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# THE BILLBOARD

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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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:**

SAMUEL MOURICH  
1930-2018

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**



Pete Boothroyd did an outstanding presentation at our dinner last month. He is always well prepared and very enthusiastic. I can't wait for the next presentation. We had one of the largest turnouts we have ever had for our dinner last month, I really appreciate all the new members who are coming and enjoying our fraternity. Bill Murphy has done a wonderful job of calling everyone for dinner reservations. Bill is also the director of work for our reunions. If you would like to take part in the reunions let Bill know and he will get you set up.

The building committee has been hard at work making the final plans for our new entry. We should have some presentation plans for everyone to look at soon. I think that by this time next year we should have a new entry and a new look for our outside. I'm excited to see all the members who have come together and made this a reality. It seems that when we need to have something done there is always someone there to get it done. Sean McDuffee is one of our members who needs to be recognized for his tireless work on the building committee. I'm not sure how he got so involved but it sure is nice to have someone step up and take charge.

We have a new shoe program that started last year and is going to help a lot more kids than we ever did previously. We have partnered with Blessings in backpacks. Now we give a pair of shoes with each backpack for needy children. This organization stuffs backpacks with all kinds of school supplies and we make sure each child has a new pair of shoes to go to school in. What a wonderful way to help kids.

Bob Hanson

Personal Representative

## *Message from The Venerable Master*



I'd like to thank all the Brothers and friends and family that came to our August Stated Meeting. Thank you to Lorraine Marsh for the beautiful table decorations, Karen Kuhar for the music, Bob Snow 32° KCCH and his crew for the meal, Pete Boothroyd 32° for the entertainment downstairs, and Brett and Dani Frovarp (children of Arnie Frovarp 32°, one of our newest Scottish Rite Brothers), and Emma Aasterud for helping Bob's crew as needed throughout the meal. It added a nice touch to the entertainment of the evening, to have the kids assist.

During August, we have seen fields being harvested, and a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables available in the stores, and the temperature soar up to and above 100° at times, and a few days with a "cold snap". Snow was also reported in a few places in the state. The air has been tremendously smoky, due to the many fires throughout the Western part of the country, and I hope this hasn't been too unpleasant or caused too much discomfort for any of you. This summer has been the greenest I can recall since I came to the States in 1992. Looking out my windshield, wherever I go, I see green grass. Normally, by this time of year, everything is baked pale brown, but frequent rainfall throughout the summer has kept the grass alive and made the countryside beautiful.

I see news reports of kids starting school, some for the first time, and young adults, starting college, which reminds me that life is full of steps into unknown territories. In our own Craft, we see the start of a new Masonic year; we have already seen several installations take place, of Line officers and Appointed officers in various Masonic bodies, which will continue throughout September. The Craft will be returning to regularly scheduled meetings, and bring predictability back to our lives, the Summer will run its course, and we will see September end with cooler temperatures.

Brother Sean McDuffee 32° KCCH, our Senior Warden, and his volunteer crew from the Craft, visited with Blessings in Backpacks, and distributed over 300 vouchers for shoes to be given from the Clarence Sportsman Shoes For Kids Program. These will be distributed to children during our shoe fittings on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 11:30 am on both days. All Brothers and Masonic Youth groups are invited to come and assist on these events. To see the joy on a child's face, and brand-new shoes on their thumping feet, is a beautiful experience to be had. And as usual, we will have coffee, milk and doughnuts for the volunteers.

We have also scheduled a Reunion on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, and invite all existing members and welcome new candidates to receive more light in Masonry, portrayed by various degree teams, under the leadership of Brother Bill Murphy 33°. I encourage our members to invite and bring new candidates into our Scottish Rite Brotherhood, for an unforgettable and spectacular event.

