

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE GRAND EAST

This month as we celebrate Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for all the good things that Masonry brings to us. Be ever mindful and grateful for all our military veterans, past and present, who have ensured us the right of free assembly.

This year's theme from your Grand Master is Pride and Excellence: Pride and Excellence in our lodge, Pride and Excellence in our ritual and Pride and Excellence in our daily lives. If we can develop Pride and Excellence in all we do, just imagine what can be accomplished within your own lodges and your own daily lives.

The program I have chosen to develop Pride and Excellence in our lodges is the Ritual Program. Ideally, it will motivate brethren to learn our ritual and to assist their lodges in conducting degree work. This is not a cure-all for our lodges, but another tool to be used to improve them. Accomplishments will be recognized by our distinguished pins: Ritualist, Senior Ritualist, and Master Ritualist.

It is my desire to have all lodge instructors certified. This



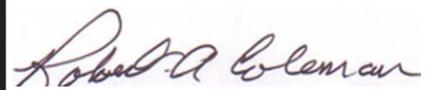
program was initiated by Past Grand Master Nielsen and is worthy of continuation. The Certified Lodge Instructor and the Ritualist Program go hand in hand and are valuable tools to accomplish our desired goals.

The Grand Secretary has located a new supplier for the "Lewis Jewel". If you have not applied for one, I strongly recommend that you do so. It is important that father and son masons be recognized and this is a beautiful way to do it.

The Grand Master has placed his design on the tressleboard and it is time for the Masters' to



set the craft to work! I challenge all brethren to attend their District Lodge of Instruction and to participate in the Ritualist Program. See what a difference you can make in your lodge this year!



Robert A. Coleman, Grand Master



## THE MASON AS A CITIZEN

Hardly a speech is made in a Masonic Lodge to interest and inspire an audience of Master Masons, which does not refer to the Mason's duty as a citizen. But it is rare to hear any particulars as to how the duties of a Mason as a citizen differ from those of the citizen who is a non-Mason.

As a matter of fact, the duties do not differ; but there are grave reasons why the Mason should add the weight of his Masonic membership, his loyalty, his obligation and his Masonic Character to his intent to be a good citizen of the country in which he lives. In the charge to an Entered Apprentice in most jurisdictions, these or similar words appear in the manual of monitor:

"In the State you are to be a quiet citizen, true to your government and just to your country. You are not to countenance disloyalty and rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and to conform with

cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live."

The great lesson of life, as distinct, from spiritual values, as taught in the Master Mason Degree, is integrity, fidelity to trust, staunch loyalty to duty in the face of the greatest odds and most severe temptations.

In the charge to the Master Mason, he hears "Your virtue, honor, and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows or betray your trust."

**"Every Citizen who enjoys the protection of a Free Government, owes not only a proportion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it."- George Washington**

True the vows, and the trust here mentioned are those made within the lodge. But, "virtue, honor and reputation" a man possesses as a citizen, not as a Mason. The newly raised Master Mason is told that all with which he faces the world, unafraid, able to look any man in the eye, is concerned in his character as a member of an Ancient Craft.

It is a poor rule which does not work both ways. Per Contra, then, all the reputation as a Master Mason, all the "teaching" of integrity and fidelity, all the magnificent examples of firmness and fortitude in trial and danger - even in the Valley of the Shadow- which a man has been taught, as a Master Mason, are concerned in supporting with dignity his character as a citizen of the land of his birth.

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It is well understood in all Masonic Lodges that politics are never to be discussed. This law, so well known and obeyed that it is not even written in most Grand Lodge constitutions or lodge bylaws, and comes down to us from the sixth of the Old Charges in which it is set forth:

"No private piques and Quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less, any Quarrels about religion or nations or State Policy. We are resolved against all Politicks, as what never yet conclud'd to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will. This charge has always been strictly enjoind and observ'd," etc. In the lodge we meet upon the level and part upon the square. We are not members of this or that political party, but Masons! Similarly, no lodge may take any political action; to do so would be to draw upon it the immediate censure of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

But, neither of these prohibitions means that Masons should not, study political economy; even as a lodge of Masons they listen to talks upon the science of government, which is of course, a "political" matter if the word is used in its broad acceptation.

It is the duty of all citizens to be interested in the Public Schools of their city, town country or state. The prosperity and progress of this nation rests on education. So much is agreed. The Masonic citizen should be especially interested in education; his interest should mount higher than the non-Mason's, for the reason that Masonry's continued existence rests upon the kin and character of the candidates who enter her West Gate.

Give the Fraternity education, intelligent, thoughtful men and she will grow, prosper and continue to be a silent, static power for good in a noisy and dynamic world. Provide her only ignorant, prejudiced, intolerant men for candidates and in time she too must become intolerant, prejudiced and ignorant.

