
THE BILLBOARD

APRIL 2019

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

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A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



We can all be thankful that we have such wonderful officers who take so much pride in our lodge. Ron Swenson volunteered to do our program and what a program he put on for all of us. I learned so much about the inner workings of a power plant. I think everyone was spellbound by his presentation and how it relates to Scottish rite. I can't wait for his next presentation. The 100-year

anniversary committee has been busy making plans for our big celebration. We will have our open house and celebrate our new addition at the same time.

Our librarian Tom Hornung had his knee replaced and will be out of commission for about a month or so. I know having the library closed has been hard for a lot of people, but just hang in there. Tom will be back and should have some good war stories for us. The reunion is coming up and the degree teams have begun to organize the players. The date of the reunion is 04-12-19 and 04-13-19.

Bob Snow made one of my favorite dinners last month, corned beef and cabbage. I always look forward to St. Patrick's Day. The table decorations Lorraine Marsh did for us always brighten up the room. The only thing missing was Karen playing the piano. Karen had another event that night and had to cancel. We sure do miss you Karen and look forward to our next dinner to hear your wonderful music.

With all the activity outside our building the contractor asked that no one go beyond the orange cones. You will need a hard hat to go into the construction area. So, let's be courteous of the wishes of the contractor and let them build our entry without fear of hurting someone.

Bob Hanson,

Personal Representative



**To The Celestial
Lodge:**

WILLIAM ALEX
MAVITY

Message from The Venerable Master



Greetings Brethren

As we spring into April, I'd like to thank all the wonderful gentleman, past and present, that make the Valley of Billings what it is. Last December I found myself in a conversation with a couple of Brethren at a function we hosted. One of them, a well-traveled man, said that the Billings Scottish Rite consistently has one of the strongest participation rates of Masonic organizations in the state. By no means was he disregarding the participation of any other organization. Rather, the discussion led to what brings the Brethren back here each month and can it be implemented elsewhere. Like good Masons, they were looking to help and teach when possible. I've been thinking about that conversation for several months and how honored I am to be a part of this great organization.

April is one of the busiest months at the Valley of Billings and this year is no exception. Immediately after our dinner on April 3rd, we will hold our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. This will be anchored by Brother John Hugdahl, Wise Master of the Chapter of the Rose Croix. Gentlemen, this is one of the finest ceremonies that the Scottish Rite performs and is open to the public. The ceremony team has been practicing and it is going to be a wonderful tribute. I know many of you have seen or even better have been part of this before. If it's been awhile since you've seen one, come enjoy an evening with friends. If it has been too cold this winter to come in for a stated meeting now is the time to warm up with dinner and friends. Let us honor our Brethren past as we renew our fraternal ties with our Brethren present. Who knows, maybe the Personal Rep. will volunteer you to put on a beard and biblical attire for our Tableau (Last Supper) portrayal at the very beginning of the ceremony.

Do you remember your Reunion? I'm sure most of us do. April 12th and 13th is our Spring Reunion. We have several candidates that we are going to initiate into the Scottish Rite. If anyone knows a fellow Brother who is interested in joining, now is the time to get their petition submitted. When we are lucky, we get to have two Reunions a year. Last Fall we didn't have any candidates, so we should be excited for this one. I feel it is imperative to show the candidates our support on their new journey. If you do not have a part in any of the degrees, we would still enjoy having you as an observer. I know I pick up something new every time. This is the time to meet the new guys, help the stage or wardrobe crew or just have donuts and coffee with Brethren.

Yes, we do have wonderful numbers at our events. Some would state that it is due to the large population of our area. I would argue that. While it is easier to catch more fish from a concentrated pool, by no means does it mean you are going to. There must be something that strives Brethren to return each month. I can't necessarily put a finger on that "something," nor could the Brethren I was discussing this with in December. I'm sure there are as many reasons why, as there are smiling faces at our functions. Come to one or both of our next events and see if you can find yours. If that doesn't work for you, come check out the big hole in the ground where the addition is going or the two-story pile of dirt in the yard. Either way, I'd enjoy seeing you.

Sean McDuffee
Venerable Master

THE RITE CORNER

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“Never forget”

David L. Nielsen, S.G.I.G.



Early this month I lost a dear friend, Masonry lost a faithful brother and the Boy Scouts lost a dedicated leader. Ted Williams, of Bozeman, passed away at home on March 9, 2019. Ted taught civil engineering at MSU and served as Head of the Department of Civil Engineering.

In the Bozeman community he was an elder in the 1st Presbyterian Church and served as Stated Clerk for Yellowstone Presbytery. He was active in the Bozeman Rotary Club. My connection with Ted was in working with him in the Wood Badge Adult Leadership course, Ross C. Jensen Order of DeMolay. Of course, our shared Masonic connections included Bozeman Lodge No. 18, Lily of the Valley No. 4, OES and Livingston Valley Scottish Rite. He served as the Personal Representative in Livingston Valley under Ill. Brother Jack Rehberg and later for me.

Listing his memberships, honors and titles does not tell the whole story about this Brother. He was always ready and able to help on any job and any project. He enjoyed being around young people and his kind, generous manner won their respect and admiration. We have lost a tireless worker. What shall we do?

I know that Ted would quietly but firmly tell us to pick up the reins and carry on. The greatest tribute we can pay is to carry on his work. When we attend the memorial services of departed fraters, the question we need to ask and answer is what can we do to perpetuate his legacy. Masonry has always been self-perpetuating. We have the responsibility to carry on after those ahead of us have passed. Ours is a fraternity of the future and does not end upon the passing of brothers is the past.