Our September meeting is Wednesday, September 5, with dinner at 6:30pm. Bring and introduce any brothers who might be interested in Scottish Rite Masonry to dinner (\$12/person: call the office for reservations). As always, I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Fraternally Yours,

Ronny Aasterud 32° KCCH, VM

## THE RITE CORNER



My wife and I recently completed a trip driving a rental truck laden with furniture for our daughter who recently moved to South Carolina. When we got to Kansas City we decided to stop early for a baseball game and to visit the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. I knew President Ford was a Scottish Rite Mason and I knew that President Truman had been a Grand Master of Missouri but did not know about his Scottish Rite membership. The Museum told of Truman's devotion and admiration for Masonry and especially Scottish Rite Masonry. It displays his Scottish Rite ring with the double-headed eagle. The ring was obviously worn extensively and showed wear from long use.

Once when I was attending a Feast of Sts. John in southern Indiana, I met a brother who was the last surviving member of a lodge that President Truman visited while President. The story of the non-Masonic Secret Service Agent that was not allowed in the lodge under the order of the President was priceless. The President told the agent that he was safer in a Masonic Lodge than most places and not to worry but stay outside the door.

The Museum portrayed President Truman as a disciplined man who followed a demanding daily routine, especially while serving as President. He arose early and read five papers and other briefing papers before breakfast. His daily schedule was full until late at night. He walked at a fast pace of 120 steps per minute, which made it difficult for staff and news reports to keep up with. He accepted responsibility for his decisions and acts unequivocally. He is known for the plaque on his desk that said, "The Buck stops here." In a society where we kiddingly talk about "throwing someone else under the bus" to avoid personal responsibility, it was a lesson on ownership and accountability for our own decisions and actions.

He was very devoted to his wife Bess and daughter Margaret. He loved and protected them. As a Mason and husband, he was dedicated and faithful to his family. Another lesson learned.

He was a man born of a humble beginning. He worked as a bank clerk, a farmer, and a part owner of a haberdashery. He was a man with successes and failures. His business failed and he did not succeed in investments, but as a county judge he worked effectively to pave county roads, as a U.S. Senator he was considered ruthless on eradicating corruption and non-performance on government contracts and as President he saw the end to war in Europe and in the Pacific. His decision to bomb Japan with two atomic bombs was controversial then and remains so now. He was instrumental in creation of NATO and use of the Marshall Plan to restart the European countries' economies to help the people and make them less vulnerable to being taken over by the Russians.

Whether his decisions are considered sound or viable was not what I sought, but rather were his decisions based upon integrity, sound moral judgment and an honest purpose expected of a Mason. In political decisions we can agree or disagree and still respect the decision maker who is sincerely and genuinely interested in promoting the general good of others. In being shown his life history, his Masonic history and his political history, I came away with the impression that Harry Truman was a man and a Mason who did his best with honest intentions of making the county, country and world a better and safer place. As a man he made mistakes at times, but his decisions were made with the best of honorable intentions.

Now we want to visit the Gerald R. Ford Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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



## SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

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

The clinic pumpkins for kids fundraiser banquet is October 13th. We still need door prizes and lots of help fundraising. Janelle is working hard on our fundraising, but we need lots of help from all our membership. The tickets are printed and ready to sell.

Sincerely,  
Jered H. Scherer

**The Installation of Officers for Magic City Chapter  
will be September 8th, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Billings  
Scottish Rite. Please come out to support your local  
DeMolay Chapter**

### ***"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  
"The next meeting of the  
Knights of St Andrews Study  
Group is scheduled for 21**

## 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°  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander - - -John Hugdahl, 32°  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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°

**DUES CARDS!** For 2019 are here. Some 50 members still owe for 2018. Don't get caught **NPD** 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.

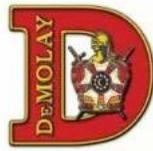
Please go to: [http://  
www.montanafreemasons.org/](http://www.montanafreemasons.org/)

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,

**EVENTS COMING UP**  
**AUGUST**  
31 Honourmens Lunch  
**SEPTEMBER**  
04 Clinic Board  
05 Exec\Stated Meeting  
08 Membership Breakfast  
**OCTOBER**  
03 Feast of Tishri  
04-05 Fall Reunion  
12 Pumpkins for Kids  
13 Banquet



## Magic City Chapter



School has started. We have had a great busy summer. It has kept our members active and focused on improving their Chapter. Our members hosted with several prospect parties. We went paintballing (see attached picture) a couple times where we had 6 prospective members. We have received applications for 3, with more to follow and will induct them into our Order at the end of August. At our last meeting, Brother Aarron Lakko was again elected as Master Councilor for the ensuing term. He has continued his aggressive schedule to keep DeMolay moving at a pace to keep up with the world today.