The welfare of the state depends upon the education of its youth. But the very life of Freemasonry depends

upon the quality of its membership. Therefore, the Mason as a citizen has two reasons for his interest in, his support of and his loyalty to the Public School of his State and Town.

No doctrine is more fundamental to America than the separation of Church and State. No body of men insists more strongly that the individual brother need subscribe only to "that Religion in which all Men Agree" (Old Charge) to be left free within the lodge to worship God as they choose. Freedom to worship God was the reason for the perilous voyage and the terrible privations of the Pilgrim Fathers. Separation of Church and State is a natural outgrowth of freedom to worship as we please. Freemasonry has only the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man for her religion - the foundation of all religions, a faith in which Presbyterian and Parsee, Methodist and Mohammedan, Buddhist and Brother of Christ may, and do agree.

The Public School System is one of the bulwarks of liberty in this nation; not only political liberty, but liberty of thought and conscience. As long as the Public School has no sectarian or political bias, it will remain a cradle of liberty of thought.

The duties of the citizens of the United States, devolve upon the citizen by virtue of the "manifold blessings and comforts he enjoys" because he lives in the United States. As a citizen, a man is expected to obey the law, to uphold the Constitution, to take an intelligent interest in his Government, to keep peace, to serve his country, state, and town, when called to leadership.

When the citizen becomes a Mason, he adds to these moral obligations his pledged word, his sacred honor, his

character as it is seen naked to God. Every one of these pledges involves not only his duty as a man but as an American citizen.

Underlying all Masonic duties as a Masonic citizen are those which are meant when it is said to the newly-raised Master Mason; "You are now bound by duty, honor and gratitude to be faithful to your trust, to support the dignity of your character upon every occasion, and to enforce, by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of our Order!"

*July, 1929-Author Unknown*

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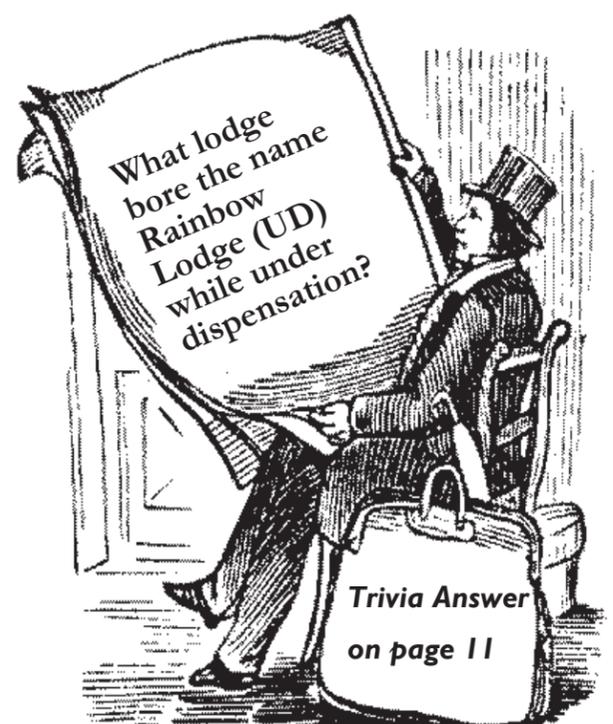
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# MONTANA MASONS COMMITMENT TO FREEMASONRY

Masons of Montana have many things to give thanks for. We are part of the oldest and greatest fraternity in the world. We have been helping shape Montana for 143 years. Our members have shown leadership and innovation and a commitment to our communities.

Some of the charities supported by your Montana Masonic Foundation and Grand Lodge over the last four years include:

**Bikes for Books:** Working with local lodges, \$85,000 has been contributed for 1750 bikes to 30% of Montana's public elementary schools.

**Masonic Home of Montana:** \$32,388.00.

**George Washington National Masonic Memorial:** \$3,140.00.

**The Vigilante Assistance Fund:** \$12,000.00 in assistance to brothers and their widows in need.

**The M.A.S.O.N. program:** \$7,195.00 has been provided to local community support for burn victims, hospice, food banks, equipment used to help enable communication for those who cannot hear. Support has also been given to the "Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation", which provides high-quality therapeutic and rehabilitative recreation, primarily to young enlisted servicemen and women wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who are still in rehab in the military hospital system.

**DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters:** \$12,000.00.

**Masonic Services Association and the local MSA Hospital Field Representative:** \$16,414.00.

## Educational Grants to Montana Public

**Schools:** \$11,688.00 to support: a reading program at the Winnett School, playground equipment for Plains Public School and Glacier Gateway Elementary School, a tobacco cessation program at Libby Middle School, behavioral incentives for Moore Public School, support for the journalism class at Medicine Lake school.

