

# THE BILLBOARD

APRIL 2018

For The Valley of Billings, Orient of Montana - serving Eastern Montana Scottish Rite Members

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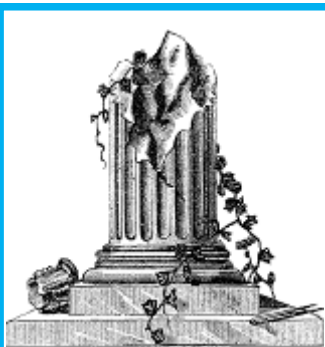


Wow! What a program Pete Boothroyd presented at our dinner last month. Pete had everyone's attention that is for sure. I don't think there was a person

there who went away without a renewed appreciation for what Winston Churchill did during the second world war. I can still hear some of the quotes, "never, never, never give up". Pete, thank you so much for making our evening so enjoyable.

really feel that improving our building is something that we are in real need of and something that we should be proud of. It will pay back many times in how people perceive our organization. We need to stay progressive if we want to continue as an organization that men want to join. I'm looking forward to the challenge of this project, and I hope that all of us will get on board with this project to make our Scottish rite the best in the country.

Bob Hanson  
Personal Representative



### To The Celestial Lodge:

Earl L. Keenan

Once again, our Venerable Master Ronny and his wife Mary Beth did an outstanding job of organizing our dinner and ladies program. Bob Snow put the toppings on everything with his usual outstanding dinner.

Mother's Day brunch is in the works and we are expecting a huge turnout. Keep in mind that everyone is invited so ask your friends and next-door neighbors to come and enjoy our wonderful group. Jason and his crew will have all the fixings to make for a great Mother's Day brunch. I hope that the word gets out and we fill the dining room up with Mothers and all their families.

I have set up a committee to look at how we can improve our accessibility into our building with a new entrance and elevator. They have gone to HGFA Architects and have some ideas that when complete, they will present to the membership for further review. I

### CURRENT DUES STATS BILLINGS VALLEY

PAID IN FULL	155
DUE FOR 2018	48
ARREARS DUES	35

### WHICH GROUP RUN?

## *Message from The Venerable Master*



Ronny C. Aasterud 32° KCCH Venerable Master

A month has passed since I last communicated to the Craft in this medium. At that time, we talked about the struggle with the winter elements. But this is now behind us, for most of the Valley, and Easter is knocking on our door.

As I explained in my January letter about Christmas, Easter is also celebrated in Norway, far differently than here in the States. The Norwegian word for Easter is Paaske, a name derived from the Hebrew word “Pesach/Pasah” or Passover. In Norway, however, Easter does not pass over very quickly. Norway has the

world’s longest Easter holiday. Easter is an important holiday in Norway, giving Norwegians a chance to celebrate the arrival of Spring and to spend time with friends and family over a lengthy break from work and school. Half the population drives to the snow-packed mountains, and again, take the skis, and travel to the huts and cabins spread throughout the mountains, to live in the huts for up to a week. All supplies are pulled with them on sleds, behind the skiers. The theme of entertainment is Easter Crime genre, Easter nuts, and the Paganorigin Easter Tree. The sun and the snow have such an impact that sunburns are easily obtained by many outdoor participants. The other half of the population takes care of the duties and chores throughout the land until the “mountaineers” come back, and they trade places. This tradition is generally unchanged throughout the history of Norway.

This last weekend, March 23-24, a delegation of 4 brothers, our Secretary TC Chatman, Orator Dan Jobrack, Expert Nate Frickel, and I, traveled to Seattle for a Leadership Conference with the Scottish Rite. We will produce a report on this conference at a later date.

A reminder that our next meeting, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, is our Ceremony of Remembrance, and I hope all that are able will join us, and I especially invite our members on the outer perimeter of our Valley to come and participate. This is an open meeting where your spouse, Blue Lodge members and friends are welcome to attend. Please remember to call in any additional meal reservations to the office no later than 10 am Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The menu is listed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

I would also like to remind the Craft of our second shoe fitting for this Spring, on Saturday April 7, from 0800-1130 (8am-11:30am). Coffee, milk, and doughnuts will be provided for participants. This is a rewarding experience, to be able to witness the excitement and joy expressed by a child receiving a new pair of shoes.

