
THE BILLBOARD

MARCH 2018

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

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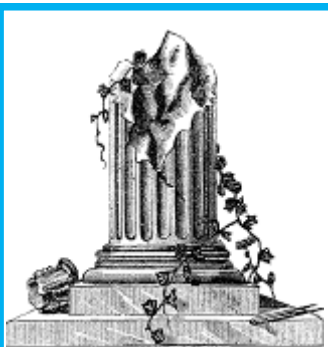
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To The Celestial Lodge:

Leslie D. Alexander

William E. Lewis

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



I want to thank Bob Snow for a wonderful prime rib dinner at our last dinner, it was one of the best I think I

have ever had. The time has come to give him a big thank you for all he does for us at our dinners. Dan Jobrack had a program on Americanism, what an outstanding program. He was very well prepared and had all kinds of interesting facts for us. Thank you, Dan for the wonderful program. The tables were decorated in February red Valentines, I know that Laurie Hornung and Lorraine Marsh put a lot of work into making it look pretty. Thank you for making our dinners extra special. Thank you, Mary Beth, for the lady's program, I know everyone had a good time playing the games.

This month we lost one of our hardest working brothers. Bill Lewis lost his battle with his lung disorder. I talked to him about a week before he passed, and he said he was not able to get out any more and he wanted to let everyone know that his thoughts were with us, and the Language clinic. Bill was the fund-raising chairman for several years for our clinic and he always had the Language clinic close to his heart.

This year's officers, led by our venerable master Ronny Aasterud, have made my job very easy. What a well-organized group of officers. Thank you for making our meetings interesting and enjoyable and keeping order in the lodge. I know Ronny is already planning for our spring reunion so let's get on the ball and get some candidates for him.

I know it is a little early, but we are planning on a Mother's Day brunch. I hope everyone can come and enjoy. I'm not sure yet what is going to be on the menu, but by next newsletter I will have all the info. I know people make plans for Mother's Day in advance. I hope we can see you, your family and friends at our brunch on Mother's Day.

Bob Hanson
Personal Representative

**CURRENT DUES STATS
BILLINGS VALLEY**

PAID IN FULL	146
DUE FOR 2018	55
ARREARS DUES	37

WHICH GROUP RUN?

Message from The Venerable Master



Ronny C. Aasterud 32° KCCH

The Winter Olympics has been a big topic in February, and throughout it's history, Norway has crowded the podium. I'd like to share, through my childhood experiences, how that could be.

In Norway, the winter starts in late October, early November, and lasts until late April, early May. With the heavy precipitation, it makes for a long, snowy season.

Since I was born in the early 60s, in a rural part of Norway, I will take you back to when I started school. We lived on a hilly farm, surrounded by forest on three sides, and Norway's biggest lake on the front, and about 2 miles away from the 4-classroom schoolhouse. The road to the school was not the first priority for snow removal, and often it snowed continuously, up to 4- 8' of snow in a week. Skis were the primary transportation to a school that didn't close for "snow days". Those days we put our cross-country skis on, strapped our ski-jump skis and slalom skis to our backpacks, and skied to school. The schools had 15-minute breaks between classes, and a half hour for lunch. Needless to say, our breaks were spent on the hills around the schoolhouse, running through the hills, competing with one another in all sorts of skiing disciplines. Competition was intense, for about 10 minutes each hour. With such a short period of time available, being prepared to leap out of class and be first on the hill was important, in order to have time for at least one run. We played the roles of the Olympic athletes at the time, according to our abilities, striving to be among the best. There were after-school programs, with trainers, and instructors, and multi-school competitions for the individual sports. Through the weekends, most families took to the skis, into the hills, or out on the lake for ice fishing, with a packed lunch and hot cocoa in their thermos. Skis were also used to and from visiting friends and neighbors, as well as running errands. Skis were a primary means of transportation, and there were competitive undertones in everything we did, even when helping others. So you see, it is not the Scandinavian race, but the climate, that demands survival of the fittest, that creates the winners.

That's my story, and I'm sticking to it. I have to wonder, why do my fellow Montanans complain about 2-12 inches of snow on the ground? There's nothing to it, laughing out loud!

Hope to see you all at our March meeting.

In Brotherly love,

Ronny C. Aasterud, 32° KCCH

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THE RITE CORNER



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“From

David L. Nielsen, Sovereign Grand Inspector

As we dig out of the snow and ice that hit Montana particularly hard this winter, I am pleased to report that the Valleys in the Orient of Montana keep meeting to plan for Spring Reunions. Butte Valley and Livingston Valley will be doing a joint reunion over two weekends in April—the first weekend in Butte and the last weekend in Livingston. I encourage brothers from other Valleys to take a chance and visit other Valleys’ Reunions. I know that you will not be disappointed in doing so.

Celebrating The Craft is set for May 19, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. MST. This fund-raising event benefits the Montana Scottish Rite Language Clinics in that 50% of the Montana donations come back to the Montana Scottish Rite Foundation, which annually provides money to the three Language Clinics in Montana. Talent for Celebrating The Craft may audition by sending a performance video by March 12, 2018 to Supreme Council. The Valley Secretary has the information if any brother is interested in auditioning.

On March 23-24, 2018, the 2018 Scottish Rite Workshop will be held in Seattle, Washington. Several Montana Valleys are planning on having representatives attend and if any brother is interested, please contact the Valley Secretary for registration information or go the scottishrite.org.