We are seeing an increase in interest and a revitalization of our membership in Montana. However, there is always a need for more men of good character to unite in this great and good work. We continue to welcome men who have high standards and who set excellent examples in our communities. We have charitable and education work to perform, and those who desire fellowship and camaraderie are joining us in increasing numbers. The various charities listed above, and many more too numerous to list in this short article, have been supported by funding made possible by the generosity of those of you who have a strong belief in the tents of our fraternity and the desire to ensure the continuance of this work after we are gone. Even with the recent surge of growth, there is still much more work to do. We must continue to serve our Craft with "freedom, fervency and zeal," as work in our lodges and communities as well as requests for our charity, will continue.

This year the Grand Master's Appeal is more important than ever. While requests for charity continue, especially in today's tough economic environment, our ability to meet these needs is limited. This year the Grand Master's appeal will raise funds necessary to help us support the Montana Masonic Home and to accomplish much need repair and update to the Montana Masonic Museum. Your help is needed to achieve our goals for this year's appeal. If you have participated in the past, thank you for your support, and

please consider increasing your gift this year -- your help is needed.

The Montana Masonic specialty license plate program has generated \$12,715.00 to the Montana Masonic Foundation over the last three years. However, we need to call on you to purchase more of these license plates to ensure the continuation of this program.

Recently the Montana Masonic Foundation received a very large financial gift from the estate of W. Brother Donald Moore, who was a member of Doric Lodge No. 53 in Big Timber. In accordance with his wishes, we were left this substantial gift to help support our Foundation. In yet another example of generosity, Brother F. Donald Collins of Butte No. 22 provided a significant financial gift to the Foundation in memory of his wife, Dr. Charlene Collins who was a long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A gift to the Montana Masonic Foundation not only demonstrates your belief in our mission but also reinforces your commitment to making a difference. Many types of gifts allow you to fulfill your charitable intentions and may result in immediate and possible future benefits for you and your family. For more information on how your support can benefit our work and your financial situation, contact the: Montana Masonic Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1158, Helena, MT 59624-1158.

## MONTANA YORK RITE MEMBERS ATTEND TRIENNIAL SESSION

The Triennial sessions for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch International and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was held in Indianapolis, Indiana August 26-31, 2008.

Representing Montana York Rite were Nelson Bland, Most Excellent Grand High Priest RAM and wife Jennie; George Dengel, Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons; Jim Trowbridge, Right Excellent Grand King, and Eminent Grand Generalissimo; James Green, Right Excellent Grand Scribe and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Ray Sorenson Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest and wife Soo; Ted Williams, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; Brad Huffman, Grand Recorder/Secretary of the Grand Bodies of Montana York Rite, Most excellent Past Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Past Grand

Commander and our own Montana Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Howard Boxmeyer who was appointed and installed as Excellent General Grand Steward of Cryptic Masons International.

During the meeting it was announced that there were 276 eligible voters. During the presentation of each Jurisdiction's flag it was impressive to see all the

states and provinces plus 38 other countries flags on display. There were 22 Companions from Tago present to receive their Charter from both General Grands. At our table during the Saturday night banquet, we sat with three Tago Companions. There were over 400 people present at this banquet.



*L-R: James Green, Brad Huffman, George Dengel, Nelson Bland, Ray Sorenson, Jim Trowbridge and Ted Williams.*

# THE POWER OF YOUTH

Jim Axelson

With the continued resurgence of young men seeking to join Masonic lodges, I thought that it was very interesting to see a recent article with a different slant in the last Montana Masonic News. I know that it is important to remember historical events and to note anniversaries of longevity.



Brother Adam Axelson on left

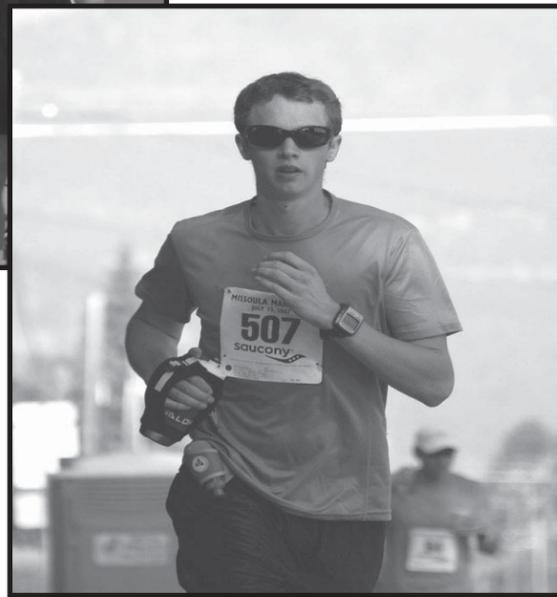
They continue to remind us of our roots and cause us to pause and give thanks to all who paved our path. But I was pleasantly surprised by and impressed with Worshipful Brother Brian J. Murphy's "Sweet Retreat '08" article in the March issue.

