
THE BILLBOARD

FEBRUARY 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



Well it seems we have a real problem that I'm not sure how to fix. A few of our members are going completely out of their way to make our Scottish Rite a better and more enjoyable experience. Let me begin with Adam Johnson, and Sean McDuffee. These two worked on our lodge room over a weekend and installed a new screen for our video presentations. The screen is on the north side of the room so that it will not interfere with some of our stage presentations. With it across the room from the main seating area, everyone will be able to see it without straining their necks. Thank you to both men for taking the time to improve our lodge room.

Now I want to thank Jason Smith for cleaning up the floor in our dining room and putting more finish on it. He spent several evenings and a weekend or two to make our floor shine. I know what a hard job this can be, and he did it without anyone asking him to do it. You know that members like this really make our Scottish rite what it is today. You don't see many organizations that have so many dedicated members who are spending their valuable time to make an organization like ours prosper.

Bob Snow is one of the huge reasons that we have the attendance at our dinners. You may not realize what a difficult job it is to make a dinner for 80 people. It takes a lot of work and a whole lot of preparation to put on a dinner like ours. Bob uses linen for our table covering and linen napkins; just a few of the little things that you may not think about but make the dinner more enjoyable. Lorraine Marsh also puts in a lot of work every dinner making the tables festive with wonderful centerpieces. The DeMolay serves our dinners each month and what a joy to see them serve. Also, thank you to the Dads and Moms who volunteer to help the boys. We also have enjoyable music to listen to while we are eating thanks to Karen Kuhar. You see why we are so successful; it's called teamwork! - everyone pulling together to make our dinners a wonderful dining experience. I think it would be nice to say thank you to each and every one of these people the next time you see them, I know they would appreciate it.

Bob Hanson, Personal Representative



**To The Celestial
Lodge:**

Message from The Venerable Master

Fraternal Greetings

Last month I had the privilege of visiting our Brethren in Livingston. Their meeting falls on the first Friday of the month and I happened to be in the area on a hunting trip that weekend. It is only the second time that I have visited another Scottish Rite Valley and it was wonderful. If any of you get the time to visit another Valley, I highly suggest it. One of my dear friends told me that traveling in foreign countries is one of the best parts of Masonry. I couldn't agree with him more.

Well normally I don't mind getting 8 inches of snow in late January. Usually it's a crisp, light snow. This thick wet stuff we got recently really made a mess of things and seems to be making up for our lack of winter so far.

Each year, on the first Wednesday in February, we hold our annual Billings Scottish Rite Association meeting. Many of you might wonder what exactly is the Association? I know it took me quite a while to understand all the different entities within the Scottish Rite Valley. I might delve into the other ones later in the year but let me explain the Association.

The Billings Scottish Rite Association as a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana. Every good standing member of the Lodge of Perfection Valley Number Five is a member of the Association. Each member of the Corporation is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting. Seven or more members constitute a quorum.

At each annual meeting, the Corporation elects a Board of Trustees. Each Trustee shall serve for a term of three years with and no more than two consecutive terms. The Board of Trustees consists of five elected members, and two "ex officio" members namely, the Personal Representative and the Venerable Master. All seven have votes.

The Board of Trustees manages the business and the property of the Scottish Rite Temple; hire all custodial help and cause all minor and emergency repairs to be made. They are also in charge of all major improvements to the building and grounds with prior approval of the members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Billings Scottish Rite Valley.

As most of you are aware, the Association has been working diligently for more than a year on a vision to improve the functionality and overall experience at the Billings Scottish Rite Valley. This vision is moving closer to reality in the form of a building addition which will be located on the south side of the present building. Its complements will include ADA compatible restrooms, a drive up-drop off area, a new elevator to provide access to the whole building with ease, and a new office.

We will be discussing this addition at the annual Billings Scottish Rite Association meeting.

We will also elect two new members to the Board of Trustees.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally
Sean McDuffee,
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

THE RITE CORNER

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“Teaching Light”

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



The metaphor of light verses darkness, with light representing good and darkness evil, is a powerful way to teach moral lessons. It is a concept found in religions, as well as in our fraternity, and is an instruction to teach wise and serious truths for wholesome and peaceful living. As we study the history of humankind, we find many instances of the light of good overpowering the darkness of despair. Here are

but a few.

