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# THE BILLBOARD

JUNE 2019

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

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**To The Celestial  
Lodge:**

LEON PERRY  
HOUGLUM  
1933—2019

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**



When I thought we would not have a Mother's Day brunch because of lack of help, a few of our most dedicated members came forward and we put on a fabulous brunch. I want to thank Bob Snow for stepping up and spearheading the brunch. We would not be able to put on an event like this without someone like Bob, he knows how to get the food and prepare it so there is no waste. Bob did this at no cost to the Rite. I also want to thank Ronny, Mary Beth, and Emma for all that you did. Bob Donaldson and Arnie Frovarp also put in a day's worth of work. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all of you. We made a little over \$800.00 that will go toward improvements to our lodge room.

I ask that if you do not receive the Billboard by e-mail, to please call or e-mail the Secretary with your e-mail address to keep you up to date with all that is going on here at Scottish rite. There is no cost for email delivery. The address is

[secretary @billingscottishrite.com.](mailto:secretary@billingscottishrite.com)

The new addition is beginning to take shape, so stop by and see the new progress of the last few weeks. I'm sure each of our members will be proud of these much needed improvements to our building. These improvements are possible because of every one of our members.

Bob Hanson,  
Personal Representative

## Message from The Venerable Master



### Greetings

I'd like to congratulate the Mother's Day brunch kitchen crew. It was the finest Mother's Day brunch that I have attended. My folks and my two girls all commented on how good it was. I was thrilled to see all the volunteers that helped. I counted three Bobs, a Ronny and an Arnie on staff. Jerry kept things tidy and Emma and Mary Beth's smiling faces were greeting everyone at the door. I hope I didn't miss anybody, and I'd like to thank everyone involved for a job well done!

I recently got a tour of our addition onto the Scottish Rite building. Now that it's framed and sheeted you can really begin to see how impressive it's going to be. Being able to properly get people throughout our building has been a long time coming. And to have a majestic entryway into our temple will be fitting for our beloved Valley of Billings. I can't wait to see it in its entirety.

Brother Ron Swenson sent me an article from *Simply Family Magazine*. After reading it a couple times, it stuck a chord and felt I had to get it into this month's Billboard. The author, Stephanie Toews, is delighted to let us use it. Hopefully you enjoy it as much as I did.

Fraternally  
Sean McDuffee

### Shine Your Light By Stephanie Toews

"When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine." Unknown

As we all know, the last stretch of our winter VERY LONG. Last week, the sunshine was barely poking through the cracks in the blinds of my south-facing window, just begging to come flooding in. I opened the shade wide to soak it in. I closed my eyes because of the intense brightness, I couldn't see my computer screen, but I didn't care. You see the warmth from just a few minutes of that light was just what my sluggish, Vitamin D-depleted-self needed first thing in the morning. I felt my spirits lift in a matter of moments and it transformed the day for me, filling me with hope and expectation of sunnier days to come.

There's something about the sunlight that pierces through the dark dullness and brings life to all in its path. A little bit goes a long way. Plants without it will eventually die, bodies without it will become Vitamin D deficient resulting in weakened immune systems, fatigue, depression, and many other health concerns.

There are so many who are in seasons of darkness and haven't seen glimpses of sunshine in a very long time. On the surface, it may seem that someone has it all together, but dig a bit deeper, and you will find that no one's journey is without its challenges. Just as sunshine brings life and light to everything in its path, we can allow ourselves to mimic sunlight and shine to all we encounter.

What if we were to walk around and *be the sunshine* in others' lives? What if we offered a bit more grace to people instead of instantly being critical? What if, when we think something good about someone, we take that good thought a step further by verbalizing it to them? What if we smile at people we meet on the street; put down our cell phones and make eye contact with those whose paths we cross? What if we pray or encourage one another when someone comes to mind? Choose our words wisely and use them to build up, not tear down...I'm convinced that a little bit of light has the power to make a whole lot of difference. Call it paying it forward or passing it on, intentional acts of kindness can change everything. So, go on and let your light shine, you never know how long someone has gone without it!

## THE RITE CORNER



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

April and May were certainly Scottish Rite months. In the Orient of Montana there were four Valleys doing reunions and Great Falls Valley did a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion on May 10-11. They invited other Valleys to participate by putting on a degree or just watching. All together there were 15 degrees conferred over an entire Friday and Saturday. There were many sideliners from other Valleys who wanted to learn more by seeing new degrees and seeing degrees with the peculiarities inherent in other degree team performance. One sideliner, Brother Cody Johnson, a new brother from Livingston Valley, was there the entire two days and was recruited by Great Falls Valley to fill in at the last moment due to a vacancy on the 21<sup>st</sup> degree. Brother Johnson had never even seen the degree conferred and now he had an acting part. There were other visiting brothers from around the Orient who came to watch this historic reunion with many degrees.

Billings Valley brought a degree team to do the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree of Prince of Libanus. The team did a good job on the performance and for that I congratulate them. This is a degree that the other Valleys do not confer and so there were quite a number of sideliners from other Valleys for its performance.

