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AUGUST 2018

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



I want to start by saying that Michael Welton should be congratulated for a job well done. Michael

put together our new Billings Scottish rite brochure. He had it done in time for us to show it off to grand lodge. Stop by the Scottish rite office and pick one up, I think you will be impressed with the quality of the new brochure.

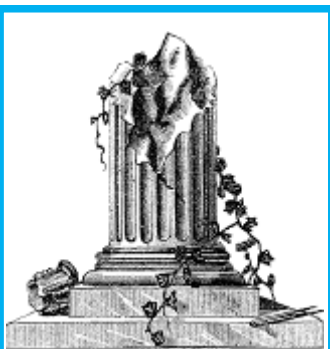
Work is still being done on the design of our new entryway, Scean has been busy getting everything organized and meeting with everyone on this project. I hope that after all the designs are finalized, we should be ready to start the building process. Everything will be on ground level and there will be a lift that will service both upstairs and downstairs. The office will be moved to the main floor of the new building. What we wanted is true accessibility for everyone to every space in our building.

I know I'm going to get into hot water for this, but I need to thank my wife Merilee for

pulling the weeds in front of our building and weed eating around the building. She had it looking nice in time for our picnic. It seems that there are always weeds to contend with this time of year, but it is better than snow and ice. We had a great turnout for the picnic this year. Casey Dubbs and Jeff Dresch had the Shrine train for the kids and I know there were a lot of smiling faces.

We have a lot of newer members who I think need to become more involved with what we do. I think that a start would be to get each one familiar with what we do when we have degree work. I would like to see each one of our last few classes spend some time with us during our next reunion. We can always use the help and who knows maybe we could spread out the work to make it more enjoyable for everyone. If degree work is not what you would like to do, we could always use help around the building. All you have to do is ask, and I know your effort would be greatly appreciated.

Bob Hanson
Personal Representative



To The Celestial Lodge:

None

Message from The Venerable Master



Brethren,

First of all, I'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to Bob Snow for sponsoring our July picnic on July 7th. He and his team, with the help of Michael Welton, put together a nice meal for everyone who attended. If you didn't make it, you missed out on some good food and great fellowship!

Now, let's get down to business.

August is knocking on our door, demanding entry, with its harvest season, heat and drought. It also brings a start for a New Year for Blue Lodges, and new opportunities for them. We, as Scottish Rite Masons, should take notes, and help this group of ours, bringing solutions and victories to their struggles. Since this is the "fishing pond" for membership to all our appendant bodies, it is in our own best interest to do so. The following numbers speak clearly of the present situation: Out of the 490,000 males in Montana, from which at least 1/3 should be men of age, only 4,385 are Masons. Our Blue Lodges are filled with brothers of advancing age, and many sit with multiple positions within each Lodge, due to a lack of membership. Seeing what a phenomenal educational opportunity Masonry is, and what benefit that would have to our society, I challenge all Masonic members to take an active role in being good and steadfast mentors to new members of our Craft. Remember, actions speak louder than words, so please show them what to do, where to do, when to do, and why to do.

Wherever we are, our numbers are our momentum, our principles our strength, and our purpose becomes our destination. Which brings us to the definition and purpose of Masonry, which is: To make a good man better, by offering a course of social and moral instruction to strengthen his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons. The phenomenon of brotherhood arises from this group. With military-like precision, the Masonic principles and purpose are fabricated to fit any society's welfare, and to strengthen our members within the society.

Our goal this year should be to stand out in our communities, showing, not only telling, what we are about. By doing so, please be guided by the teaching of our factual information and principles within our Craft, and do not guide with assumptions, so we all stand together, working in the same direction for the same goal, to bring the practice of Masonry out in the society. In short, be the one others would like to become.

On a second note, let's also focus on bringing existing Blue Lodge brothers in for a new life experience at our next Reunion, October 5-6.

On a third note, I will be visiting most, if not all, of the Valley's Blue Lodges during the last half of my year, as time allows. If your Blue Lodge has Degree work or a special event, I would love to be invited.