I request all to give a prayer for the work of Ted Williams and all the lives he taught, whether in civil engineering course, Boy Scouts in camping skills, DeMolay in life skills and Masonry in mentoring new brothers on the ways of its philosophies and lessons.

Rest well Brother Ted until we shall meet again in the house not made with hands, eternal in th heavens.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

We are pleased to have Trudie Biggers on our team and hope that she is well and back to full speed by now.

At our April meeting we will continue to brainstorm about locating a Director Of Fundraising. If you know anyone who may be interested in fulfilling that part of our mission, please call me or the Scottish Rite Office.

Presently we have 44 youngsters in regular clinical treatment in addition to those whom we provide electronic equipment to assist them with various hearing and speaking limitations. The scholarships provided by grants and other gifts are what allow Rite Care to reach out to these youngsters and their families.

Jered Scherer
Board President

"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 is scheduled for Apr 19, 2019

General Info

BILLINGS VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE 2019 OFFICERS LODGE OF PERFECTION

Elected

VM	Sean McDuffee 32°, KCCH
SW	Pete Boothroyd 32°
JW	Dan Jobrack, 32°
Orator	Mark T. Olson, 32°
Almoner	David Bergeson, 33°
Secretary	T C Chatman, 32°
Treasurer	David Armstrong, 33°

Appointed

Prelate	Ron Swenson, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Nate Frickle, 32°
Expert	Kalman G. Tinka, 32°
Asst. Expert	Gerald Giebink, 32°
Captain of the Host	Arnie Frovarp, 32°
Tyler	Michael J. Welton, 32°, KCCH
Organist	John Baber, 32°, KCCH

ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	John Hugdahl, 32°
SW	Tom Hanel, 32°
JW	Tyler Meisenheimer, 32°
Orator	Adam Johnson 32°

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Bob Donaldson, 32°
1 st Lt Commander	Jim Roberts, 32° KCCH
2 nd Lt Commander	Jeff Dresch, 32°, KCCH
Orator	Tom Hornung, 32°, KCCH

CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh	Dave Schantz, 32°
Prior	Gordon Lockwood, 33°
Preceptor	Gerald (Jerry) Shay, 33°
Minister of State	Dale Vietmeier, 33°



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,

David Schantz -
davidschantz@grandlodgemontana.org,
Pete Boothroyd -
petervincentboothroyd@gmail.com

Shoe fitting

March 30th

8:30 to 11:00

Some 32 members still owe for 2017. If you are one of these. **Do something soon!!!**

You're important!!!



**Magic City
Chapter**

Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay

Magic City Chapter continues with an exciting Centennial Year. March 18, 2019, was the official date to recognize the birth of our great order. 100 years in the making. We continue to carry out the ideals of DeMolay into everyday life. Most recently we celebrated our Order by participating in the Montana DeMolay State Sweetheart Ball at Fairmont Hot Springs in Anaconda Montana. Over 100 youth and adults helped solved the mystery of who done it with a giant game of Clue, with the Missoula DeMolay adults determining it was Ms. Peacock in the Billiard room with Poison. Then dancing through the night, until our feet hurt and we made our way for a soak in the hot pools. Two Billings Job's Daughters, Ms. Kylee Larson, and Ms. Olivia Parker were elected as Montana DeMolay State Sweetheart and State Princess for the next year. Next, we represented DeMolay, along with Jobs Daughters in the Billings St. Patrick's Day parade. They saved the best for last and we left Billings with the lasting memory of a trailer full of kids having a great time. We will spend the next couple of weekends fully engaged in activities. We have shoes for kids with the Billings Scottish Rite and then the Shrine Circus will be in full swing. You can come by the downstairs concession booth to see your DeMolays in full swing supporting the Shrine Circus.

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. Help us grow, you will grow too.

Thanks,
Dan Massey



CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Language Clinic Operating

John & Rachael Waller

Transportation Van

**Linda S Egelhoff
Conrad & Miriam Ostwalt
Clint & Judy Frank
In memory of Esther Fox**

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

BUFFET MENU

**PASTA SALAD
COLESLAW
SALISBURY STEAK
BROASTED CHICKEN
BUTTERED CORN
ROLLS & BUTTER
PEACH COBLER
WHIPPED CREAM
COFFEE OR HOT TEA**

Normal Attire

**Honor men in
Tux**



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

**Western Emporium
3141 King Ave W,
Billings, MT 59102**

Please join us!

**Dinner
Reservations
Required**

259-6683

**By 10 AM MONDAY
before Wednesday
Dinner**

THANK YOU

**Important notice,
Remember!**

Honourmen lunch

**March 29th
12:00 Noon**

**RAFFLE TICKETS
Michael has some
You may like to
purchase—or sell!**

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Need to Know Information



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Sean McDuffee, 32° KCCH

Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master

John Hugdahl, 32°

Council of Kadosh

Commander

Bob Donaldson, 32°

Consistory

Master of Kadosh

Dave Schantz, 32°

APRIL EVENTS AT THE RITE

02 Clinic Board, 12:00

Dos Machos

03 Executive meeting 6:00

Lodge meeting and dinner 6:30

Scottish Rite Temple

13 Breakfast 7:30 AM

Western Emporium

3141 King Ave W, Billings, MT

19 Knights of St Andrew 5 PM

Scottish Rite Temple



We need to maintain a collection of
Funds and Stubs

Please put all sold ticket stubs and
money into an envelope.

Place envelope in the Office Mail Slot
or hand to Michael at the Monthly
meeting. His our Tyler.

If you need more tickets call Michael
850-4949

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www.scottishrite.org
1733 16th Street, NW, in
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