Helena did the 6<sup>th</sup> degree, Intimate Secretary, with only one person—III. Brother John Barrows, Personal Representative of Helena Valley. It is normally done by minimum of two persons but due to illness it was down to one. Brother John did an explanation of the degree, complete with costume and much of the important dialogue. The sideliners were glued to the performance and took in every word and action.

It was a lot of work by all the participants and Valleys, but it was an historic event. We must look for other opportunities to share degree team talents between the Valleys. Everyone learns and benefits.

As other Valleys celebrate Anniversaries, I encourage other Valleys' members to take the time to share in that event. It is a meaningful experience for the hosting Valley and the visiting brethren. The ties of Masonry go well beyond our Valleys' jurisdictional limits and we must not be afraid to venture out. It is an experience that will give you additional light in brotherhood and Masonic learning.

Living up to the morals and tenets of Masonry is not easy work. Hearing the teachings of a degree is easy, more challenging is relearning, renewing and deliberate practice. However, as Albert Pike reminds us, though we do not fully obey Masonry's precepts, "in no wise detracts from their value or excellence."

Brother George Washington once said, "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire call conscience." This is what Masonry teaches us. The constant labor to continue learning the moral teachings of Masonry and then working to live by these teachings. That is our life mission, and this is what sets Masons apart from many others.



## SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

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

The Speech and Language Clinic is providing sponsorships for 38 youngsters at the moment with one application pending. One of the rewards of being involved is to see the children discharged from regular treatment to continue their progress at home and in school.

Trudie Biggers, our team member who is working on securing grants for the clinic scored a big win recently. The Bair Family Foundation of Martinsdale, Montana generously made a grant of \$7,500.00. to help further the work of our Clinic. Such amounts in addition to other more modest gifts assure that the clinic and the help it offers will continue. Thank You to the Bair Foundation and all others who find a place in their budgets for the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic.

Our fund-raising is not totally assured at this point. Please contact me at Smith Mortuary or call the Scottish Rite Office at 259-6683 with all helpful ideas.

Respectfully submitted  
Jered H. Scherer

### ***"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 June 21, 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	Adam Johnson 32°

#### COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Bob Donaldson, 32°
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Commander	Jim Roberts, 32° KCCH
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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,

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## Getting there!



If you are behind on your  
SR dues, please call the of-  
fice. **You're important!!!**



## Magic City Chapter

### Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay



Magic City Chapter is  
We had a crazy ending  
see, where to start. We

Paul Shin, Eric Vermillion, Austen Vermillion, and Timothy Waldo. So, if you see some new faces you know why. Then some of our members traveled to Great Falls to help work the Shrine Circus. It was a quick run, but it's such a great cause. The next event was the DeMolay International Bowling Tournament. We rolled and hit some pins. No 300 games, but quite a bit of good-hearted fun. Finally, we had the biggest event of the year. With helping Napa Auto Parts Store attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for "Most Cars Washed in a Day". The goal for the day was 6277 cars nationwide. We had a cold start to the morning and we were getting reports of other locations that were getting rained or snowed out. We held fast and in typical Montana fashion, the sun decided to come out and the next thing we knew it turned out to be the warmest day we had seen yet in 2019. DeMolay from Billings and Bozeman, Jobies from Billings, Rainbow's from Bozeman and Billings came out and washed 114 cars in our 8 hours. We have heard that the "Un-official Number" we reached and are waiting on Guinness Records to verify is

**9,179** cars washed nationwide in an 8 hour period. We celebrated this huge undertaking and accomplishment by holding the Montana DeMolay Centennial Celebration with a Dinner and Lock-in that night. They didn't stay up all night, they were exhausted, but when they were awake, they were having a great time.

This time of year brings the end of the school year. Our young men have worked hard all year and have excelled in both DeMolay and everyday life. Everyone is looking forward to summer activities.

We only have one graduating senior in our Chapter. Congratulations to our Master Councilor Brother Aarron Lakko on your graduation. Brother Lakko is heading to Montana State University in the fall. Congrats again!

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

continuing its great year.  
to April and May. Let's  
initiated 4 new members,



## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

### Language Clinic Operating

Moss Agate #126  
Joe Palm

### Transportation Van

Becky Donaldson  
Joe Palm

## MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

### DINNER MENU

Yankee Pot Roast/w  
Carrots, Potatoes,  
Cabbage, Onions, Celery  
CAESAR SALAD  
RELISH TRAY  
ROLLS AND BUTTER  
COFFEE OR HOT TEA  
COFFEE ICE CREAM

### ALTERNATE MENU

Mahi Mahi or Salmon

### Casual Attire



**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**

**Important notice,  
Remember!**

**Honourmen lunch**

**May 31  
12:00 Noon**

**RAFFLE TICKETS  
Michael has some  
You may like to  
purchase—or sell!**

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## *Need to Know Information*



### **Lodge of Perfection**

#### **Venerable Master**

Sean McDuffee, 32° KCCH

### **Chapter of Rose Croix**

#### **Wise Master**

John Hugdahl, 32°

### **Council of Kadosh**

#### **Commander**

Bob Donaldson, 32°

### **Consistory**

#### **Master of Kadosh**

Dave Schantz, 32°

### JUNE EVENTS AT THE RITE

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



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