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JANUARY 2019

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

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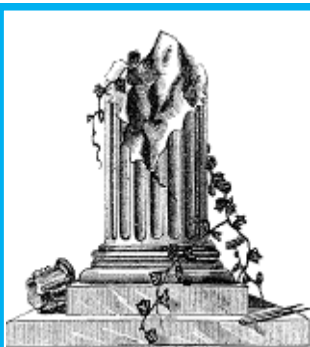
Wow, in the past I have said we will need more round tables. Well maybe after last month's dinner we will need a larger dining room. I can't believe what has happened! Our officer team is doing a fantastic job of keeping everyone informed about our dinner nights. We had about 100 or more at the cookie jar auction and with all the excitement we ended up with a little more than \$2600.00 for the clinic. I don't want to name names because I know that it took a whole lot of people to make it a success and I know I would miss someone. Thank you all for a wonderful evening.

We are in the planning stages for our 100-year anniversary. The committee had its first meeting and has tentatively set a date of September 7th for the celebration. I will try to keep everyone up to date as we bring the plans together. If anyone would like to make any suggestions as to what they would like to see for the celebration see me or Sean. Keep the date in your calendar and plan on joining us for a super fun time. We will also have an open house at the same time to celebrate our new addition.

I want to invite everyone to our January meeting. We will have a fantastic dinner and installation of officers. Everyone is invited to the installation so invite your friends and neighbors. Sean McDuffey has put together an outstanding line this year so let's get together and give them our support.

Bob Hanson

Personal Representative



To The Celestial Lodge:

ROYAL C.
JOHNSON
1925—2018

Message from The Venerable Master

Fraternal Greetings

The Holidays are upon us and I hope, depending on when this is published, that everyone enjoyed them safely. As the year winds down towards 2019, I'd like to thank Venerable Master Brother Ronny Aastrud for a job well done. I have appreciated his guidance since we first met and will continue to relish our deep conversations in the future. Without gentlemen like Ronny and mentors like him, I wouldn't be the Mason I am today. I would like to also thank the two loves of my life, Sally and Declyn for supporting me in my Masonic endeavors. They have both been understanding as I spend time away from them to seek more light.

It is my great honor to serve as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Billings in 2019. I am humbled to have been elected by my Brethren to this position of such a fine institution. I will endeavor to fulfill my duties and do well by the craft.

The newly elected and appointed officers are about to be installed and are anxious to assume their positions. I am blessed to be surrounded by such fine men. There are a several new faces in the line and a few that have been around quit awhile. It's nice to have some of our more seasoned Brethren on hand to guide us younger guys on how things work. A lot of these guys have pulled their weight several times over and not a one of them said "no" when I asked them to step up yet again. I thank and congratulate not only them, but each of our officers for committing to the Scottish Rite in the ensuing year.

It's going to be a busy year at the Scottish Rite. I'm sure many of you have heard of plans for an addition onto the building. A very large raffle that ends in August has just recently kicked off. And if you didn't know, this Valley is going to turn 100 years old this year. Bob has formed a committee for this event that is to take place the first weekend in September. We are going to have a fine celebration to commemorate this event. Lots of things going on and I'm looking forward to working with everyone to accomplish them.

I remember asking my grandfather, Angus Euel McDuffee, about the majestic rings that he had on his huge fingers when I was a boy. He told me stories about Masons, 32 degrees, Shriners and so on. They continued when I was a teenager and on into my twenties when the stories stopped. It was a decade or more after his passing that I became a Mason. Shortly after that I joined the Scottish Rite. A couple years later I looked for him in the pictures of past Reunion Classes downstairs in the classroom. I found him in the center of the back row of the spring class of '71, the same place I'm always put in a group photo. He loved Masonry and continuously guided me towards it. If it wasn't for him, Gentlemen like him, and a little bit of work, I wouldn't be where I am today. Boy how I wish he could see me now.