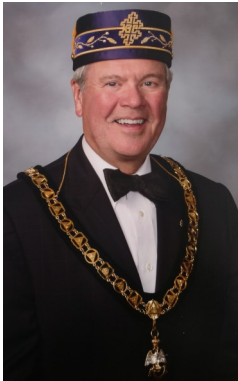
Reunion is scheduled for April 20-21, Friday evening from 1800-2200 (6pm-10pm), and Saturday from 0800 (8am), and should be done early afternoon, and culminate with a celebration dinner. Petitions will be accepted up until Friday evening at 1759 (5:59pm). At this Reunion only, membership fees are offered at ½ price (\$87.50 ½ of \$175).

I will end my communication with you, by giving you my phone number, to let you know that I will take the time to listen to anything you have to say, to strengthen the love, trust, and harmony within our Craft. All my brotherly love, until we meet again,

Fraternaly yours,  
Ronny Aasterud  
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# THE RITE CORNER

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“From  
David L. Nielsen, Sovereign Grand Inspector

“Scottish Rite—What Are We? Seven Scottish Rite members from Orient of Montana just returned from one of the three regional workshops put on by Supreme Council. We had planned on a few more to attend but illnesses and last-minute work demands have no respect for a fine conference. These workshops are only presented every two years so it is good to hit the timing right to be able to attend one. I heard several of our contingency comment that they were glad that the Valley encouraged them to attend when they had reluctance. They learned much and enjoyed sharing Scottish Rite with Brothers from other Orients—including Hawaii and Alaska.

One session was on “Preparing to Be an Emerging Leader.” The Presenter was Scott Brown, a young Mason from the Orient of Washington, D.C. He gave me his notes with a countdown of ten top items to be an effective emerging leader. I found these to be insightful and applicable not only to new leaders but even the seasoned ones. They are:

- 10 - Concept: Leadership creates an environment
- 9 - Say YES to opportunity
- 8 - If you say yes - commit
- 7 - Stay organized
- 6 - Communication is key
- 5 - Be responsive
- 4 - Compliments vs. Criticism / Give thanks
- 3 - Take advantage of social media
- 2 - Leadership with title vs. leadership without (you don't need to have a title to be a leader)
- 1 - Be Consistent (Intensity vs. consistency)

These factors require a leader to create a culture that inspires others to work together for a common goal. To create that environment for success, the leader assumes demanding responsibilities such as commitment, organization, timely communication, responsive and consistency. The leader needs to make the environment friendly and conducive to productivity by looking for the positive and mitigating the negative. These are good principles and worthy of our attention since Masonry needs to cultivate and inspire its members to be leaders in and out of the lodge. As Scott commented our society needs quality leaders and Masonry is the ideal training ground because we start with men of integrity and good character.

The workshop had fun and challenging trivia questions, such as identifying the number of the degree associated with pictures of aprons and jewels. This was humbling but showed the benefit of education.

The Grand Commander did a touching and fitting closing when he reminded us that the product of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is to ensure that our brothers be needed, wanted and loved. He was proud to say that the “light is still burning in the window of Scottish Rite Freemasonry” and though it may be dim at times, it is always burning to make others be needed, wanted and loved. So may we prepare ourselves as Masons to keep the light burning in the window and make our brothers and sisters of this world know they are needed, wanted and loved. That is what our mission is and we can provide the leadership to make it happen.



## SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

[www.ritecarebillings.org](http://www.ritecarebillings.org)

Scottish Rite Language Clinic

Report April 7, 2018

Our sponsorships for children averages over 45 per month. This all happens with generous donations given to the clinic.

The Clinic has been blessed with a gift of 90,000.00 from the Clarence Hein Estate. Clarence was a good supporter of the Clinic, was a good friend and Brother. Special thank you to Clarence for placing this gift in his will and a special thank you to his family.

