

# THE BILLBOARD

DECEMBER 2017

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

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### To The Celestial Lodge:

RONALD WAYNE SHAW

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



In the past I have made it a point to be positive, but this has been a hard month for me. Ron Shaw passed away this month. Ron was a Scottish rite language clinic board member for several years. Ron put his heart and soul into helping children. I remember Ron working tirelessly, volunteering with all the clinic functions. He would do anything to make a child's life better. Thank you, Ron, for all your service to the children who needed help with their speech difficulties.

Jerry Hoffman's wife Gladys passed away this month. Jerry and Gladys were married for 58 years. I knew Gladys was very special because of who she married. Both Jerry and Gladys worked tirelessly with the VFW in the Heights for many years. Jerry also was spending a lot of time at the Shrine and Scottish rite. Gladys always supported what Jerry was doing for the Scottish rite and the Shrine. I want to thank Gladys for all her service to our community. Jerry has told me several stories about Gladys and what a wonderful 58 years they had. Jerry will need our support now that Gladys is not there for him.

We elected new officers last month and I want to say something about the officers who have served this last year. Tom Horning has been a true leader. His experience as a school teacher proved to be very helpful in getting the attention of the group at dinner, "Ringing of the bell." Tom ran each meeting with a

teacher's rule and he would not put up with unruly members. Tom's wife helped out at almost all of our dinners and Lorraine Marsh was always there with table decorations. It was a team effort. Thanks to all three of you for making this year a success.

Ronnie Aasterud will be installed at our next meeting as our new Venerable Master. I know he is anxious to get things going and I know he will do an excellent job. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our membership come together and support our officers. I'm expecting a great year and I hope that each one of you will continue to support our Scottish rite.

Bob Hanson

Personal Representative

**2018  
OFFICER  
INSTALLATION**

**Membership Status  
Check your card!  
Not 2018?**

**You are PAST DUE:**

**\$5997—2016/17**

**LETS GET TO ZERO**

## Message from The Venerable Master



### REMEMBER DECEMBER IS OUR COOKIE JAR AUCTION AND SALE.

AT LAST HERE IT IS. The article you and I have been waiting for: my final Billboard installment for my year as Venerable Master. I don't know how Bob Hanson does it month after month, year after year. He always has a pertinent and timely article ready for publication. I have gone through the Billboard archives in the Library thinking that he has surely recycled some of his old articles. But no, each month it is a new and genuine article.

My previous two articles were a brief history of the Billings Scottish Rite. That history is an important part of the new member orientation package produced by your VMAP committee. At our December meeting that document will be presented to our new member, Gerald Giebink. It is intended to be an educational tool that will familiarize new members with the workings of the Billings Valley. Too often new members leave the reunion wondering: "What is this all about". The document was produced through the efforts of your VMAP committee chaired by Brother Peter Boothroyd. The work of the committee will continue through next year and will gradually enhance the experience of not only our newly made members, but also those of us who have been around for a while and who seek greater light. The committee's next objective will be to work on Masonic education both in the Scottish Rite and in the Blue Lodge. Our Library will be an invaluable resource in this endeavor. My job this past year was made so much easier by so many people that perform their responsibilities routinely. They are often taken for granted. Until one is in a higher position and is faced with the many details that must be attended to, those people are not truly appreciated. My sincere thanks and appreciation go out: to Bob Snow for the many superb suppers, to the DeMolay and Jobs Daughter for serving our meals, to Karen Kuhar who provided music during our suppers, to Lorraine Marsh for the table decorations and for her ladies programs, to the stage crew for setting up the degrees, to Dale Vietmeyer for covering for me in the wardrobe room, to Michael Welton and T.C. Chatman for doing one of the most important jobs-Secretary, to Dave Armstrong for keeping us solvent, to Patty Murphy for taking charge of the cookie jar raffle, to Bill Murphy for organizing the degree work and for calling the brothers for dinner reservations, to all of my officers who gave of their time to improve the Valley, to Jerry Hoffman who kept the place running in spite of difficulties at home, to the Children's Clinic Board who I occasionally had lunch with, to Clint and Judy Frank who continue to manage the Patient Van, to Ronny Aasterud for his work on the shoes program, to Bob Hanson whose wise counsel guided me throughout the year, and especially to my wife, Laurie, for supporting me in many and various ways during my tenure. I apologize for anyone whom I have inadvertently left out, but know that your labors are greatly appreciated.

As you can see the welfare of the Valley is in many competent hands. Next year Ronny Aasterud and his officer corps will serve you well. He takes the responsibilities of his position very seriously. He and his officers will promote the interests of the Billings Valley to the utmost.

At our December meeting we will be presenting the Patents to our newly made Honourmen, Installing officers, and doing the cap and ring ceremony for Gerald Giebink.

All three of these will be upstairs after supper and are open to family and friends. There will be no formal meeting of the Lodge of Perfection.

Thank you for having the confidence in me to allow me to serve you during the past year. I have sought to continue the outstanding practices and traditions of the Billings Valley while expanding our activities to better serve the craft. My officers

have been a valuable asset in that endeavor and I am more than confident that our newly elected officers will continue to guide us into the future of Scottish Rite Masonry.



