games to play at the Hamilton Masonic Temple (handicap accessible). There will be food, fun and prizes.

We will be returning to Missoula by 3:30 P.M. so everyone can be rested up for the installation of our incoming Grand Master John Mangen.

Your Mason will have access to the registration forms so make sure he registers you for the Ladies Luncheon, the Master Mason's banquet, the Bitter Root Tour and the installation of incoming GM John. This Annual Communication is shaping up to be one of the best, so don't miss it! Hope to see you there!

Betty Lund

Wife of Grand Master Tom Lund



GRAND LODGE AF & AM of MONTANA Thomas L. Lund, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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144th Annual Communication

June 24, 25, & 26, 2010

Missoula, Montana



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Please complete the top section and mail it in even if you do not plan to purchase any meals

Reservation requested prior to 1 June 2010
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Friday June 25, 2010

Men's Luncheon (Chicken Cordon Bleu)	No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Ladies Luncheon (Mini Tea Sandwiches and Fruit Skewers)	No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Delegates/Master Masons Banquet (Bacon wrapped Filet with shrimp)	No. _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Saturday June 26, 2010

Buffet Breakfast (Egg Scrambler with Sausage)	No. _____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____
Ladies Tour (Bitterroot Valley)	No. _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Men's & PGM's Luncheon (Fajita Bar)	No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Reception for New Grand Master at Flying H Stables Western BBQ and Music	No. _____ @ \$ 0.00 = \$ _____

Total Activity Amount: \$: _____

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50 YEAR MEMBERS

Please note that recent deaths and dimits from membership may not be reflected in this listing. Any brother with a question about his membership status should contact his lodge secretary.

December

Carl A. Seifert Mission Valley Lodge 78
Howard K. Boxmeyer Gallatin 6
John T. Carlson Unity 71
George D. Wolfe Friendship Lodge 37

January

John T. Carlson Unity 71
Gunnar E. Johnson Acacia 33
Frank H. Johanson Unity 71

Thomas W. Miller Ottawa 51
Dick A. Turbiville Ekalaka Lodge 120
John H. Peters West Gate Lodge 27
Gyme R. Scribner Pilgrim Lodge 102
Allen Smith Bozeman 18
Walter E. Hettrick Treasure 95
Alfred D. Jacobson Missoula 13

February

James E. McCollum Judith Lodge 86
Lewis A. Hafley Mission Valley Lodge 78
Kenton E. Larson Circle 136
Donald D. Bolog Bigfork 150
Dale Stein Victor Lodge 43
James F. Barfknecht Morning Star 5
James J. Achenbaugh Mission Valley Lodge 78
Jon H. Evers Benton 25

THE RITUALIST PROGRAM

As noted in the Challenge section of the Enrollment Record we are challenged to memorize and present, new and rewarding parts/lectures to our craft. We all know that ours "is a progressive science and to learn is the culmination of our labors". The **Ritualist Program** is a viable tool to assist the new mason sitting in the working chairs for the first time or the seasoned member who knows which chairs have all the springs sticking through, as he has been there before.

If each member keeps his record up to date as he advances through the chairs and learns the work required for each station or place in the lodge, he will be a Ritualist or Senior Ritualist by the time he leaves the East. (This does not include many of the 'special' parts of the three degrees.) I view this program as the carrot, necessary to build a desire in each of us to endeavor to continue to learn and improve ourselves in masonry.

Masonry is dynamic - constantly growing and changing - and as such, there must be that solid foundation or cadre of men who are able to perform the 'work' and pass on to the new craftsman the full impact of the story of our three degrees. It is in this vein that I feel the program was implemented, and should have the full support of the working brotherhood of Montana Masons. I cannot speak for anyone but myself - I, like some of us who are over --- years of age, have the pits of a time in memorizing the material. When I present my work, as each initial and date are signed, it instills in me a very rewarding sense of accomplishment. This coupled with learning the symbolism of each degree cannot help but reward me as an individual, but my fellow brother benefits by continuing to learn also. The recognition by Grand Lodge in the awarding of the lapel pin for your efforts is but a small part of it - the most rewarding part is when a brother comes up afterwards and acknowledges your endeavors by stating how much he appreciated your labors.

