

# THE BILLBOARD

## NOVEMBER 2022

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

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### **To The Celestial Lodge:**

### *Message from the Venerable Master*



Greetings Brothers,

Here we are in November again. It seems the year is just flying by. The Feast of Tishri was well done by all of the brothers with their Toasts and Brother Nate Frickel did an excellent job setting up the evening.

November is a time to remember the Veterans who gave their all, so we could enjoy the freedoms outlined in our Constitution, live our lives and raise our families in the best possible environment.

Thanksgiving Holiday is special for me and my family, as we all live hundreds of miles apart, but we always seem to manage to get together at someone's home to feast on roast turkey and all the fixings. Then get caught-up on everyone's news-children's achievements, new jobs, sports achievements, etc. Also, I'm thankful that I became a Mason and have met so many extraordinary men that make me want to be a better man.

I hope that everyone has a great November, and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob Donaldson  
Venerable Master,  
Valley of Billings, A&ASR



## *Message from our Personal Representative*

Greetings,

I hope this finds each of you well.

First, I would like to congratulate those that conducted the ceremonies for our Feast of Tishri last month. It was a pleasure to attend. Ill. Bro. Dave Bergeson's message was very well received and Bro. Cody Thormahlen's meal was exceptional. A better evening with Brethren and friends would be hard to find.

Moving forward, the Valley of Billings will hold its annual election of Officers for the four Bodies. This will happen during our Stated Meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's important to show our support for the upcoming officer line with your attendance. It would be great to have a packed temple.

As a friendly reminder, please don't forget to turn in your dinner reservations to Bro. Marc Sewell by the Monday morning before our meetings. He starts calling Brethren the Saturday before to ensure a proper headcount for our Bro. Cody. A special thank you to Bro. Marc for making these calls. It is always a pleasure to talk with him. If you need to contact him for dinner, he can be reached at 406-671-7173. If you do not receive a dinner reservation call from Bro. Marc and would like to be added to his call list, please contact him or the Secretary. They would be glad to do so.

I look forward to seeing you soon.





## **THE RITE CORNER**

### **“RiteCare: A Secret”**

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

Within our Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in the Orient of Montana, one of the best kept secrets is the philanthropic work that our RiteCare programs provide to help children communicate. It is time to get that secret revealed to our Valleys and members that are not aware of these charitable services that are provided to hundreds of children in Montana and thousands of children in the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite.

Every two years our Supreme Council and its Scottish Rite Foundation of the Southern Jurisdiction sponsor a Conference that invites directors and clinicians of RiteCare clinics, board members of local RiteCare foundations, and all Scottish Rite members. This biennial conference provides both continuing education for clinicians and training to administrators, directors, and board members for managing and funding a successful RiteCare program and its supporting local foundations. On September 28-30, the 2022 Children’s Language & Literacy Conference was hosted by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri in St. Louis, Missouri. This Conference included representatives and members of the Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite and clinicians and program directors of their Children’s Dyslexia Centers. We had four participants from Montana RiteCare programs attend: Molly Beck, Director of Great Falls Valley Speech, and Language Clinic; Mary Beth Aasterud, Board member of Billings Language Foundation; and two private speech therapists associated with the Valley of Billings Language Clinic.

The common charitable goal of the Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Jurisdiction is to help children communicate, but the organization of their respective programs is different. In the Southern Jurisdiction’s RiteCare Programs, the establishment and administration of the services are decentralized and done autonomously by Valleys, though some financial support is provided from Orient foundations and the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction. In contrast, the Children’s Dyslexia Centers in the Northern Jurisdiction are established and administered centrally by the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. Our RiteCare programs provide services to all impediments to speech and communication. The Children’s Dyslexia Centers of Northern Jurisdiction target dyslexia specifically. Our RiteCare programs consist of four types: stand-alone clinics, facilities affiliated with universities, facilities affiliated with hospitals, and programs located in a Scottish Rite building. The Dyslexia Centers are uniformly in buildings under control of the Northern Jurisdiction. The reason for explaining this difference in administrative approaches between Southern and Northern Jurisdictions is that we in the Southern Jurisdiction see the challenge of branding of RiteCare with its diversification of names of clinics and differing structures for providing service. Our challenge is to make our RiteCare programs better known to the public as well as our own members. Stay tuned.