#### Officer list for 2018

#### LODGE OF PERFECTION

##### Elected

VM ----- Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH  
SW ----- Sean Mc Duffee, 32° KCCH  
JW ----- Peter Boothroyd, 32°  
Orator ----- Dan Jobrack, 32°  
Almoner ----- David Bergenson, 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°



## THE RITE CORNER



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#### “Masonic Thanksgiving”

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

As we enter into the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season it is a time to reflect upon the blessings that we have received this last year. Usually I think of all the positive blessings I have received during this time, such as having good health, a wonderful spouse, loving family, going to England with Brothers from Billings to do our own mini-celebration of the 300th anniversary for the formation of Grand Lodge of England, and, of course, bagging a really big deer.

The trip to England and Wales was a blessing to my wife and me because we were blessed with having good health to do it, to be able to share it, to get to know better the Brothers and their families from Billings that shared the experience, to meet Masons in Wales and Ireland, and to fulfill our travel bucket list. We enjoyed the company of the Ashlar Lodge brothers and their families and especially the opportunity to get to know them better. The chance to build stronger relationships and brotherhood with the Masons we met there was a very special blessing of this journey. We hope that our traveling companions feel the same blessing that we do.

When I do my inventory of blessings for thanksgiving, I naturally skip over those things that have gone wrong. Despite fun times and pleasant experiences, the year was not just one large blessing of happy thoughts for us. We lost a family member this year, have family members with serious medical issues, and worry about the peaceful stability of the world. These are not blessings of good things. I feel guilt when I think of friends who have lost a spouse during this past year. What are their blessings? Giving thanks for blessings from God is more than just checking off all the pleasant, joyful, and good experiences. It is finding the blessings that come even out of death of loved ones. The blessing of learning from them, sharing time with them, and sharing a mutual love for them.

The lessons of Masonry teach us that with our trust being in God, to be realistic about our mortality and those around us, to help and assist those in need, to work with our brothers to strive to be better than ourselves and to be optimistic about what the future holds for us. Masonry teaches us to have positive thinking and not be negative. To encourage ourselves and others to find happiness and calm; not to

discourage and sow discontent. We know our days are numbered and how we live those days with quality of spiritual life is the key lesson of Masonry. Masonry is a blessing to its members because it replaces hope with despair, brings joy of brotherhood to those in need of companionship, and enhances the spiritual quality of our lives.

The challenge to Masons is to find the hidden, overlooked blessings that we have received from the Grand Architect of the Universe, even in times of sorrow and loneliness and not be beguiled into only accepting those blessing that are filled with immediate pleasures and happiness.

As we have been told, Masonry is a way of life, and the celebration and thanksgiving of blessings includes all aspects of life we have been given--the downfalls as well as the uplifting. I wish all people much success in finding all the blessings in their lives and giving thanks to God for all of them—even the blessing with warts and pain.



### MIC'S PICKS

#### Masonic Cement

A recent trip by a Band of Brothers to England, Wales, and Ireland was so educational, entertaining, and loads of Brotherly love. We visited the United Grand Lodge of England, the at a Lodge in Wales we witnessed the First Degree, and finally a couple of us attended Lodge in Ireland witnessing the Second Degree.

I fully recommend all Brothers visit other Lodges, especially one outside of Montana and the U.S. if you can. A little different, but all the same points.

Throughout the world Brother Masons are working hard to continue our fraternity and everyone of us as an Officer of a Lodge continually endeavour to learn our parts so the Lodge Degrees are as professional as we can make it.

We are all Brothers from different Lodges, so get out there and spread the cement of Brother Love.

PS: If you want to get a lapel pin for the 300th anniversary go on line to the UGLE of England to get this pin.







## SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

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

### Scottish Rite Clinic Report.

Our Pumpkin Banquet fundraiser in October was a success as approximately 27,000 was the net proceeds. There were over 180 in attendance, excellent food provided by Red Fez Catering and everyone had a good time.

Everything went quickly and the event was over by 8:15 pm.

A special thank you to our fund raiser, Janelle Brown and the many others who helped put this event together. Also thank you to all the sponsors, special individuals who donated items, support of the five language clinics and their staff members and the Al Bedoo Shrine for a reduced rent for the facility. Thank you also goes out to Nick Degel for being MC and Syl Schied for filling in the last minute as auctioneer.

The Pumpkin Patch Party was well attended by over 125 children. They all seemed to have a enjoyable time. A special thank you to Jason Smith for coordinating the event. The Jobs Daughters and DeMolay Members and the others who volunteered.

The date for next year's events will be Fri, Oct 12, for the Party and Banquet on Sat, Oct 13, at the Shrine.

Sincerely  
Jered Scherer, Chairman



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

***Every Thursday***

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

***Just a \$1.00***

***Money goes to**  
***Library****



### **Knights of St. Andrew Study Group—**

**Third Friday of Each Month  
at 5:00 PM**

The Knights of St Andrews Study Group

"The next meeting of the Knights of St Andrews Study Group will be held on **Friday December 1st at 5pm in the Scottish Rite building.**

Brother Nathan Frickel will present his interpretation of the 22nd degree.

