
THE BILLBOARD

JUNE 2018

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

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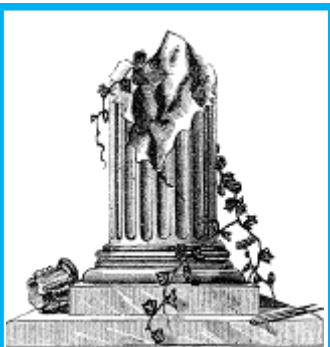
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To The Celestial Lodge:

Gerard Curtis Weitz
Louis Albert Newell

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Bob Hanson
Personal
Representative

I want to start by saying that it is now officially summertime at the Scottish rite. Casual dress for our meetings. Our July meeting night is moved to Saturday the 7th from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM for our annual picnic because of the 4th of July. I know a lot of you will want to thank Dan Jobrack for his outstanding orientation at our last dinner, he put a lot of work into making it very interesting. Thank you, Dan.

Our Mother's Day brunch was a huge success, Brother Jason Smith headed up the brunch. Jason stepped up on this important event and made it one of our finest brunches that we have ever had. I personally want to thank him for doing this. It shows who you can count on when you really need some help getting something like this going. Jason had some help also that needs to be mentioned. Michael Welton did the omelets and once again did an outstanding job. Arnie Frovarp, our newest member, stepped up and did all the dishes for the entire meal. I know this young man will always be one of my favorite new members. Thank you, Arnie. We also had Ron Swenson, T.C. Chatman, and the whole Ronny Aasterud family there to help make it a success. It takes commitment from a lot of people to

make it work and Jason made it happen with the help of all these volunteers.

Our next meeting and dinner will be on June 6th. Lorraine Marsh is planning on a patriotic theme for our tables, she is so wonderful for taking care that we always have something nice at our dinners. Remember it is casual dress so come and enjoy an evening with us without a coat and tie.

Bob Hanson
Personal Representative

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Message from The Venerable Master



What do you think of our fast-moving Spring this year? Normally it starts and goes throughout a couple of months before it settles, and the plants dare to start their cycle of growth. This year the Winter seemed to hang on forever. Personally, I think it was one of the most beautiful Spring seasons we have had in a long time, like an explosion from cold and windy, to warm and green. Farmers and ranchers staying busy with all the work that comes with Spring. I can't help but think of us as a society, looking like a beehive, hectic and focused on making the most of what we have been dealt.

Here at the Scottish Rite, it has been quiet and calm after the Spring Reunion. We had a Mother's Day Brunch, hosted by Brother Jason Smith, which was well attended, with approximately 100 guests served. Jason, and his team of volunteers, Ron Swenson, TC Chatman, Arnie Frovarp, and Marco and Emma Aasterud, and Michael Welton on the omelet bar, did a superb job of presenting a well-balanced, delicious meal, in an orderly, coordinated event. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Memorial Day weekend is approaching, and as we busy ourselves with family barbeques, graduations, and the busyness of life, take a few moments to reflect on the meaning of the day, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As a foreign born American citizen, many of the American holidays are unfamiliar to me, and Memorial Day is one of them. An excerpt from www.usmemorialday.org explains the history. "Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#). "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war)."

This month, I am headed down to California, as part of the Scottish Rite Tough Mudder team, to participate in the event for the 4th year, and Brother Jason Smith will be joining the team this year. Due to the timing of the event, I will not be here for our June Stated Meeting, and Brother Sean McDuffee will be in charge.

For those who are members of York Rite, a reminder that Grand York Rite will be held in Billings at the Red Lion Hotel on June 1 and 2.

I will miss you, and look forward to visiting and sharing stories of our summer adventures soon. As always, my number is 406-860-9478, and I'm ready to lend an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, and a hand to help if there is a need.

In Brotherly Love,

Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH VM

THE RITE CORNER



“What Are We?”

From

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

On May 19th was the annual “Celebrating the Craft.” This is a twofold event—the social gathering of Scottish Rite Masons with their friends and family and to encourage giving to financially support the House of the Temple and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Montana. The event features a webcast of selected talent from Scottish Rite Masons from the Southern Jurisdiction. This year the Orient of Montana was proud when Ill. Brother Jeff

Bolstad was invited to deliver two cowboy poems that he authored. This is the first time the Orient of Montana has had the pleasure of having one of its members share talent for this event.

“Celebrating the Craft” originally was created as a fund-raising tool for the restoration of the House of the Temple, but over the years it has evolved into a reason for Valley members and their guests to get together to socially share Masonic brotherhood and friendship. Many Masons enjoy the friendship of their brothers and their brothers’ families. These Masons notice that overtime their circle of friends includes many members of the Craft, with whom they have formed fraternal bounds. This can easily happen in our fraternity that creates not just mutual respect and friendships but a deeper brotherhood, in which we care for each other and unite to care for others.

The philanthropy of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction is the RiteCare Clinics, wherein we provide free services to those children suffering from speech and language impediments. During the webcast clinicians of our speech clinics shared stories of the joy they felt in helping young children gain the ability to orally express the love the children had for their parents. The thought of not being able to communicate such a basic emotion to a parent is chilling. Hearing these types of examples made Scottish Rite Masons proud of being a part of this charitable and caring organization.

It is the good work that we do now that will define how we are seen by others. The personal gain of receiving Masonic light and knowledge is personally rewarding but the world will recognize us through our unselfish contributions to the betterment of others. Our speech clinics through our patients speak volumes for who we are.