If your lodge has only one certified instructor, get another brother qualified as an instructor. This will allow him to assist in keeping track of the task of record-keeping and signing for the brethren. A benefit of this would be that the assistant instructor would be able to sign off on the certified instructor qualifications as a ritualist. This would simplify the problem of finding a lodge that is doing degree work and requesting to be allowed to do the work in that lodge, or finding a District Officer or Grand Lodge Officer to verify your performance during a tyled lodge, degree, or Funeral Lodge.

Yours in the Craft,

Bro. Lewie Fletcher, PM

Huntley Project Lodge #144

NEW CRAFTSMAN WELCOMED TO THE QUARRIES

Ty James Grove	11/30/2009	Cascade Lodge 34
Roderick D. Brewer	11/17/2009	Ionic Lodge 38
Orman L. Puckett	11/17/2009	Euclid Lodge 58
James M. Porter	11/17/2009	Mission Valley Lodge 78
Glen F. Jundt	11/18/2009	Sentinel Lodge 155
Lawrence E. Gill II	11/17/2009	Ashlar Lodge 29
Steven P. Brown	12/08/2009	
Richard J. Hurlocker	12/08/2009	
Joel F. Kucera	12/08/2009	
Richard C. Locke Jr	12/08/2009	
Todd K. McCrohan	12/08/2009	
Aaron G. Stow	12/08/2009	
Joseph E. Anderson	12/08/2009	
Gregg S. Barrigan	12/08/2009	Huntley Project Lodge 144
Adam C. Ellard	12/23/2009	
Thomas J. Curry	12/23/2009	
Roy W. Johnson	12/23/2009	Bigfork Lodge 150
Christopher J. Amyes	12/08/2009	Missoula Lodge 13
Miicheal D. Weigel	01/09/2010	
William O. Ruzanski	01/09/2010	Carbon Lodge 65
Jordan C. Lay	01/27/2010	Trinity Lodge 152
Stephen T. Reisinger	01/06/2010	
Charles E. Harris	01/06/2010	Butte Lodge 22
Joseph M. Parchen	02/02/2010	Pondera Lodge 80
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WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF THOSE LODGE ASSETS?

Several questions have been over the past several Masonic Years concerning how a lodge disburses its assets when the lodge either consolidates with another or surrenders its Charter. The Constitution and Code of Statutes are quite clear as to the duties of the Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer under a consolidation of lodges or the surrender of a Charter, and unfortunately those duties have not been always been preformed – sometimes to the detriment to the consolidated lodge.

The specific Code requirements are included in **Article III Consolidation, Incorporation, Surrender and Dissolution**, specifically:

22010. CONSOLIDATION. Two lodges may consolidate into one lodge, upon such terms as may be agreed between the lodges, provided they perform the following:

- B. The officers of the lodge with its charter no longer in force shall immediately deliver to the officers of the consolidated lodge all the property, books and moneys of that lodge, which shall then be the property of the new lodge, along with the original property of that lodge

22020. INCORPORATION. A lodge desiring to incorporate shall state in its articles of incorporation that:

- B. In the event of a forfeiture or surrender of its charter all property held by the lodge or by

the corporation shall thereupon become the property of this Grand Lodge:

2. Subject to the payment of the corporation's just debts and liabilities; and
3. Without liability on the part of Grand Lodge beyond the assets of the corporation. Before filing articles of incorporation with any governmental agency, the lodge must submit its proposed articles of incorporation to the Grand Master for his approval. Failure to do so shall be sufficient cause for the Grand Master to arrest the charter.

22070. PROPERTY RIGHTS. The surrender or revocation of the charter of a lodge, when declared by Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the lodge and its members; and all its funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of every kind including its life membership fund, shall be transmitted, within three months of the surrender or revocation, to the Grand Secretary.