The piece was upbeat, entertaining and most importantly solidly focused on the perspective of young people. I think that we need to see more of this type of information in our publication. As the proud father of two newly made Master Masons in Butte Lodge #22, I wanted to share my sons' recent exploits.

Cameron Axelson is an honors graduate in psychology at The University of Montana and a marathon runner. A veteran of numerous races, his recent finish in 8<sup>th</sup> place at the inaugural Missoula Marathon was his best

performance to date. He is currently training for several events this year including the Governor's Cup in Helena and the grueling Two Bears Marathon held in Whitefish each year. The Two Bears course gains more than 4600 feet over the 26.2 mile marathon distance.

His younger brother, Adam Axelson, a student at Montana State University, is the current Montana State Champion and Golden Gloves Champion at light heavyweight (178 pounds) in the men's open division. He is also the Wyoming, Montana and Dakotas (WYMONDAK) Regional Champion in U.S.A. Boxing



Above - Brother Cameron Axelson

and thereby he recently qualified to compete at the U.S.A. National Boxing Championships held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in March.

I would encourage other young Masons or their families to submit articles to The Montana Masonic News that note their accomplishments. These fine young men that are joining our lodges have interesting stories to tell and we need to hear them. It helps to teach us what a wonderful group they are. Masonry in Montana is not only alive and well but young and vibrant. **KEEP LEADING THE WAY YOUNG BROTHERS!**



The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association, Montana Grand Chapter, has been doing well as we approach our two year mark. The Montana Grand Chapter is now up to 24 Master Mason members with 1 additional member who has done his first degree and is working on his second.

The Widows Sons Grand Chapter has it in their by-laws, that each chapter will make an annual donation to a charitable organization using money raised through membership dues and fund raisers. This year in order to fulfill our requirement; the Montana Grand Chapter made donations of \$100.00 each to 4 Beartooth district lodges who were taking part in the Grand Masters "Bikes for Books" program.

In an effort to help spread the cement of brotherly love and friendship, the Montana Grand Chapter teamed up with several Widows Sons Chapters in Canada and have put together the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Widows Sons North / South rally which took place this summer in Lewistown.

The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association always has room for more brothers who enjoy sport motorcycling while at the same time, supporting their local lodges.

For information on becoming a Widows Son or starting an associate chapter in your area, contact the Widows Sons attn: Dan Koch Jr., P.O. Box 254, Laurel, Mt. 59044 or send me an e-mail at dkoch911@yahoo.com and mention "Widows Sons" in the comment line.

## CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND

Jim Green, No. 151

At the Triennial of the General Grand Council International sessions held in Indianapolis, Indiana an arrangement was made to visit the center where the research is being done using the money from the fund. Indiana University now partners with Purdue University in the researching efforts. Even though the session this first day of the Triennial was complex and deep, it gave us some great information. The fact that I have a medicated stint in me and had the opportunity of having the "closure device" used on me, made me want to learn as much as possible. Both the "medicated stint" and the "closure device" were developed here with funds from the **Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund**.

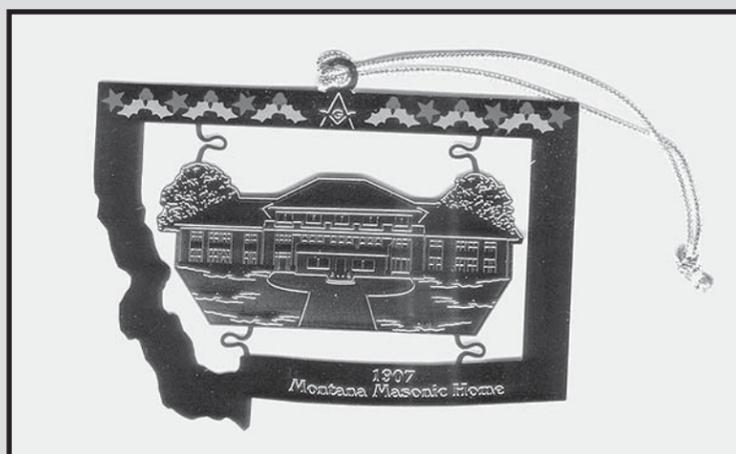
Not only are they working on cardiovascular problems and solutions, but have broadened their studies into 'adult stem cell' research. This research has created a lot questions as well as answers on several different medical problems. Possibilities such as the elimination of leg amputation, leg cramps, leg and foot pain, all due to lack of circulation in the lower limbs.