And finally, consider your support of the Craft, and join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 pm, for an unforgettable dinner and entertainment. Bring anyone who is interested in the Scottish Rite, or Masonry in general. Please call the office at 406-259-6683 for dinner reservations. Meal cost is \$12.00, attire is casual. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally Yours,

Ronny Aasterud 32° KCCH, VM

THE RITE CORNER



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

This last month was a sad time in my life. I had experiences that we all have or will go through. My 95-year-old mother died and about ten days later my 73-year-old cousin also died unexpectedly. Losing a parent and a close family member is a sorrowful and reflective time. As Masons we realize that all of us are born to die and as time passes our feet edge closer to the brink of the grave. We believe that our souls have eternal life even though our bodies may cease to be the vessel that holds life. But even with that belief, death brings both sorrow of the death and a celebration for a life well spent.

Even through death of a loved one, we can reflect upon our own life. The question is, what will our legacy be? Whether intended or not, we will leave a legacy just as our loved one did. That legacy is shaped by what we do in the timeline of our life. Our life may consist of times of learning, times of occupation, times of service to others, times of being served and times of leisure. The timeline of life is like a bowl with a finite capacity of time. How we fill our bowl is the choices we make. For many working at a job may fill the bowl with that time but the difference between people may be, is the job one of satisfaction or drudgery? Is it all we want our life bowl to have? Importantly, what is a legacy we will leave from that job?

I had coworkers in my career either say that their occupation is all they want to do. Others would count the years, months and days until they could retire. Some lived only to get to the weekends for pleasure and relaxation. Regardless of how the time is divided between work, recreation, learning and service, we are creating a legacy. What legacy do we want to leave? Masonry and its teachings influence the type of legacy we leave. Our religious beliefs and practices are a strong influence on setting a legacy. Is it one of learning to be a better person by service to others and treating others with kindness and respect? Is it one of appearing arrogant or superior to others? Sometime the legacy we create may only be based upon perception of a person and not what they really are.

Even as we apply the principles of Masonry to our lives, we may not know when and how it benefited others, if at all. We do not know whether a kind word, a helpful gesture or a generous act had any impact on others. There is no benefit in self-improvement if it does not benefit others. We simply do not always, if rarely, know the effects we may have on others. Conversely, if we are uncivil, discourteous, or even rude, we risk leaving a legacy of selfishness.

As I have spoke before, the early Methodist Circuit Rider, Brother Van, loved the hymn, "Harvest Time" by W. A. Spencer and once sang it in Radersburg when he mistaken for a horse thief and about to be hanged. This hymn saved his life and his legacy. The second verse is particularly powerful to me. It goes:

Another may reap what in springtime I've planted
Another rejoice in the fruit of my pain,
Not knowing my tears when in summer I fainted
While toiling sadhearted in sunshine and rain.

Though our lives will leave a legacy, our goal is not to create an artificial one. The legacy is a true memory of who we were in life and how we treated others. Through the teachings and more importantly the daily practice of Masonic teachings and spiritual living, we may spread the seeds of loving kindness and charity. Though we scatted the seeds of love, devotion, charity and hospitality, we may never see the full harvest of our labor, but the legacy will be remembered and reaped by others.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

As the summer is upon us the time for preparing for the fund raiser (pumpkin banquet) on Oct 13th at the Al Bedoo Shrine is upon us. Our fund raiser , Janell Brown, is busy making preparations for this event. Items are needed for silent and live auctions. Anyone who can obtain items please contact Janell (690-6491) or the Scottish Rite office , The Clinic is providing sponsorships to over 45 children monthly and has provided several I pads to help certain children with their speech therapy. Personally, I would like to thank all who gave memorials and sent condolences to me in memory of Bonnie. She was a strong supporter of the Clinic

Sincerely,
Jered H. Scherer

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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 September.

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°
1st Lt Commander - - -John Hugdahl, 32°
2nd 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°

DUES CARDS! For 2019 are here. Some 50 members still owe for 2018. Don't get caught on January 1, 2019.