**The Installation of Officers for Magic City Chapter will be September 8th, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Billings Scottish Rite. Please come out to support your local DeMolay Chapter.**

As I said, school has begun as we have been getting ready for 3 kids to go school this year, we have been doing a lot of talking about how to handle a new academic year with new challenges. One of the things we talked about was listening, not just to answer the question, but to understand. With all the distractions that today's youth have, listening is becoming a lost skill. It's called active listening and is a skill that can be acquired and developed with practice, but will, take time and patience to develop. 'Active listening' means, as its name suggests, actively listening. That is fully concentrating on what is being said rather than just passively 'hearing' the message of the speaker. Listening is the most fundamental component of interpersonal communication skills. Listening is not something that just happens (that is hearing), listening is an active process in which a conscious decision is made to listen to and understand the messages of the speaker. Active listening not only means focusing fully on the speaker but also actively showing verbal and non-verbal signs of listening.

Non-verbal Signs of Active Listening: Smiling, Eye Contact, Posture, mirroring facial expressions, not being distracted.

Verbal Signs of Active Listening: Positive Reinforcement, Remembering, Questioning, reflecting on the message, asking for Clarification, Summarizing.

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**

**Scottish Rite Foundation of MT  
Dennis & Cathleen Hoyem  
Bighorn Shrine Club,  
In memory of PG Matron  
Eleanor Tesh  
Bob & Merilee Hanson  
In memory of  
Lorraine Slavens  
Bob & Merilee Hanson  
In memory of Sam Mourich**

**TRANSPORTATION VAN**

**Byron French  
In memory of  
Donna J. French  
Darlene and Clifford Gatchell  
Linda Egelhoff &  
Shannon Osborne**

## MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

### MENU

CHICKEN RICE SOUP

BEEF SWISS STEAK

BAKED POTATO W/SOUR  
CREAM

CORN ON THE COB

ROLLS AND BUTTER

RELISHES

SOUR CREAM RHUBARB  
CAKE

COFFEE OR TEA

ALTERNATE MENU  
LEMON -DILL SALMON

### Casual 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**

**Dan Jobrack will  
give a presenta-  
tion on Enlighten-  
ment upstairs in  
the lodge room  
following our  
dinner September  
5th**

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## *Need to Know Information*



### SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT THE RITE

Times:6:00 PM Executive Meeting  
6:30 PM Meal

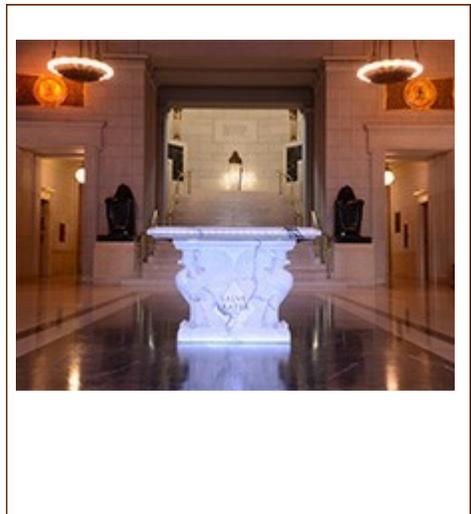
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program

Dates:

05 Executive Meeting  
Stated Meeting (Casual Attire)

04 Clinic Board Meeting  
@Dos Machos

08 Breakfast @ Western  
Emporium



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

### **Lodge of Perfection**

#### **Venerable Master**

Ronny Aasterud, 32° KCCH

### **Chapter of Rose Croix**

#### **Wise Master**

Ron Swenson, 32°

### **Council of Kadosh**

#### **Commander**

David Schantz, 32°

### **Consistory**

#### **Master of Kadosh**

Michael Welton, 32° KCCH