Thanks to all the brothers and their guests who participated in the “Celebration of the Craft,” to those who generously contributed to the efforts to rebuild the House of the Temple and build up the corpus of our Scottish Rite Foundation, and to those who cast a vote for Ill. Brother Jeff Bolstad’s cowboy poetry.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

I am writing this to let everyone know that Bonnie Scherer passed away on May 21st. Bonnie was a wonderful friend. Bonnie was very active with our Scottish rite and the language clinic. I know of no one who was more supportive of her husband than Bonnie. There is going to be a big void in our organization without her smiling face and friendly conversation. Bonnie will always be part of all of our lives, and she will always be remembered as a true gift to all of us.

Bob Hanson

"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 will be held in the Scottish Rite building.

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°

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Contributors to the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.:

Paul E. Fischer, KCCH, 32°
Robert S Krauth
Peter V. Boothroyd
Donald F. Grauman
John L. Tripp
Eugene W. Murphy 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!

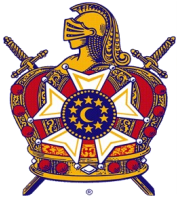
Thank you for your participation!
Fraternally yours,

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EVENTS COMING UP

KSA INTERNATIONAL GATHERING
JULY 20-22
WACO, TX

2018 RITECARE CONFERENCE
AUGUST 8-10 Los Angeles, CA



**Magic City
Chapter**

Order of DeMolay

Come support your DeMolay

Magic City Chapter is continuing this excellent year. We journeyed to Great Falls to help support the Montana DeMolay Statewide Initiation and to work the Shrine Circus. We had a great time. The weekend was filled with brotherhood and excitement for the work we were doing. We welcomed 4 new brothers into the State Chapter and 1 for Magic City specifically. We were welcomed with open arms to help clean up after each circus performance. Huge shout out the Great Falls Masons for putting on a great breakfast for us. Magic City recently had a BBQ with 3 prospects attending and we have re-instituted our off week ritual practice to ensure we are performing at the highest levels. We did our first joint fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch with Job's Daughters, Bethel #3, we had a great turn out of kids and participants. We will be doing it again. We have a Game Night prospect party coming up and we are looking forward to attending and representing DeMolay at the concordant bodies annual sessions over the next month.

When our Masonic temples/buildings were constructed we used the latest techniques to build them. Some of them are getting rather aged. We have seen electricity, windows, flooring, plaster and paint undergo huge changes over the last 100 years. Yet, buildings are expensive to maintain and over time, and many of these have deteriorated to the point of failure. It seems logical to follow the idea that if something has worked for so long, it will continue to work. Well, that is both true and false. Our organizations are very similar to our buildings. Our organizations are hitting the 100-year mark and beyond. They have stood the test of time and they will continue. Organizations, like buildings need to be preserved while still undergoing the upgrades and updates that are needed in today's new society. We would never leave a window that was leaking and allowing rain, or snow and wind to deteriorate the frame and cause serious damage to the wall. No, we would jump at the chance to change the window to protect what it has inside. Look for opportunities and investigate ways to improve the structure for the future, while still being faithful to what was built by those before us. 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.

Thanks,

Dan Massey



CONTRIBUTIONS

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

365 Club Members

**Language Clinic Endowment
Fund**

Genie Lawn service

**Language Clinic Operating
Fund**

Suzette Fletcher

In Memory of Bill Lewis

Transportation Van

Ruth Bach

Clarice Harris

Tom & Linda Yakel

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

MENU

Tossed Salad w/Vinaigrette
Dressing

Grilled Steak or
Grilled Icelandic Cod

Home Fried Potatoes

Roasted Vegetables

Relish Tray

Rolls and Butter

Apple Pie /Ice Cream



**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!**

**There will be no
July stated meeting
due to
Independence day!**

**We will instead
meet
Saturday the 7th
with a picnic in the
Scottish Rite
Facility.**

Casual Attire



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Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master

Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH

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Ron Swenson, 32°

Council of Kadosh

Commander

David Schantz, 32°

Consistory

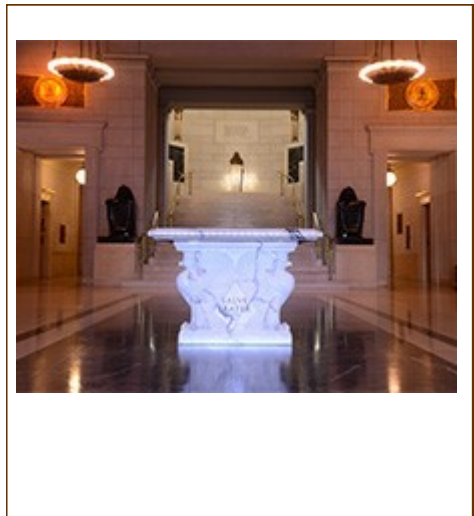
Master of Kadosh

Michael Welton, 32° KCCH

JUNE EVENTS AT THE RITE

Times: 6:00 PM Executive meeting
6:30 PM Meal
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program

- 05 Clinic Board Meeting
@ Dos Machos
- 06 Executive Committee Meeting
Stated Meeting (Casual Dress)
Cap & Ring Ceremony
- 09 Breakfast @ Western Emporium
- 29 Honourmens Lunch



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