
THE BILLBOARD

OCTOBER 2018

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



What has happened at our Scottish rite dinner nights? There seem to be more and more members coming and enjoying our fellowship. I think what our leadership is doing to make an interesting and fun meeting night is working. The dinner is inexpensive and delicious. There is a program for everyone to enjoy and a short business meeting. The executive meeting is at 6:00PM. This is where most of the business takes place. I would love to see every Mason in our district come to our dinners, even if they are not a Scottish rite

member. I think that when they see what we do they will enjoy it as much as we do. I would like all of our members to invite your fellow brothers to our dinners so that we can show them what we do here at Scottish rite.

We should have some drawings of our new entryway by this coming dinner meeting, I hope everyone can take a look and see what is going to happen by this time next year. I am excited to see how this improvement will make our building more accessible to all of our members. The building committee has worked hard to make this project a reality.

Billings Scottish rite will be 100 years old on October 22 next year. We have a planning committee set up and they will be working on all the plans for our celebration. I know that it only seems like yesterday when we celebrated our 50-year anniversary. (Ha, ha.) It will be nice to show off our new entry and have the celebration all in the same year. If anyone has any ideas for the celebration, please see me or anyone on the committee.

The last thing I have this month is a big thank you to Lorraine Marsh for all the table decorations. At last months dinner she had some small desks at each table and on each one there was a book that was signed by a special friend, how special was that. Thank you, Lorraine, for being such a gracious friend.

Bob Hanson

Personal Representative



**To The Celestial
Lodge:**

Message from The Venerable Master



I had three different style articles in a concept, ready to finish up this morning, and my wife and I had to rush Emma to the clinic, fearing that she had a strep infection. While we were in the exam room, three Norman Rockwell (1894-1978, Red Mountain Lodge #63 F.&A.M., Arlington, Vermont) prints on the wall caught my eye.

This instantly brought me back to my own childhood, being a 1960 model, growing up on a Norwegian farm, with all the chores and responsibilities that comes with it. September and October, which were two of the busiest months of the year, was the time when we would harvest all the different crops. On our weekend trip in the mountains to gather our sheep and cows, the whole family was on a scouting mission, looking for wild berries and wild game for the upcoming hunting season, as well. The most sought-after berries were the wild cloudberry, and lingonberry, which we brought home in buckets for processing. Between the second and third week of October, schools gave a “Harvest Vacation”. During this time, students hired out to all nearby farms to complete the potato harvest. This was hard, manual labor, where each was given a set parcel, based on their capabilities. Picking potatoes was, besides haying, one of the hardest back-breaking jobs. The tractor with a throw wheel would expose the potatoes above ground, and the pickers would follow behind, with their basket between their knees, and pick the parcel. To be handed a paycheck on the last day was a testimony to how well you did your job and how large of a parcel you could manage. The paycheck was, most of the time, big enough to cover going to the fair and carnival the following week, buy new winter clothes and shoes, and most of the time there was enough money left to buy materials to prepare for Christmas, and maybe even buy new ski gear, since we somehow managed to grow out of the gear from the previous year. I remember that I tried to stretch my money by buying used gear from older kids in the valley. This reflection on the “old days”, seems to most of us as a dream, but it truly shone through in the art of Norman Rockwell.

My wife and I are now back home, and Emma is trying to sleep on the couch, surrounded by the comforts of home. The doctor could not determine what infection she has, but she took some tests and we should have the results soon. Sitting and looking at her, knowing that she and her generation are the future, and what our generation teaches them, will be what guides them through their lives. For those of us who grew up in a time where freedom was given as a reward from the responsibility we took, it is hard to recognize this concept in today’s society. Through the modernization of our world, and elimination of hands-on education (mandatory woodshop, school kitchen, p.e., music, art) for the youth, we have created a society of entitlement and freedom, but without the responsibility that creates it. As Masons, we should be ready to take on this challenge, and change the course within our educational institutions. We once did it before, when we helped raise money for schoolhouses, and instituted public education, with the purpose of creating a well-informed and educated community around the world. So, a hint to all Masons: retake the positions as we once had. Become active with the school boards and become a part of the groups that will help make a difference in our communities. This humble approach could be made into a start for the students to want to take back responsibility.