All these items lead a lot of times to diabetes. So they believe if they can cure a lot of those problems maybe they would be on the way to a cure of diabetes. This my Brothers is why we are proud to be York Rite Masons.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT SUPPORTS THE MASONIC HOME

The Christmas Tree ornament (below) is being sold by Judy Nielsen. The net proceeds from each sale will go to the Montana Masonic Home. The Cost is \$15.00 each.

Contact: Judy Nielsen  
3150 Vigilante Dr  
Helena, MT 59602; call 442-7347; or  
email: nielsenhca@bresnan.net



# MASONIC LIVING

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

Each of us is a model for Masonry. Would you be known as a Mason if the public knew what was in your heart? It is not sufficient to act properly because you are being watched. It is not sufficient to do something that is proper if the reason for doing so is not. You must do what is right for the proper reason. Your heart and actions must be in parallel. To do or say things without meaning them is hypocritical. One who is a Mason for what social or financial benefit it may bring is like one who loves the Lord because he hopes to be saved by faith or for the safety of Heaven. Such persons are actuated by selfishness. But, one cannot serve two masters. Living the teachings of Masonry must be from principle not self-interest.

Those who do not act with the proper intent are content with a mediocre character. One should never accept mediocrity. You cannot promote it, or file it, or win with it. If you are not diligent in small matters, you won't be in large matters. The antidote for mediocrity is the pursuit of excellence.

In pursuing excellence, you must not only be able to articulate the Masonic ritual but you must understand and then live its precepts. Knowing the ritual without

understanding it is like perfuming a pig. Understanding it requires contemplation. That is the exacted price, just as faith requires prayer as a price. Do not hesitate to drink deeply at the fountain of understanding rather than merely gargling at it. However, you cannot find the priceless secrets of Masonry in books, as only a hint or clue may from time to time be found in them. The way to learn the inner and hidden mysteries concealed in Masonry is to budget time for Masonry and earn the right to know them by study and carefully living in accord with its precepts and moral requirements. By going on the path of personal practice and experience and by observing and following the object lessons the Creator has placed before us.

The depth of your understanding of Masonry can only be measured by the manner of your living its principles. You must be a diligent thinker to understand and utilize the unchanging virtues inculcated by Masonry. The ritual gives you enough to know what, but you must contemplate enough to know where and how to utilize its teachings. For example, that portion of the ritual which suggests that our duty is not to be better than our brethren but to be better than ourselves requires that we must always show tolerance, even to those who err

against us. It means that we must exercise forbearance under provocation, and that we must keep on the right course despite condemnation or derision or any form of misunderstanding. It further means that every other person has a soul and is equal to us if equal in virtue.

You need not grasp Masonry's overriding plan in its entirety to follow its dictates, but you must have a voluntary and dedicated desire to live them, and the discipline to spend the time to learn them. You must continually chip and polish your character. You must continually fulfill the important duties owed to God, your neighbor and yourself. You must deserve reward even though it cannot be guaranteed.

As you continue to study, your enlightenment will increase and the principles of Masonry will point out to you many priceless truths. You will understand the eternal paradox of a word being lost and yet ever being with us. It will occur to you that God is not outside but within us and therefore that which we seek lives in our souls. You will then appreciate that contentment is the end product of purity of life and conduct, and the value of keeping your apron pure and undefiled before the world.

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## BUTTE LODGE NO. 22 AND ACACIA LODGE NO. 33



*Installation of Lodge Officers for the 2008-2009 Year  
Left: District Officer Lewis Smith is flanked by WM James Axelson, Butte #22 (left) and WM Edward Eck, Acacia #33. Right: WM Axelson takes the oath of office.*



## DILLON LODGE NO. 16



*Dillon Lodge NO. 16  
Officers for the 2008-2009 Year*

# TRUE TRAVELER FROM THE EAST

## HELENA NO. 3



On September 15<sup>th</sup>, MW Brother Bob Coleman conducted the installation of officers for Helena Lodge No. 3 for the ensuing year. During the meeting MW Bro. Coleman also presented the special pin that he designed for Montana Masons who are military veterans. The Grand Master also presented his goals and focus for the year and explained the Ritualist Program.