Some Lodges have decided they would like to liquidate their assets by donating to a local charity before they either consolidate with another Lodge or surrender their Charter, and while that may be a noble gesture, the appropriate action would be to turn over all of the Lodge's assets to either the consolidated Lodge or to Grand Lodge with a request for the consolidated Lodge

or Grand Lodge to make a donation to the local charity on behalf of the Lodge that is disbanding.

Unfortunately some Lodges have liquidated their cash and investment accounts to provide a prepaid life membership for each member of the Lodge. Such an action violates the Constitution and Code of Statutes as noted above and also violates State and Federal law barring personal gain from the liquidation of a not-for-profit entity.

In addition to violating Masonic, State and Federal codes, such action also has a very adverse impact on the newly consolidated Lodge - a significant number of members have a prepaid life membership (pay no dues), but the amount contributed to the PLM is usually not sufficient to generate adequate income to cover the annual Per Capita assessments.

This is a double whammy for the newly consolidated Lodge – it does not have the benefit of the assets that should have been transferred to it and it must pay the Per Capita assessments without the benefit of adequate income to cover those payments!

If your Lodge is considering consolidation or if you are faced with surrendering your Charter, please consult your District Officer and the Grand Secretary early in the process. They are a good source of information and have prepared checklists to help you through the sometimes confusing requirements necessary to ensure that you follow the Constitution and Code of Statutes!

*Martin M. Olsson, Chairman
Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee*



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the above members of Pondera Lodge X#80 in appreciation of their efforts in raising funds for the Lodge's 100th Anniversary. (Left to right) Robert Hames, SW; Jay Castle, Chaplain; Tom Buffum, Candidate; Everett Snortland, W.M.; Brad Huffman, Secretary; Rik Hill, J.W.; Rick Kellogg, Instructor

Submission Deadline for June 2010 Montana Masonic News is PRIOR to May 15, 2010 (see page 2 for details)

Trivia Answer:
(Left to Right) MWGM Tom Lund, Faye Coleman, Jackie Peirce (WY), Betty Lund

BOLO TIES FOR SALE

In recognition of Pondera Lodge No. 80 achieving 100 years of Masonry in Conrad, Brothers Robert Hames and Rik Hill designed a Bolo Tie that they have for sale, the proceeds will go to benefit lodge members and programs.



There are two designs available, a Centennial Edition for the Lodge's 100th year and a more generic Montana version. The costs for either bolo is \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping.

To purchase or order a Bolo please contact:
Brother Hames at 406-279-3393 or
Brother Hill at 406-271-2470



A HALLMARK OF SUCCESS

A hallmark, sometimes called a standard, hall, or assay mark, is an impressed symbol indicating the quality of a silver, gold or platinum item. The first hallmarks were used in 1300 A.D. for gold objects. A hallmark is an official mark or series of marks struck on items made of precious metals — platinum, gold, silver and in some nations, palladium. In a more general sense, the term hallmark can also be used to refer to any distinguishing characteristic or trait.

Just as a hallmark represents or testifies to the purity and is controlled by a national assayer's office. The Ritualist program testifies to the purity of our work and that it meets the established standards.

Those interested in proving their ability and promoting the beauty of our ritual will enjoy the simplicity of the Ritualist Program. The purpose of this program is to develop ritualism in the Grand Lodge of Montana. By providing a level of Excellency or Hallmark

in the conferral of our work and opening lodges. Many feel the achievement of this award of Master Ritualist has been compared to the prestigious Honor of being invested with the 33 Degree or KYCH. My Brethren, This can only be achieved by your personal effort, devotion, perseverance, and commitment. You are only limited by your own limitation. You are the one. To be a Master Ritualist in our great Masonic fraternity will be the ultimate achievement for any brother in any lodge. There are three levels, Ritualist, Senior Ritualist and Master Ritualist. The corresponding Pins will be worn on your lapel as a Mark of distinction for all to recognize that you are one of Masonries, Nobel Men, earned by dedication and devotion to our Masonic heritage and Land Marks. Teaching all who seek LIGHT.

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.