Moses brought the light of freedom to the Hebrew people who were forced to live in the darkness of exile as slaves in Egypt; Jesus of Nazareth who was hailed as the light of love and Prince of Peace to the people living in the darkness of violence and oppression under Roman rule. Masonry brought the light of Masonic knowledge for its members to learn and practice kindness, tolerance, and charity, as opposed to the darkness of rudeness and self-centeredness. More recently, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., brought the light of racial and economic equality to suppress racial injustice and economic injustice.

As we look at the acts and teachings of these martyrs and our fraternity, we might assume that there was only darkness until the light was brought forth by these teachers; that the light was solely owned and controlled by them. For people living in darkness, they often lack the faith and understanding that there is a light somewhere that can overcome the dark; they know nothing but darkness. The unknown author of an inscription on the wall of a cellar in Colognes where a number of Jews hid themselves for the entire duration of World War II expressed faith and hope for light when writing:

*I believe in the sun even when it is not shining;
I believe in love even when feeling it not;
I believe in God even when he is silent.*

The light of love, hope, equality, and peace is always there for anyone to use to repel the darkness of hatred, injustice and violence. As Masons we need to believe and have a trust in God who provides us light by which we can escape darkness, if we look for it, and furthermore, that we will not only secure light for ourselves, we will bring light forth to the rest of the world. We are taught and equipped to be the bearers of the light of love to those in darkness of hate, despair and fear. We might not achieve a place in the annals of history for it but it will spread and make a difference in the lives of others, as well as ourselves.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

The board is actively pursuing a grant writer so that we may apply to various organizations that offer financial assistance which our clinic could use to provide sponsorships.

At our February board meeting an applicant will be interviewed and possibly hired.

Presently we have 45 children in therapy.

Respectfully submitted

Jered H. Scherer

Chair, Scottish Rite Language Clinic

"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 February 15, 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	Bailee Velasquez, 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

We got a mention in the
Billings Gazette editorial
section from a man in
Florida that expressed his
appreciation for what our
clinic does for the children
that need help with
language disorders
Thank you

Some 39 members still owe
for 2017. If you are one of
these. **Do something soon!!!**



**Magic City
Chapter**

Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay

Magic City Chapter has started 2019 off moving through our well-planned calendar of events. We completed our first civic service project for the year by going to the men's shelter and assisting them with a thorough cleaning of their kitchen and dining room. It is amazing how much improvement comes with a little elbow grease. The members made quick work of the tasks that needed to be done. It was especially good as it was all planned and executed by the members. All the advisors had to do was show up and drive. We were assigned the job of cleaning the garbage cans, which was fitting, however, we got them to sparkle and reminded the members to give 100% to even the not so great jobs. At the end of January, we will be having our first Bowling Tournament practice with a couple more planned before the actual tournament. It's always a great time and an even better way to introduce new members to DeMolay. In February, we have been asked to help the Daughter's of the Nile "Knight with a Princess" Father-Daughter Dance by performing our Arch of Steel as the participants enter the room to really make them feel like royalty. Following a week later with a State-Wide Initiation in Bozeman and then Montana DeMolay Sweetheart Ball in early March at Fairmont Hot Springs.

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

**Anderson Charitable Trust
Donald C. Olson
Jered Scherer Family
In Memory of
Bonnie Scherer**

Language Clinic Endowment Fund

**Margaret Talmage
In Memory of
William Talmage
Donald C. Olson**

Transportation Van

Ernie Johnson

**Almoner's Fund
Donald C. Olson**

Building Fund

**Michael J. Burke
HGFA Architects**

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

MENU

Relishes

**Vegetable Beef Soup
Rolls and Butter
Teriyaki Grilled Chicken Breast
Chicken Fried Rice
Pork and Vegetable Egg Roll
Steamed Vegetables
Coffee or Hot Tea
Cherry Pie
Alternate Entrée—Grilled
Salmon w/Fettuccine Alfredo**



**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

Normal Attire



**Important notice,
Remember!**

**Be active and
attend your Lodge
Meetings!**

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Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master

John Hugdahl, 32°

Council of Kadosh

Commander

Bob Donaldson, 32°

Consistory

Master of Kadosh

Dave Schantz, 32°

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE **RITE**

- 05 Clinic Board, 12:00
Dos Machos
- 06 Executive meeting 6:30
Lodge meeting and dinner 7:30
Scottish Rite Temple
- 09 Breakfast 7:30 AM
Western Emporium
3141 King Ave W, Billings, MT
- 15 Knights of St Andrew 5 PM
Scottish Rite Temple



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Funds and Stubs

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money into an envelope.

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

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850-4949

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