*Above left: Veterans receiving GM pin; above: GM/Installation of Helena NO. 3, MWGM Coleman and MW Kent Atwood; left: GM Coleman addressing Lodge*

## VA HOSPITAL AT FORT HARRISON



*MWGM Robert Coleman visits the VA Hospital at Fort Harrison in Helena, MT on September 16th.*

*Pictured left: "Jim" (patient); back row L to R: MWGM Robert Coleman; MSA Rep Tom Casswell (WM, Valley NO. 21, Townsend, MT); VA Volunteer Service Program Manager Kathleen Henson; MSA State Coordinator Bill Conner (PM, Helena NO. 3)*



*Pictured below: Tom Casswell, MSA Rep (WM Valley NO. 21); Bill Conner, MSA State Coordinator (PM, Helena NO. 3); Kathleen Henson, Volunteer Service Program Manager; MWGM Robert Coleman.*

# GRAND MASTER VISITS GREAT FALLS LODGES

MWGM Robert A. Coleman visited the three Great Falls Lodges: Cascade No. 34, Euclid No. 58 and Delta No. 128 on October 8, 2008. His visit, as he stated, was to just sit with the brothers in their Lodge.

The reason he choose October 8<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be Delta No. 128's meeting night is that 40 years ago on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1968 he was raised a Master Mason by Delta No. 128 as a courtesy for his home lodge Melrose Lodge No. 602 in Hollywood, California.

He was raised with two other brothers that evening, Richard W. Turnbull and William Foo Wong. He remembers his coach and instructor Robert Klotzman (128) and gave back his M.M. proficiency on December 11, 1968.

MW Brother Coleman also had the honor of presenting and congratulating Brother Jack D. Waterfield with his 50 year pin. Brother Jack was raised September 4, 1958 in Shreveport, LA. The thing Bro. Jack remembered most was that there were 15 Brothers raised with him.

W. Brother Bob Jorgensen, Worshipful Master of Delta No. 128 presented a beautify gavel to Grand Master Coleman which was hand crafted by Brother Chester Rogers who was

*Photo on right: MWGM Robert Coleman and Roger Sherman, WM, Cascade NO. 34*

raised in a Lodge in California and is now 90+ years old.

Also, on this evening, the MWGM had the pleasure of presenting 17 Brothers with his Military pin. There were a total of 27 members present which included Fellowcraft Len Seymour (128) and W. Grand Senior

Deacon Thomas Duffy. The three Masters of the respective lodges sat in the East and shared duties of opening, business and closing the lodge meeting.

*Chuck Stein, PM, Secretary, Delta No. 128*



*Group photo: front-John Jones, WM, Euclid NO. 58; second row left to right Roger Sherman, WM Cascade NO. 34 and Robert Jorgensen, WM, Delta NO. 128; Back row, left to right: MWGM Robert Coleman and WSGD Tom Duffy*



*Above photo: MWGM Robert Coleman and Robert Jorgensen, WM, Delta NO. 128*



*Photo at far left: MWGM Robert Coleman and John Jones, WM, Euclid NO. 58*



*Photo on right: MWGM Robert Coleman and the Great Falls District Officer, WSGD Tom Duffy*

*Happy Thanksgiving*

# DEMOLAY NEWS



*Past Master Councilor Josh Williams presiding over the Chevalier Investiture for Brothers PMC Jake Whitehead, Trevor Howard, and PMC JD Olsen.*

*The degree of Chevalier is the highest honor for distinguished DeMolay service that can be awarded to a DeMolay by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. Approximately one percent of all members of the Order receive the Degree of Chevalier. Today, the rolls of the Chevalier Degree number approximately 27,000.*



*Montana DeMolay State Officer Corps. (left to right) Drew Burkhart (RCJ Chapter, Bozeman), State Ritual Director; Ryan Parker (RCJ Chapter, Bozeman), State Deputy Master Councilor; JD Olsen (William D. Cummings Chapter, Great Falls) - PMC; Jesse Burns (Magic City Chapter, Billings) - State Master Councilor; Jeremy Peterson (Magic City Chapter, Billings) - Western District Rep.; (front) Sam Whitehead - MT DeMolay E.O.*



*This past July 26th, Brother Jesse Burns was invested with the jewel of State Master Councilor of Montana DeMolay by three Past Master Councilors, Brothers Jake Whitehead (L), JD Olsen, and Rich Hurlocker.*



*September 7th, 2008 was a very special day for Dad Brian Murphy as he had the distinct honor of installing his son Patrick as Master Councilor of Ross C. Jensen Chapter in Bozeman.*



*State Executive Officer - Dad Sam Whitehead, State Ritual Director - Drew Burkhart, Past State Master Councilor - JD Olsen, Western District Rep - Jeremy Peterson, "supporting" the newly installed State Master Councilor - Jesse Burns.*

## 08 Conclave Group



# HANDS OF THE WORKMAN

## HARRY RETZER COMLY

### TENTH GRAND MASTER

MW Brother Harry R. Comly was born March 12, 1841 in Philadelphia. He received his education in the schools of his native city, graduating from Central High School with the degree of Master of Arts.