Grover C. Schmidt Grand Master 1963

December 11, 1915 – January 24, 2010

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Grover C. Schmidt was born December 11, 1915 at Fort Benton, Montana, oldest son of Grover C. Schmidt, Sr., and Maude Minar Schmidt. He was educated in the public elementary and high school at Fort Benton and then attended Montana State College at Bozeman, graduating in 1937 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Applied Science. He later enrolled in the School of Law at Montana University at Missoula, and received his LLB degree in June 1942.

He married Geraldine "Gerry" L. Hauck at Missoula, Montana on November 15, 1942. MW Brother Grover is survived by his wife Gerry, children Diane, Gary and Janet and several grandchildren. Grover was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in July 1942 and was released to inactive duty as a Lieutenant Commander. He then returned to Fort Benton and joined his fathers' law practice.

MW Brother Schmidt's many activities included: President of the Fort Benton Kiwanis Club; Command of the local American Legion Post; member of the

Chouteau County Fair Board; County Attorney and City Attorney of Fort Benton; he also served as vestryman and senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Benton. He served as Department Commander of the American Legion and also as National Executive Committeeman of the American Legion from Montana.



Montana, serving as athletic coach.

Brother Grover Schmidt was in Benton Lodge No. 25, Fort Benton, Montana on November 27, 1943, and served his lodge as Master in 1954. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and had been invested as a KCCH. He was also a member Bethany Chapter of the OES.

MW Brother Grover was also a member of the Montana Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Fellow of the American Probate Counsel, Phi Delta Phi, Montana and American Chambers of Commerce and a the Montana and the Montana Centennial Commission. Prior to attending law school, MW Brother Schmidt taught school at Lambert and Bridger,

Brother Grover was known for his exceptional ability as a leader and presiding officer. This was acknowledged in February 1964 in Kansas City when he was elected Chairman of the Executive Commission of the Masonic Service Association and conducted the 1964 meeting of the Association. One of the pleasantest memories of the 45th Annual Meeting was the calm and imperturbable efficiency with which the Chairman of the meeting conducted the business.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Schmidt conducted the 1964 Grand Lodge Communication with the same efficiency and dispatch. MW Brother Grover was a sincere and upright Mason, loved by his brethren, and lived his life as a testament to the satisfying experience of fulfillment that comes into a Brother's life through faithful and diligent work for the Fraternity.

MWGM Schmidt closed the 98th Annual Communication with the following quote from a Sanskrit proverb "Yesterday is only a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; but today well-lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness, every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day."

MWPGM Grover Schmidt was called to the Celestial Lodge on January 24th, 2010. Memorial and Grave side services will be conducted by Benton Lodge No. 25 and the American Legion in Fort Benton in April.

Arnold George Beusen Grand Master of Montana 1972

July 1, 1917 – December 15, 2009

Most Worshipful Brother Arnold G. Beusen was born July 1, 1917 in New Salem, North Dakota, where he grew up and received his education, coming to Montana in 1940. He lived in Glendive where he worked as Chief Dispatcher for the Burlington Northern Railroad and as an investment broker.

He married Audrey Harriet Walstrom on May 24, 1937, who preceded him in death. M.W. Brother Beusen was made ad Master Mason in Glendive Lodge No. 31 on March 14, 1946 and served as Master in 1952, he had also been a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 29. He is a past presiding officer of the York Rite bodies of Glendive, a Past Prior of Montana Priory No. 51, and Knights of the York Rite Cross of Honor and was Most

Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Montana in 1964-1965. He served as Worthy Patron of Yellowstone Chapter No. 5, O.E.S. in 1948, 1951 and 1955 and as Worthy Grand Patron of Montana in 1962-1963. He was a member of the Scottish Rite in Billings. Other organizations of which he had been a member include the Methodist Church and Chamber of Commerce of Glendive; Al Bedoo Shrine Center and Oro y Plata Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Billings; Royal Order of Scotland and the Glendive Elks Club.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Beusen was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Montana on June 26, 1971 during



the 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Montana held in Billings. Montana Masons

will be forever grateful to Grand Master Beusen for his special effort to establishing the Montana Masonic Foundation so that it can be a sustaining force for Montana Masonry for generations. M.W. Brother Beusen resided in New Salem, North Dakota for the last several years and was called to the Celestial Lodge on December 15, 2009. At his request, a graveside service was held on Dec. 18 at Peace Cemetery, New Salem, with Rev. Sherrill Ungerecht officiating. M.W. Brother Arnold was 92 years and 156 days old and had been a Master Mason for 63 Years and 275 days.