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## SCOTTISH RITE SPEECH and LANGUAGE CLINIC

The Clinic provided funding to send two clinicians, Nancy Rice and Kelly Melius, and board member Mary Beth Aasterud to the Rite Care Conference in St. Louis Sep. 29 and 30.

The board had a meeting with the Speech Pathologists on Oct 12. Mary Beth gave a report regarding fundraising such as grant writing, planned giving, giving funds through wills, fundraising dinners and donors via website. There was also a session on board leadership.

There were sessions for the speech pathologists. Dyslexia and literacy were discussed. Dyslexia is a learning disorder that involves difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words (decoding). Also called a reading disability, dyslexia's a result of individual differences in areas of the brain that process language. Most children with dyslexia can succeed in school with tutoring or special education programs. Adults often find that they have dyslexia. Ten to twenty percent of the population have this problem. Many speech pathologists work with dyslexia. Our clinic will get more information on this and may provide funding for therapy to help dyslexic children.

**Remember the cookie jar auction on Wed., Dec. 7. Also think of giving to the 365 Club.**

Best Regards,  
Jered Scherer, Chairman

## 2022 Valley Information 245 Members

**(Remember– you can pay your 2023 dues on line or through the office!)**

Active Members with Dues Paid in Full: 72 29.4 %

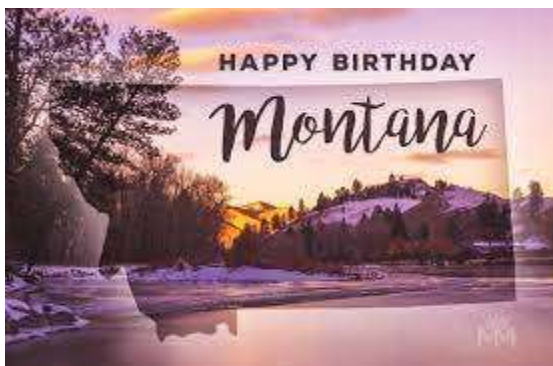
**Members with Current Dues Balance: 81 33.1 %**

Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance: 22 9.0 %

Active Members that are Dues Exempt (ALR): 44 18.0%

Active Paid Life Members (E): 26 10.6%

**A note about 2023 dues Renewal Notices coming from Supreme Council: Remember your dues must be paid by 01 January to be in good standing.**



**November 8,  
2022, Happy  
133<sup>rd</sup>!**

# 2022 Officers & General Information

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## 2022 Officers

### LODGE OF PERFECTION

Venerable Master	Bob Donaldson, 32°
Senior Warden	Ron Swenson, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden	John Hugdahl, 32°
Orator (all bodies)	Tom Hanel, 32° KCCH
Almoner	David Bergeson, 33°
Secretary	Llewellyn Fletcher, 32° KCCH
Treasurer	Dan Jobrack, 32° KCCH
Prelate	Nate Frickel, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	David Jobrack, 32°
Expert	Tom Watson, 32°
Captain of the Host	Tracy Dinkel, 32°
Tyler	Bob Hanson, 33° GC
Organist	John Baber, 32° KCCH

### ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	Nate Frickel, 32°
Senior Warden	Cody Thormahlen, 32°
Junior Warden	Adam Price, 32°

### COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Gerald Giebink, 32°
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander	Rick Hagenbart, 32°
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander	Cody Catlin, 32°

### CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh	Jeffrey Dresch, 33°
Prior	Jacob Clos, 32°
Preceptor	TBD
Minister of State	Tom Hanel, 32° KCCH



### 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.

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### Membership Breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each Month

7:30 a.m.