Choosing the law for his profession, he entered upon its study and April 10, 1863 he was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Philadelphia and continued there until the spring of 1865 when he came to Montana, and here he spent the prime of his life in the practice of his profession and in holding various offices of importance. Hon. H.R. Comly, a Montana pioneer of 1865 and for almost a third of a century prominent in his affairs, both as a lawyer and a statesman.

Brother Comly was a member of Morning Star Lodge No.5 where he received his degrees. EA February 9, 1867, FC February 25, 1867 and MM March 9, 1867. He served as Worshipful Master in 1874. Also in 1874 he served as Deputy Grand Master.



Brother Harry R. Comly presided over both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Communications and being a lawyer and accustomed to the transaction of public business, having been Speaker of the House in the Montana Legislature, he did much to facilitate business. Brother

Comly for several years prior to his removal to California cultivated the Scottish Rite, being the active thirty-third and representative of the Supreme Council.

On June 6, 1885 he gave the oration for the cornerstone ceremony of the Masonic Temple on the corner of Jackson and Broadway in Helena. Owing to the bad weather and delays in making contracts, only a week's notice of the corner stone laying was given, but there was a

large attendance and the weather was exceptionally fine.

The oration is published with the proceedings of 1885.

MW Brother Comly relocated to California and affiliated with San Diego Lodge No. 35 on August 5, 1905. He died on April 14, 1920.



## CELESTIAL LODGE

August & September, October



*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*

<b>Murray G. Stowe, PGM-UT</b> No. 2 July 30, 2008	<b>Sylvester J. Seidensticker</b> No. 27 August 14, 2008	<b>Sidney B. Peyton, Jr.</b> No. 22 October 2008
<b>Delbert D. Lindstrom</b> No. 5 June 30, 2008	<b>Fredrick P. Olsen</b> No. 29 August 30, 2008	<b>Robert E. Evans</b> No. 14 Oct 24, 2008
<b>Charles F. Douglass</b> No. 5 July 16, 2008	<b>Bert E. Emswiler</b> No. 29 August 24, 2008	<b>Steven R. Palmer</b> No. 14 Sept 30, 2008
<b>Earl M. Pruyn</b> No. 13 June 11, 2008	<b>Pierre L. Bacheller</b> No. 29 August 14, 2008	<b>Wayne M. Olson</b> No. 26 July 24, 2008
<b>John C. Felton</b> No. 13 June 15, 2008	<b>James S. Slosson</b> No. 33 July 24, 2008	<b>Mark A. Forman</b> No. 26 March 2, 2008
<b>William Yeoman</b> No. 33 June 30, 2008	<b>Larno W. Gay</b> No. 34 April 1, 2007	<b>Ian A. Elliot</b> No. 26 March 29, 2008
<b>Charles E. Rymer</b> No. 72 April 26, 2008	<b>Lawrence B. Jones</b> No. 40 June 20, 2008	<b>Edgar D. Rexort</b> No. 73 Oct 21, 2008
<b>Donald A. McBurney</b> No. 78 July 27, 2008		
<b>Royce P. Robins, Jr.</b> No. 135 July 14, 2008		
<b>Donald M. Miller</b> No. 155 June 27, 2008		
<b>Verle L. Rademacher</b> No. 7 August 12, 2008		
<b>Robert W. Heath</b> No. 13 July 19, 2007		
<b>John Taylor</b> No. 18 January 6, 2008		
<b>Lawry Brekke</b> No. 18 August 8, 2008		
<b>Jack Knodle</b> No. 18 October 6, 2007		

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

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**Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge:** \_\_\_\_\_



# 50 YEAR MEMBERS

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2008

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

August			October			November		
<b>Norris D. Nichols</b>	No. 43	August 27	<b>Robert M. Miller</b>	No. 14	October 7	<b>William J. Robinson</b>	No. 71	November 3
			<b>Kenneth L. Davenport</b>	No. 53	October 7	<b>Glenn G. Osborne</b>	No. 58	November 4
			<b>Ivan Smail</b>	No. 1	October 9	<b>Lindy Ray</b>	No. 95	November 4
			<b>George Zieg, Jr</b>	No. 7	October 9	<b>Clyde F. Bowen</b>	No. 126	November 11
			<b>Marvin Day</b>	No. 33	October 10	<b>Leland L. Holstine</b>	No. 25	November 19
			<b>Richard B. Haworth</b>	No. 66	October 13	<b>L.M. Neilson</b>	No. 85	November 20
			<b>Don A. Doyle</b>	No. 64	October 14			
			<b>Robert W. McGhee</b>	No. 31	October 21			
			<b>Herbert Freier</b>	No. 144	October 22			
			<b>Thomas C. Drummond</b>	No. 29	October 24			
			<b>Warren J. Roberts</b>	No. 128	October 25			
			<b>D. Norman Wilson</b>	No. 128	October 25			
			<b>Phillip Lyons</b>	No. 22	October 28			
			<b>Elmer D. Hansen</b>	No. 13	October 29			

## TOM KEITH 50 YEAR MASON



Pictured left to right: MWPGM Prewett; Tom Keith, Dillon NO. 16; Don Cerovski, W. Grand Marshal at the presentation of the Montana 50 Year Membership Award ceremony for W. Brother, Tom Keith.