Brother Pete

## General Info



"I was built by a Freemason!"



### 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/>  
Scroll down to middle of page and click on "Scheduled Events Calendar"

#### Notable upcoming events listed on calendar:

29 December—Honourmens lunch

1 January—Al Bedoo Installation

There are more entries that may be of specific interest to you!

Thank you for your participation!  
Fraternally yours,

David Schantz - [davidschantz@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:davidschantz@grandlodgemontana.org),  
Pete Boothroyd - [petervincenboothroyd@gmail.com](mailto:petervincenboothroyd@gmail.com)

## MASONIC COLLEGE By Montana Grand Lodge

December 09  
10:00 AM

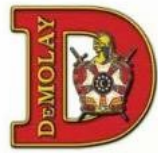
At the Billings Scottish Rite

Happy with your lodge?  
Yourself?

How can we improve ourselves  
as Masons?  
Time to evaluate?

## \*\* DECEMBER \*\* IS COOKIE JARS





**Magic City  
Chapter**

**Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay**

Come support your DeMolay



**Happy Holidays!!! Wow, where did the year go? It seems like yesterday we were in January. Magic City Chapter had a very busy past couple of months; we participated in the 4th Annual Masonic Youth Convention, where Brother Zach Clausen from Great Falls was elected State Master Councilor and our very own Brother Aarron Lakko was appointed State Ritual Director plus we were able to bring some ritual awards home. Mom Jamie Lakko was honored by receiving the Guild of the Leather Apron as Montana DeMolay's Advisor of the Year. We had an outstanding time with the Job's Daughters at Zoo Montana's Headless Horseman Ride in celebration of Halloween. I have never seen people move so fast as when the Headless Horseman approached our horse drawn wagon. We were then honored to have Brother Devon Hall, the State Retention Director drop in for a visit to Magic City Chapter, we had a great night of brotherhood, pizza and games (see picture). November and December have been designated by DeMolay International as Rush Month, and the boys have been busy on social media showing the world how a DeMolay lives life in accordance with our teachings. We will again have a Masonic Youth Float in the Holiday Parade on the 24th of November and we will have our upcoming Annual Ugly Sweater Party here in December. Our next stated Meeting will be December 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Scottish Rite. If you couldn't tell, we are busy having fun! If you are ready to learn more about DeMolay and have some free time, come on out and see what its all about. 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. Again, we wish you Safe and Happy Holidays!!**

**Thanks,**

**Dan Massey**



## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

#### **365 Club**

TC and Jo Chatman

#### **Language Clinic Operations**

In memory of Ron Shaw

Bob & Merilee Hanson

Jered & Bonny Scherer

In memory of Gladys Hoffman

Bob & Merilee Hanson

#### **Language Clinic Endowment Fund**

None

#### **Transportation Van Donation**

In memory of James Burrows

Jean Kerr

In memory of Martha Iverson

Bob Senitte

Clint & Judy Frank

Joe Burgess

In memory of Kris Vincent

Sandra Vincent

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

**Tossed Salad w/Italian  
Dressing**

**Roast Pork Medallions w/  
Mushroom Demiglaze**

**Baked Potato/Sour Cream  
Steamed Vegetables  
Relish Tray**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Sour Cream Rhubarb Cake**

**Hot Coffee or Tea**



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

**Western Emporium  
On King Ave West  
Get up and come on  
down and have a bite  
with a Brother.**

**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**

Beginning in January there will be an Exec. Committee meeting each month at 6:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room.

**Normal Attire  
Jacket and Tie**





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### **Lodge of Perfection**

#### **Venerable Master**

Thomas Hornung, 32° KCCH

### **Chapter of Rose Croix**

#### **Wise Master**

Wallace Hall, 32°

### **Council of Kadosh**

#### **Commander**

Pete Boothroyd, 32°

### **Consistory**

#### **Master of Kadosh**

Wayne Butler, 32°

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

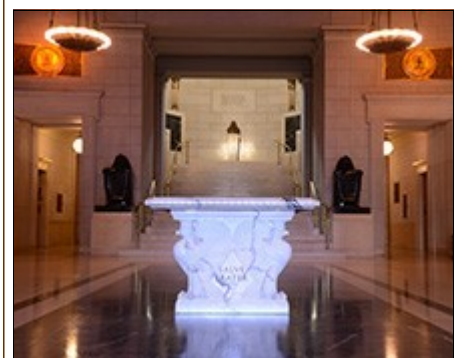
### **AT THE RITE**

#### **Times:**

6:30 PM Meal  
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program  
7:30 AM Monthly Breakfast (2nd Sat)

### **December Events**

- 06 Stated Meeting  
**INSTALL 2018 OFFICERS  
COOKIE JAR AUCTION**
- 05 Clinic Board Meeting  
@ Dos Machos
- 09 Breakfast @ Western Emporium
- 29 Honourmen lunch



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