Respectfully Submitted ,

Jered H. Scherer, Chairman

### ***"Koffee Klatch"***

***Every Thursday***

***7:30 AM to 9 AM***

***Just \$1.00***

***Money goes to***

***Library***



**Knights of St. Andrew**

**Study Group—**

**Third Friday of Each Month at**

**5:00 PM**

**"The next meeting of the Knights of St  
Andrews Study Group will be held on**

**Friday May 18 at 5pm**

## General Info

### Officer list for 2018

#### **LODGE OF PERFECTION**

##### Elected

VM - - - - - Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH  
 SW - - - - - Sean McDuffee, 32° KCCH  
 JW - - - - - Peter Boothroyd, 32°  
 Orator - - - - - Dan Jobrack, 32°  
 Almoner - - - - - David Bergeson, 33°  
 Secretary - - - - - TC Chatman, 32°  
 Treasurer - - - - - David Armstrong, 33°

##### Appointed

Prelate - - - - - Michael J. Welton, 32° KCCH  
 Master of Ceremonies - Chris Rubich, 32° KCCH  
 Expert - - - - - Nate Frickel, 32°  
 Asst. Expert - - - - - David Schantz, 32°  
 Captain of the Host - - John J. Hugdahl, 32°  
 Tyler - - - - - David W. Curtis, 32°  
 Organist - - - - - John Baber, 32° KCCH

#### **ROSE CROIX**

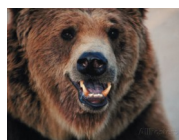
Wise Master - - - - - Ron Swenson, 32°  
 SW - - - - - Chris Rubich 32°, KCCH  
 JW - - - - - Bobby W. Snider, 32°  
 Orator - - - - - Dan Jobrack, 32°

#### **COUNCIL OF KADOSH**

Commander - - - - - David Schantz, 32°  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander - - - John Hugdahl, 32°  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander - - - David W. Curtis, 32°  
 Orator - - - - - Nate Frickel, 32°

#### **CONSISTORY**

Master of Kadosh - - - Michael J. Welton, 32°, KCCH  
 Prior - - - - - Dan Jobrack, 32°  
 Preceptor - - - - - Chris Rubich, 32° KCCH  
 Minister of State - - - Wally Hall, 32°



### **Beartooth District Calendar**

As a continuing reminder, this calendar was created as a planning tool to avoid scheduling conflicts when setting event dates. This works best if you let us know of any events you would like to include. Corrections are also welcome.

Please go to: <http://www.montanafreemasons.org/>

Click on Beartooth district  
 Scroll down to middle of page and click on "Scheduled Events  
 Calendar"

Please check for entries that may be of specific interest to you!

Thank you for your participation!  
 Fraternally yours,

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 Pete Boothroyd - [petervincentboothroyd@gmail.com](mailto:petervincentboothroyd@gmail.com)

## **EVENTS COMING UP** **Shoe Fitting Apr 7, 8-11:30**

## **Spring Reunion** **April 20-21**

### **Mothers Day Brunch** **Sunday May 13th, 9:00-11:30**

CELEBRATE THE CRAFT TELETHON  
[www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org) Saturday May 19  
 4:30—9:30 MST