As a tail end of this article, I would like to mention our Shoe Fittings, on October 13 and 27 from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Any brothers who would like to participate are welcome to show up for a cup of coffee and a doughnut. This is a heartfelt event. Our personal representative, Bob Hanson, made a suggestion to contact our youth groups, DeMolay and Job’s Daughters, to assist in the purchase of shoes, to make our inventory more in tune with the expectations of the youth today. I have been in contact with both groups, and both have responded positively to the idea.

Respectfully yours,

VM Ronny Aasterud 32° KCCH

THE RITE CORNER



“Canadian Scottish Rite”

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

I had the honor of being invited to attend the 144th Annual Session of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada in London, Ontario. This was especially important Session as it celebrated the 150th anniversary of the establishment of a Rose Croix Chapter in London, Ontario. From this act, Scottish Rite Masonry established firm roots in Canada. Ill. Brother Jack Rehberg, was a frequent visitor to many Canadian Supreme Council Sessions and quite a few Canadian brothers asked about him and told of enjoying his and Pat’s visits. The fellowship and hospitality shown to us proves why Ill. Brother Jack kept visiting Session after Session.

In 2003, the Scottish Rite of Canada started its version of Rite Care Clinics, which are called “Learning Centers.” Their symbol appropriately is a seated polar bear holding an equilateral triangle. Some testimonials of the patients and their parents, grandparents on their gratitude for the Learning Centers were in a brochure entitled “Tales from a Learning Centre.” I want to share one testimonial from a grateful grandfather, Dr. John Nornell. He wrote:

“I write this letter to relate the experience of my grandson, Carter, who is 9 years old. Carter was doing poorly at school, being mouthy with his mother, and really worrying his Grandpa. Being the product of a broken home, we blamed that for a bit of his behavior and learning problems. Tutors were hired, but nothing seem to help. Then I learned about the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children in London.

Carter was the first child to begin tutoring [at the Centre] in 2003. He was one of six children. He fought me physically not to go for [the first] two trips. These trips at 1.5 hours each way from [our home in] Chatham to London. After two trips, [there was] no more fighting. He could tell that early that things were easier at school, and his self-esteem quickly grew.

To-day, he is a happy little boy, doing well in school, and making his Grandpa proud. When I pick him up at school, there is scarcely a time when the principal or a teacher does not give me the thumbs up sign, and comment on how well he is doing.

Talking with other parents, this story is repeated time and time again. The results are so good that we almost feel guilty that our child is being helped while there are so many who need help as well.

I could go on for pages. I am so ecstatic with the way Carter’s life has turned around, but I will close by telling of the best present, the thing that makes all the time and gasoline worthwhile. Last week, Carter said to me, “Grandpa, I started reading Harry Potter.” I had to fight the tears, and lost.”

This is same feedback we hear from parents and grandparents of young patients to our Language Clinics but this confirms that our philanthropy is needed internationally and is having the same successes. Thanks to all who give of their time, resources and energy to support this Scottish Rite cause.



SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

The Language clinic banquet is on the 13th of October at 5:00 PM. The Pumpkin patch party is on the 12th of October at 5:00 PM. I hope that everyone has their tickets, if you still need tickets please call the Scottish rite office so that T.C. can get you some. Both of the events will be held at the Shrine auditorium. The menu for the banquet is Chicken Cordon bleu with all the fixings. This event is our major fundraiser for the year and is always well attended. The program is always interesting and we will have many auction items for sale.

Sincerely,
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
October 19

General Info

Officer list for 2018

LODGE OF PERFECTION

Elected

VM -----Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH
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JW-----Peter Boothroyd, 32°
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Appointed

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Asst. Expert -----David Schantz, 32°
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JW -----Bobby W. Snider, 32°
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Orator -----Nate Frickel, 32°

CONSISTORY

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Preceptor -----Chris Rubich, 32° KCCH
Minister of State - - -Wally Hall, 32°

DUES CARDS! For 2019 are here. Some 48 members still owe for 2018. Don't get caught on January 1, 2019.