Respectfully
Sean McDuffee
Venerable Master Elect
Billings Scottish Rite

THE RITE CORNER

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“Knowing Your Brother”

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



At the end of November 2018, I travelled to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend the Memorial Service for Ill. Brother William (Bill) Mollere, 33°, Past S.G.I.G. in Louisiana of the Supreme Council, A.& A.S. of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. His death on November 10, 2018, came as a shock to me, though he had been recently hospitalized for serious medical treatment. I first met Ill Brother Bill in 2008 when I was appointed Deputy in Montana of the Supreme Council. He was an active member of the Council at that time and was helpful in mentoring me in the ways of the Supreme Council. His warm kindness and humor made everyone comfortable when they were with him. He teased me about my buffalo head pins and would refer to me as Buffalo Dave, or Buff, and other combinations. He had many Masonic accomplishments, many of which I knew, like being a Past Grand Master of Louisiana; but as happens to me in many times, at the Service, I learned much more about his life, family and occupation. Unfortunately, I have been to many memorial or funeral services to find out interesting life stories of the deceased that I wished I would have asked about when they were alive. This was certainly true of Ill. Brother Bill.

After my return from Baton Rouge, I visited Livingston Valley in early December and at dinner before the meeting, I sat next to Brother Scott McCauley at the Fiesta en Jalisco, a Mexican restaurant next to the lodge. I began asking him about what was happening in his life. I knew Brother Scott through his membership in Livingston Valley, seeing him attend the Saturday breakfasts Bozeman Lodge No. 18 hosts, and with his work with Ross C. Jensen Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Bozeman. Beyond that, I knew very little. He told me that he had just completed being in his ninth film—the movie, “The Bruce,” which is about the life of Robert the Bruce, King of the Scots. Brother Scott said he has a speaking part in this film, as the Pub Keep, unlike other films where he was an extra with no speaking part. When I asked more questions, he said he started this part-time career in 2016 as a featured extra as a Calvary Trooper, in “Apocalypse at the Little Bighorn, Custer’s Final Battle.” In a subsequent film in 2017, “Black Flower,” Brother Scott was a featured extra as “Mr. Pistol.” In the 2017-2018 film, “Useless,” Brother Scott is “Gus,” the Lumberyard Foreman. His agent is lining him up with two films in 2019.

Brother Scott is a humble, unassuming guy. When you meet him, you would never guess that he has this interesting pastime. If I hadn’t asked the right question, I would have never known of his passion for acting and his recognized talent in the film industry. Now I want to know more about him and other brothers I know in the Masonic fraternity.

Too many times we see a brother once, twice or even more times a month for years and may know that he held offices in his lodge and belonged to other Masonic groups, but really do not know what he has accomplished in his life, occupation and hobbies, and of other talents that he has. It is a shame that we wait to find out about these great stories at the funeral with no chance to learn more. The more we learn about our brothers, the more we learn about ourselves.

Getting to know all that we can about our Masonic brethren is the difference between true, binding brotherhood, and just being a member of the same organization. We are a band of brothers and not just a fraternity where we only share information from a common ritual.

For 2019, we need to practice brotherhood and get to know our brothers the best that we can and to share our life stories with them, so they can know us as men. Perhaps a good start is to watch for the showing of “The Bruce,” a feature film directed by Richard Gray and stars Angus MacFadyen and Zach McGowan. Brother Scott is there and, as a hint, here is what he looks like in his civilian clothes.



Thanks, Brother Scott for sharing your story with me and letting me share with all the brothers.

Happy New Year to all, and Scott, break a leg.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

At the December meeting the annual Cookie jar sale and auction took place. This fundraiser was begun several years ago by Sandy Rubich as a way to provide funding for the Language Clinic . Since Sandy's passing it has been carried on by Patty Murphy and other volunteers. A special THANK YOU to everyone who participates by donating and bidding on donated items. The attendance was great and received the largest income of \$2,682.00.

This money will be used to provide sponsorships to children who need speech and language therapy. It was a fun evening and I thank you for your generous support.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and extend best wishes for a good New Year.