KSA INTERNATIONAL GATHERING  
 JULY 20-22  
 WACO, TX







**Magic City  
Chapter**



## **Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay**

### **Come support your DeMolay**

Magic City Chapter has just returned from Montana DeMolay's Annual Sweet Retreat at Fairmont Hot Springs. What a great way to spend a weekend. These young men and women who are members of your Masonic Youth Groups are such an outstanding group. They quickly bring a smile to your face just by showing up. They are so full of enthusiasm and excitement that your dedication just swells because you know you are on to something and doing the right things. Members of Billings Job's Daughters Bethel #3 competed for Montana DeMolay Sweetheart and Princess this year. Every candidate did an excellent job. They were required to take a knowledge test, and both a small group and large group verbal interview. These young ladies knocked it out of the park with their poise and grace. Miss Lexi Colebank was selected Montana DeMolay Sweetheart and Miss Allison Massey was selected as Montana DeMolay Princess for the next year. They will represent DeMolay and be ambassadors between the youth groups. See attached picture of the new Montana DeMolay State Officers. Magic City also recently spent a lot of time on the bowling lanes and competed in the DeMolay International Bowling Tournament. While we didn't have any 300 games, the members sure had a great time practicing and competing. We will see how we stack up against the rest of the chapters. We have high hopes. Members of Magic City Chapter have taken on the responsibility to man the downstairs concession booth at the Shrine Circus this year, we are looking forward to all the fun and excitement, but I am sure it will keep us busy. If you make it to the circus, come on down and have a hot dog or some nachos, it all goes to a great cause. We believe that everyone has untold potential; therefore, DeMolay provides opportunities to develop character and leadership skills through practice and example in a safe, empowering environment, where someone can both fail and succeed at the same time. Please be on the lookout for good young men to get involved in this wonderful organization, we are looking for sons, grandsons, nephews, and friends ages 12-21.

Dan Massey



## CONTRIBUTIONS

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO  
CONTRIBUTE TO  
SCOTTISH RITE PROGRAMS**

### 365 Club Members

### Language Clinic Endowment Fund

### Language Clinic Operating Fund

Clarence H. Hein Revocable  
Trust

Joleen Gillin

Juel E Crawford

Sharlene Busta

Diana Maus

In memory of

Ruth McAllister

Richard Haworth

Don & Diana Herndon

In memory of

Bill Lewis

Jack Rehberg

In memory of

Gladys Hoffman

Nancy Rice

In memory of

Ron Shaw

Bob & Merilee Hanson

In memory of

Wanda Grauman

## **MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING \$12.00**

### MENU

Relish Tray

Caesar Salad

Rolls and Butter

Baron of Beef /Hunters

Sauce

Buttered Corn

Cheesy Hashed Browns

Blueberry Pie

Coffee or Hot Tea

Alternate Menu

Smoked Roast Turkey

**Normal Attire  
Jacket and Tie**



**Recruitment  
Breakfast  
2nd Saturday  
7:30 AM**

**Western Emporium  
On King Ave West**

Please join us!

Dinner Reservation  
Required  
259-6683

**By 10 AM MONDAY  
before Dinner**

**You will be billed for  
reservations made.**

**THANK YOU**

**Walk-ins accepted  
only after all those  
with reservations.**

**Important notice  
Remember**

**Spring Reunion  
April 20-21**

**FRI 5:00 9:00 PM**

**SAT 8:00-4:30 PM**

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## *Need to Know Information*



### **Lodge of Perfection**

#### **Venerable Master**

Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH

### **Chapter of Rose Croix**

#### **Wise Master**

Ron Swenson, 32°

### **Council of Kadosh**

#### **Commander**

David Schantz, 32°

### **Consistory**

#### **Master of Kadosh**

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

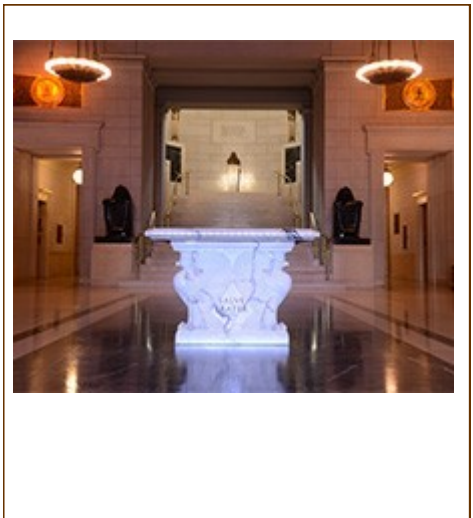
#### **AT THE RITE**

#### **Times:**

6:00 PM Executive meeting  
6:30 PM Meal  
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program

#### **April Events**

- 03 Clinic Board Meeting  
@ Dos Machos
- 04 Executive Committee Meeting  
Stated Meeting  
Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal
- 14 Breakfast @ Western Emporium  
7:30 AM
- 20 & 21 Spring Reunion



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