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

EVENTS COMING UP

AUGUST

31 Honourmens Lunch

OCTOBER

03 Feast of Tishri
12 Pumpkins for Kids
13 Banquet
26-27 Fall Reunion



Magic City Chapter

Wow, where has the summer gone, it felt like just yesterday that my kids were getting out of school, now they are heading back in just a few short weeks. Magic City Chapter has continued to have events throughout the summer. We sent representatives and participated or brought greeting on behalf of Montana DeMolay to Grand York Rite, Grand Eastern Star and Grand Lodge this year. It was a privilege and an honor to assist in making Honorary DeMolay's at this year's Grand Lodge. To those that participated, your commitment and support of DeMolay is truly inspiring. Thank you for what you do. I was lucky enough to attend DeMolay International's Session in Washington DC, where we elected new Youth and Adult Leadership. I do have exciting news to announce that two of Magic City Chapter's rock star Advisors, Dad Heath Lakko and Mom Jamie Lakko were elected to receive the DeMolay Cross of Honor. It is very deserving honor. They have worked tirelessly for Magic City Chapter. Finally, were honored to be asked to perform our Arch of Steel at the Job Daughters Bethel #3 Installation of Officers. It is inspiring to see our two organizations working so close together.

As we enter our Centennial year for DeMolay, we of course must look back and see where we have come from to learn about our place in life. This is an excerpt from a passage from DeMolay International about the life and times of the Founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land that I found fitting. Frank Land was an organizer and paid attention to detail. Whatever he did, he threw himself into it fully. The restaurant business he owned was doing well, and he improved the facility, made the dining room more elegant, hired a cook, a dishwasher and a waitress, and eventually remodeled the office into an apartment where he could live on the premises. To make additional money, he worked for a year as a part-time substitute artist for the Kansas City Star, making line drawings and sketches for advertisers in the newspaper. He had a natural talent and had taken a few courses at the Kansas City Art Institute at night while still in school. It was at the Art Institute that he also found a calling for public service, and became involved in the Municipal Art League. He organized a downtown beautification project that removed ugly billboards, planted gardens on vacant lots and installed ornamental streetlights. The Art Institute was also where he had met Nell, who had been a friend and love-interest for 5 years. He finally had a career and a steady income, and so, on September 15, 1913 Frank Sherman Land married Nell Madeleine Swiezewski. She was his soulmate; they could talk about anything, and it was to be a lifelong commitment.

His membership in Freemasonry was also a big commitment, and he became involved in many organizations. He volunteered as the Secretary of the Scottish Rite Employment Bureau that helped to pair Masons with potential employers. He made a strong impact on the lives of many Masons and their families. He left such a positive impression that, in September of 1914, he was asked to expand his work and take on a full-time position as the Administrator and Secretary of the Masonic Relief Committee of the Scottish Rite. At almost the same time, he was offered a considerable sum to purchase his thriving restaurant business, consulting with Nell on such a major decision was natural, and she told him to sell the restaurant and accept the job offer, because she knew that he was a happier person when he was focused on helping others. With that money he was able to buy a beautiful large home and provide for his family.

I find it interesting that even early on the stars were lining up for such a great man that had so much influence on so many people, just when they needed to.

Remember, 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. Help us grow, - you will benefit too



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DESSERT



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2nd Saturday
7:30 AM**

**Western Emporium
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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.**

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Remember!**

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of the year. You can
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Commander

David Schantz, 32°

Consistory

Master of Kadosh

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AUGUST EVENTS AT THE RITE

Times: 6:00 PM Executive Meeting
6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program

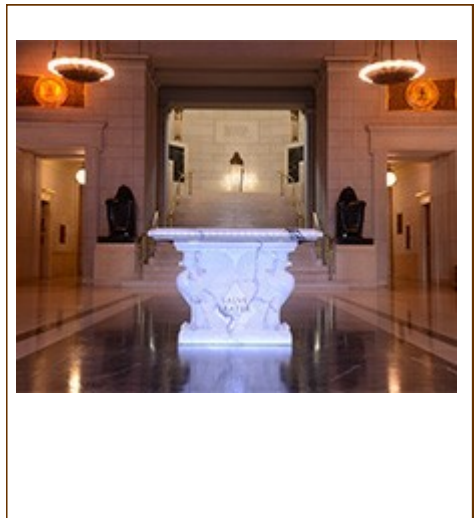
Dates:

01 Executive Meeting
Stated Meeting (Casual Attire)

07 Clinic Board Meeting
@Dos Machos

11 Breakfast @ Western
Emporium

31 Honourmens Lunch



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