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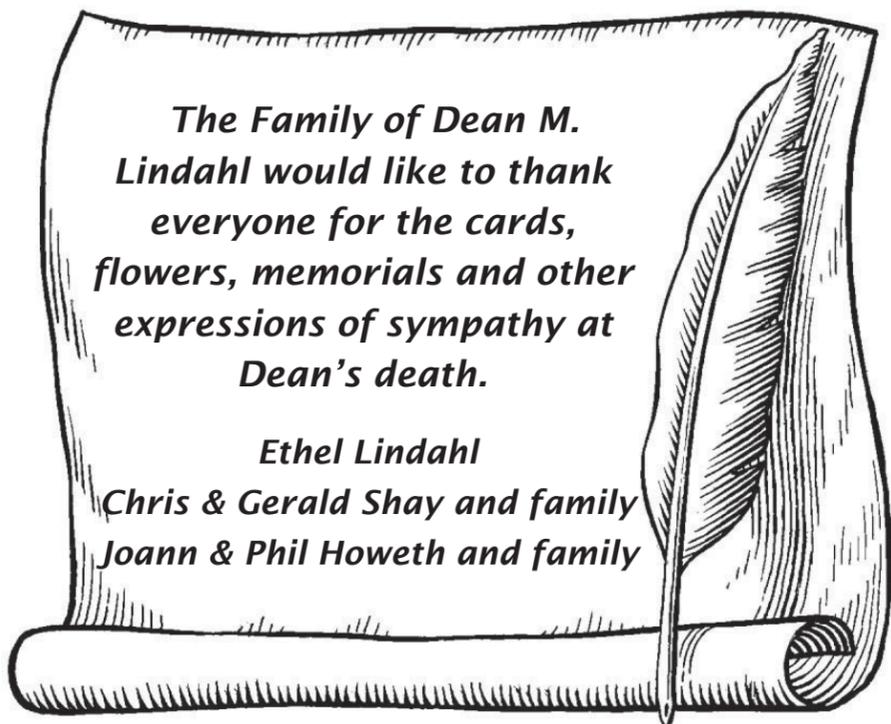
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Ethel Lindahl  
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# Calendar of Events

## November 2008

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Nov 4</b>    | <b>Election Day</b>         | <b>Nov 15</b> | Headwaters District Lodge of Instruction, Virginia City, 10 am |
| <b>Nov 6</b>    | <b>GM @ Lafayette Lodge</b> | <b>Nov 22</b> | Sagebrush District Lodge of Instruction, Broadus, 10 am        |
| <b>Nov 9-11</b> | Grand Lodge of Nevada       | <b>Nov 24</b> | <b>GM @ Western Star No. 104</b>                               |
| <b>Nov 11</b>   | Veterans Day                | <b>Nov 27</b> | Thanksgiving   |

## December 2008

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|---------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Dec 6</b>  | GLO meeting, Helena                                 | <b>Dec 25</b> | <b>Christmas</b> |
| <b>Dec 13</b> | CMR District Lodge of Instruction, Lewistown, 10 am |               |                  |

## January 2009

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>January</b>   | <b>Saints John Observance month</b> | <b>Jan 29</b>    | Robbie Burns Dinner, Kalispell |
| <b>Jan 19</b>    | MLK Day                             | <b>Jan 30-31</b> | <b>Grand Lodge of Utah</b>     |
| <b>Jan 22-24</b> | <b>Grand Lodge of Colorado</b>      |                  |                                |

## Those Who Served Military Service Recognition

The Montana Masonic News is compiling a list of Montana Masons and their military service, submission of information is of course voluntary. If you would like to have your name included in the recognition issue which currently is scheduled for the May 2009 issue please send the following information: Name, lodge/lodge number, branch of service, rank/rate/MOS, theater of operation and or years of service to:



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## BIKES FOR BOOKS

*This photo was taken during last years Bikes for Books program at Kessler School in Helena. L to R: Steve Mandeville (No.5), Rex Chapman, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Boyce Fowler (No.5), Darby Fowler, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, and Kent Atwood (No.3). Remember there are program changes this year for Bikes for Books.*