As the roads get better I look forward to seeing brothers at upcoming Scottish Rite meetings and events. Stay warm until then.





SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

Scottish Rite Language Clinic
Report---- March 7, 2018

The Clinic has had a busy year providing sponsorships for children. With a budget of \$60,000, contingency budget of 12,000 and a special fund to provide I-Pads and other special devices over 45 children are given assistance for speech and language therapy. The clinic provides funding for children attending the five private clinics in Billings.

To provide sponsorships requires fund raising. For a few years Bill Lewis, a board member, offered his services as fund raising chairman and did a great job. After his retirement the Board hired Janelle Brown and became our fund raiser. With her expertise and help of volunteers over \$24,000 was raised at the annual banquet. Janelle will be helping with fund raising this year.

It is the goal of the Board to help as many children as possible. At this time, we are at a limit as to the number we can help. With the support of the Scottish Rite members and the public at large we hope to raise much more money by having a larger attendance at the banquet and more charitable gifts.

Let's make this happen, the Clinic is a philanthropy of Scottish Rite.

Respectfully Submitted

Jered H. 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 next meeting of the Knights of St
Andrews Study Group will be held on

Friday March 16th at 5pm

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°



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"

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

Thank you for your participation!
Fraternally yours,

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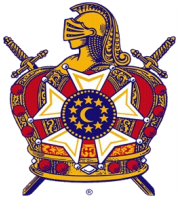
EVENTS COMING UP

Mothers Day Brunch
Sunday May 13th, 9:00-11:30

CELEBRATE THE CRAFT TELETHON
www.scottishrite.org Saturday May 19
4:30—9:30 MDT

KSA INTERNATIONAL GATHERING
JULY 20-22
WACO, TX

2018 RITECARE CONFERENCE
AUGUST 8-10 LA, CA



Magic City Chapter



Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay

Come support your DeMolay

Magic City Chapter.

Magic City Chapter is continuing our work through the cold and snow that has blanketed our Great State. While the weather has caused us to have to cancel some events this past month, we are still feeling the heat from the excitement of our Order. We have been burning up the bowling lanes for practice and will compete in the DeMolay International Bowling Tournament later this month. The guys have been having a great time getting ready for this. We didn't make the trip to Bozeman due to the weather, but we have candidates that will be inducted next month at our State Sweet Retreat in Fairmont, where we will enjoy the warmth of the Hot Springs and the dance floor. If you are looking for a great time with some amazing young men and women, there is still time to register.

One of the questions I like to ask our members both new and old is "Are you a leader?" It's a reasonable question that any person may ask themselves from time-to-time. Perhaps younger members, just getting started don't see much of a leadership role to play. Sometimes, even older members - don't see themselves assuming leadership positions. So, with that, a reasonable question to ask is, what is a leader? You have heard terms that are associated with leadership qualities - inspirational, dynamic, action oriented, consensus builder, or, even a person others will follow. Whatever you come up with - if you believe it describes leadership - apply it to yourself. Then look in a mirror and determine whether you possess those same qualities...or, if you ever see yourself possessing those qualities. Everyone needs to remember that leaders are made, not born. Everyone has, within you, the ability to be one of the most incredible leaders ever! All you must do is make up your mind that you want to assume a leadership role. In the long run, the best lead by example not power or intimidation. All you must do is make the decision to want to not only join their ranks but excel.

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.

Thanks,
Dan Massey



CONTRIBUTIONS

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

**365 Club Members
Pete & Leslie Boothroyd**

**Language Clinic Endowment
Fund**

**Language Clinic Operating
Fund**

Sharlene Busta
In memory of
Ruth McAllister

Bob & Merilee Hanson
In memory of
Bill Lewis

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING \$12.00

MENU

RELISH TRAY

Chicken Noodle Soup

Beef Salisbury Steak

ROLLS AND BUTTER

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

STEAMED VEGETABLES

Chocolate Cake

COFFEE OR HOT TEA

Alternate Menu

Baked Salmon



Recruitment
Breakfast
2nd Saturday
7:30 AM

Western Emporium
On King Ave West
Get up and come on out
and enjoy a meal 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.

Normal Attire
Jacket and Tie



Important notice **Remember**

There will be an
Exec. Committee
Meeting each month
before the stated
at 6:00 PM in
the downstairs meet-
ing room.

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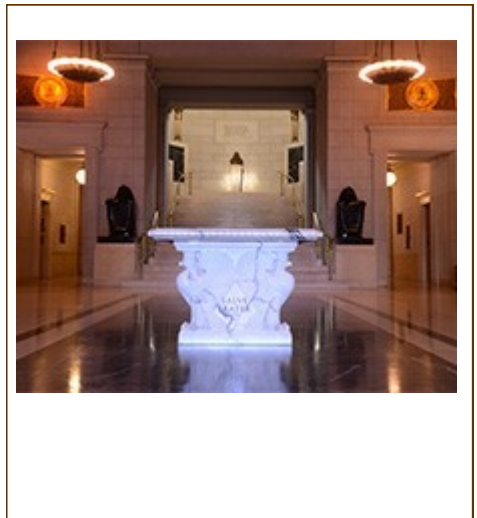
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AT THE RITE

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

March Events

- 06 Clinic Board Meeting
@ Dos Machos
- 07 Executive Committee Meeting
Stated Meeting
- 10 Breakfast @ Western Emporium
7:30 AM
- 16 KOSA,
5:00 PM



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

Lodge of Perfection

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Wise Master

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