Respectfully submitted

Jered H. Scherer
Chair, Scottish Rite Language Clinic
(Shannon Rausch)

"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 January 18, 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

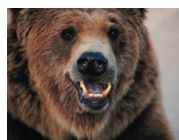
Wise Master	John Hugdahl, 32°
SW	Tom Hanel, 32°
JW	Tyler Meisenheimer, 32°
Orator	Bailee Velasquez, 32°

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Bob Donaldson, 32°
1 st Lt Commander	Jim Roberts, 33°
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"

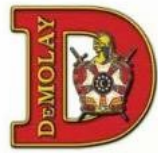
Please check for entries that may be of specific interest to you!

Thank you for your participation!
Fraternally yours,

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

Some 41 members still owe
for 2017. If you are one of
these. **Do something soon!!!**

PLEASE NOTE:
“ALL BROTHERS NOT
PAID UP-TO-DATE WILL
BE AUTOMATICALLY
REMOVED FROM
ACTIVE STATUS BE-
FORE THE PER CAPITA
ASSESSMENT IS
PROCESSED.”



Magic City Chapter



Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay

Well, the New Year is upon us. Where did 2018 go? It seems like it just started yet, here we are welcoming 2019. We closed out the DeMolay year with a joint DeMolay/Job's Daughters Ugly Sweater Party (see picture). The members of these two groups had a great time playing games and enjoying each other's company. This has turned into one big family of Masonic Youth. Our chapter has lofty goals for 2019, I hope you are ready to celebrate and grow with us!!

2019 is DeMolay's Centennial Year. As we continue the celebration, we must continue to look how we operate to ensure we continue to stay relevant with the youth of tomorrow as well as the members of today. In the end, it's all about leadership. Anyone can be a leader, and DeMolay aims to develop each member into a positive, competent leader. Leaders use their personal knowledge, skills, and influence to establish relationships with people and help others meet goals. Leaders become effective by modeling the skills and characteristics they seek to pass on to others. They acquire trust by being a person of good character, and they achieve trust by empowering others. Leaders need to understand the importance of diversity and possess a variety of leadership styles along with the knowledge of how to apply each.

DeMolay leadership experiences help members:

- 1 Achieve a broad understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader while practicing leadership skills in a safe and controlled environment
- 2 Identify problems and develop action plans to solve them
- 3 Acquire teamwork and group building skills
- 4 Assume responsibility for actions and follow through on goals
- 5 Improve written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills
- 6 Gain self-confidence and practice self-reflection

So how can others get involved?

- 1 Be a mentor or tutor
- 2 Join chapter and state committees
- 3 Organize, implement, and evaluate community service projects
- 4 Be active
- 5 Lead
- 6 Attend leadership conferences and trainings

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.

Thanks,
Dan Massey



CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Language Clinic Operating Fund

Steven & Kimberly Shelton
Jered Scherer and Family
In Memory of Bonnie Scherer
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Language Clinic Endowment Fund

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Transportation Van

Almoner's Fund

Don Grauman
Michael A. Schmidt

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

MENU

Caesar Salad
Relishes
Rolls and Butter
Beef Swiss Steak
Baked Red Potato
Steamed Vegetable Blend
Coffee of Hot Tea
Chocolate Cake

Alternate Menu

Baked Haddock

Normal Attire



**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!**

**If your dues card is
2017 you will be
dropped at the 1st
of the year. You can
pay your dues on
line or send to the
office**

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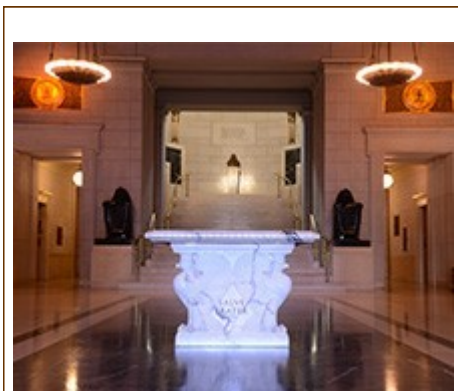
JANUARY EVENTS AT THE RITE

02 Exec Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 6:30 PM
Installation of 2019 Officers

8 Clinic Board, 12:00

12 Breakfast 7:30 AM

18 Knights of St Andrew



Visit the Supreme Council
www.scottishrite.org
1733 16th Street, NW, in
Washington, D.C.