CELESTIAL LODGE



November - December 2009
January - February 2010

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

George B. Clark	11/07/2009	Montana Lodge 2	Melvin P. Hoiness	12/11/2009	Ashlar Lodge – 29	Frank S. McIntyre Jr.	01/28/2010	North Star Lodge 46
Robert R. Hoffman	11/16/2009	Butte Lodge 22	Owen W. Arrington Sr.	12/23/2009	Livingston Lodge	Robert L. Ehlers	01/31/2010	Ottawa Lodge 51
Arnold G. Beusen, PGM	12/15/2009	Glendive 31	Clifton Booth	12/19/2009	Doric Lodge 53	Homer J. Phillips	02/04/2010	Helena Lodge 3
LeRoy Robinson	11/24/2009	Ruby Lodge 36	Roland C. Mosher	12/04/2009	Augusta Lodge 54	Brent C. Anderson	02/06/2010	Helena Lodge 3
George B. Rowe Jr.	11/28/2009	Mount Jefferson Lodge 56	Phillip V. Feltis	12/01/2009	Belgrade Lodge 68	William G. Preston	02/15/2010	Cascade Lodge 34
Melzer R. Stevens	11/30/2009	Musselshell Lodge	Lewis E. Beil	12/21/2009	Kyle Lodge 96	Luke Carelli	02/01/2010	Monitor Lodge 35
Lee E. Roberts	11/05/2009	Unity Lodge 71	Grover C. Schmidt Jr., PGM	01/24/2010	Benton Lodge 25			
Bert A. Sherrow Jr.	11/22/2009	Corinthian Lodge 72						
Arthur L. Story	11/28/2009	Cut Bank Lodge 82						
Robert C. Prowse	11/05/2009	Libby Lodge 85						
Wayne S. Sakariason	11/05/2009	Trinity Lodge 152						
Angus E. McDuffee Jr.	11/12/2009	Sentinel Lodge 155						
Larry E. Morley	12/08/2009	Helena Lodge 3						
Roger D. Minckler	12/19/2009	Flint Creek Lodge 11						

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Calendar of Events

March 2010

Annual Returns Due prior to 15 March

- Mar 1** GM @ Friendship No. 37
- Mar 2** GM @ Judith No. 86
GM @ Bank Cornerstone with No. 37
- Mar 5 -6** Al Bedoo Ceremonial
- Mar 6** Missoula District Lodge of Instruction
Grand Lodge of Idaho Degree Exemplification,
Pocatello, ID

- Mar 10** GM visitation Billings area lodges
- Mar 11** Helena SR Rememberance & Renewal
- Mar 13** OES MT - ID Exchange - Coeur d Alene, ID
- Mar 15** Annual Returns due
- Mar 19 -20** Grand Lodge of New Mexico
- Mar 27** GLO QTLY Meeting and Finance/Investment Committee Meeting - Bozeman

April 2010

Lodge No Earlier than April 1; No Later than 1st regular meeting in May
Nominations for Montana Masonic Hall of Fame due prior to April 1st

- Apr 1** Boulder Basin 41 Roundup Nite
- Apr 2** Ottawa 51 Roundup Nite
- Apr 5** SR Missoula Remembrance and Renewal
- Apr 6** Some GM has a birthday



- Apr 7 -11** Al Bedoo Shine Circus -
- Apr 16 -17** Scottish Rite Leadership Conference, New Orleans
- Apr 20** PM Night - Hiram No. 52
- Apr 21** Bozeman Area Lodges Dinner for GM
- Apr 23** Joint meeting Libby, Eureka & Troy – 5pm – 6pm
- Apr 24** International Meeting, Bonners Ferry, Id & Creston B.C.