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

OCTOBER

03 Feast of Tishri
12 Pumpkins for Kids
13 Membership Breakfast
13 Shoe fitting
13 Banquet
27 Shoe fitting



Magic City Chapter



The school year is in full swing and Magic City Chapter is busy as ever. We inducted three new members at the end of August and these young men have jumped in and hit the ground running. It's great to see. Brother Aarron Lakko was installed as Master Councilor again on September 8, 2018 (see attached picture). He has put together an exciting and full calendar of events for the next year. Here at the end of the month, we are holding a prospect party lock-in/informational night. We are hoping for a great event.

October is proving to be our busiest month of the year. We will serve several dinners, including the Language Clinic fundraiser, help with the Pumpkins for Kids, the Shoes for Kids, our Annual Montana Masonic Youth Convention, and our Haunted Halloween event. Mixed into all this for the local chapter, Brother Aarron Lakko, Brother Joe St. John from Bozeman, Brother Devon Hall from Great Falls, Dad Sam Whitehead and myself will be traveling to Arizona to represent Montana DeMolay at the DeMolay International Region 7 Conference, where we will work with the other jurisdictions in our region to help DeMolay grow and prosper. Wow, that was a lot to do, now I know why I feel tired all the time. But, hey, no one can say we aren't doing things.

October

- 3 Oct – Scottish Rite Dinner – 5:45 pm – Scottish Rite
- 5 Oct – Region 7 Conference - Arizona
- 11 Oct – Formal Meeting – 7:00 pm – Scottish Rite
- 12 Oct – Pumpkin for Kids – 5:00 pm - Shrine Auditorium
- 13 Oct – Shoes for Kids – 8:00 am – Scottish Rite
- 13 Oct – Language Clinic Dinner – Shrine
- 19 Oct-21 Oct – Convention – Great Falls
- 25 Oct – Informal Meeting – Haunted Hayride - Zoo
- 27 Oct – Shoes for Kids – 8:00 am – Scottish Rite

We would especially like to thank the Scottish Rite members for their generous support. Without you and all that you do for the young men of Magic City DeMolay we would stumble and fall. Come on out to a meeting or an event, I think you will be impressed by these young men.

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 Operating
Fund**

Jimmy Bennett

Pumpkins for kids

Transportation Van

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

MENU

Tossed Salad
Vinaigrette Dressing
Relish Tray
Rolls and Butter

Baked Stuffed Pork Chop

Mashed potato's and Gravy

Green Beans with Almonds

Coffee or Hot Tea

Ice Cream Sundaes

Alternate Menu

Baron of Beef



**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.**

Normal Attire



Formal Attire



**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**

**There will not be a
Fall reunion**

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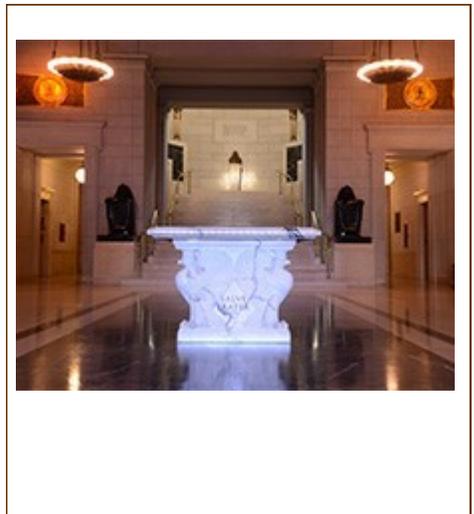
Consistory

Master of Kadosh

Michael Welton, 32° KCCH

OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE RITE

- 02 Clinic Bd - Noon
- 03 Exec Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 6:30 PM
Feast of Tishri
- 12 PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY
5:00PM to 8:00PM
- 13 Breakfast 7:30 AM
Shoe Fitting 8-11:00 AM
**PUMPKINS FOR KIDS
BANQUET
BAR 5:00 PM
DINNER 6:00 pm**
- 19 kosa 5:00 pm
- 27 Shoe Fitting 8-11:00 AM



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