May 2010

- May 7 -8** Helena SR Reunion
Bagdad Ceremonial -West Yellowstone
- May 15** Al Bedoo Potentates Ball

- Sat May 22** Rededication & ReCharter of Yellowstone 88, North Dakota - Fort Buford (Williston) North Dakota
- Mon May 31** Memorial Day

June 2010

- Jun 3-5** Grand Lodge of Oregon
- Jun 4 -5** Grand Lodge of Alberta
- Jun 10 - 12** Grand Lodge of Washington
- June 10-12** Grand Lodge of North Dakota
- Jun 17 - 19** Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

- June 17 - 19** Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- June 17 -20** Grand Chaper OES
- Jun 18 - 20** Grand Lodge of British Columbia
- Jun 19 -20** Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- Jun 23 -24** Summer PNSA- Spokane Summer PNSA- Spokane

NEW DUES/MEMBERSHIP CARD

A new look for Dues/Membership Card. During the 143rd Annual Session the voting members approved ROLLS as the program to be used by Secretaries. As part of this program Grand Lodge now issues all Dues Cards. The new Dues Card (Membership Card) looks very much like the image shown here.

The new Cards were printed and distributed to the Secretary of each Lodge in November. If you have not yet received your 2010 Dues Card or have not received one that looks similar to the one above contact your Lodge Secretary immediately. Please note that only this Dues Card is authorized and approved for use by Lodges within the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The color for 2010 is “blue” and each year the color will change. The Year of issue and the ending date is printed on each card. Future enhancements to the card may include showing if the member is a 50 Year or Paid Life Member (PLM). As before these cards must be issued annually to every member including 50 Year and PLM.

One new feature of ROLLS is that each member is assigned a Member Number that stays with them as a member. The member number is shown on each dues card along with a bar code that corresponds to that number. Among other things this will be used at Session registration to enable a faster check-in

process and recording of those in attendance. This will also help auto generate the Credentials Report.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CELEBRATES 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On February 8th, 2010, the organization, Boy Scouts of America, celebrated its 100th year anniversary. This centennial event will continue with events throughout the year. The Boy Scouts of America is not a Masonic organization, but was first nationally commissioned by Freemason Daniel Carter Beard. Beard exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program. Daniel Beard Carter was made a Master Mason in Mariner’s Lodge No. 67 and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge No. 563. It’s also interesting to note that the man instrumental in bringing the Scouting Movement to America, William Boyce, was a Freemason.

It may be surprising to many members of the Craft that there is any relationship between Masonry and Scouting. The one being for men and the other for our youth. However, the large number of male Scout Leaders, many of whom hold a similar attitude to life as do the Masons and possessing the same basic aims, the similarity can easily be recognized.

If the Purpose/Aims and Principles of Scouting were to be translated into adult terms, it can clearly be seen that they are nearly identical with those of the Craft. Because of this, many people have suggested that the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell was a Mason, he was not. His younger brother, Major David Baden-Powell, was a member of the Craft. Perhaps, this influenced his understanding of the aims of Masonry.



It is fascinating to analyze and compare the aims and ideals of the two “brotherhoods.” The term “brother” is universal. Every boy who becomes a Scout is received into the “Worldwide Brotherhood of Scouting” upon accepting the Scout Promise. Thus the connection to man taking his Obligation being welcomed as a “Brother Mason.” This also applies to the male adult Leaders who must also accept the Promise.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts make good boys into better men. Boy Scouts is a great preparatory step into manhood. Within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana we have had and have many members who were Scouts and Scout Leaders. Montana Freemasons continue a proud heritage with the Scouting program. Understanding the importance of Scouting on not only this country and its brightest minds but also the participating countries in the World Scouting Movement is essential to improve our young men.

There is a modern convergence for Brothers that also serve as Scoutleaders. It’s known as the National Association of Masonic Scouters. There is also an award that Masonic Scouters are eligible for called the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.