At: Western Emporium

3141 King Avenue, Billings MT 59102

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### Billings Scottish Rite Office Hours

Wednesday and Thursday  
9 a.m. – noon

### Coffee Klatch

Every Thursday morning beginning at 7:30 a.m.  
in the Temple Dining Room



## From the General Secretary

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**DRIVERS NEEDED!!!**

**PLEASE\*PLEASE\*PLEASE! If you have time in the morning or afternoon, PLEASE contact us! WE NEED DRIVERS. The van serves between 480 and 789 patients annually.**

Lewie Fletcher, 32° KCCH

General Secretary

Valley of Billings Scottish Rite

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Magic City  
Chapter

THE  
ROAD  
BEGINS  
HERE

Happy Fall! The cooler weather is here, and I have really noticed the amazing colors the trees in Billings are showing. Magic City Chapter and Montana DeMolay have just finished the Montana Masonic Youth Convention for 2022. DeMolay and Jobs Daughters again teamed up to hold our annual meetings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center from October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. We performed an initiation ceremony, held some ritual workshops, participated in DeMolay Jeopardy, went Neon Bowling, invested members with the Chevalier Degree and Legion of Honor, and finally, elected and installed our new Montana DeMolay State Officers. While the Jobies, performed a Majority Ceremony, held ritual, performing arts, and arts and crafts competitions, and elected a new Miss Montana and Jr. Miss Montana Jobs Daughters for the next year.

Looking forward, we are on the doorstep of the Holiday season and no matter how you celebrate or what your family's traditions are, it is known as the season of giving and I would like to encourage everyone to do something totally out of selflessness and based on giving without recognition, a random act of human kindness. Sometimes it could take some to plan so start thinking now.

The opportunities to make someone's life better during the Holidays are endless. For many it's the hardest time of the year, depression skyrockets in our society. For example, it has been reported that over 60% of Nursing Home residents did not receive a single visitor during November and December last year. Not saying everyone should head to the nearest nursing home but small things can and do make big differences. Senior DeMolay John Wayne once said, "If tomorrow we all get out of bed and say this is my Country and I'm going to do good for it, we'll make the greatest step forward since the Pilgrims foot found Plymouth rock." Society is waiting for you to guide it down the right path and our Masonic Fraternity is the perfect avenue to do just that.

**The Road Begins Here.** Now is the time to bring your son, grandson, nephew, stepson, or neighbor kid into an organization like this. The road to bigger dreams begins with DeMolay. The road to brotherhood begins with DeMolay. The road to success begins with DeMolay.

There is something for everyone in DeMolay. They will find their place here. It is a safe, fun, learning experience and we are looking for them. If you have someone in mind, please let me know at [dan.massey@mtdemolay.org](mailto:dan.massey@mtdemolay.org) or 402-681-7763.

Thanks,  
Dan Massey

### **November Message from our S.G.I.G. (continued from page 3) –**

The three RiteCare programs in the Orient of Montana are primarily funded by the efforts of the sponsoring Valley with annual help from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Montana and the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction. Normally, fund raising for our charitable causes comes from annual events, such as dinners, pie auctions, and golf tournaments. These are good but they put a strain on the local community. Another source of income can be planned gifts through means such as will bequests, charitable annuities, trusts with charitable remainder, IRA distributions, and life insurance transfers.

Good gift planning can help a person make meaningful gifts to cherished philanthropies and reduce personal tax liability. Here are resources and contact information for giving to the Scottish Rite Foundation and all Supreme Council philanthropies and free suggestions for estate planning:

- 1) Office of Development, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, toll free at (866) 448-3773 or (8660) 748-3227.
- 2) Free will provided in cooperation with Scottish Rite Foundation helps prepare draft of will. Go to <http://www.freewill.com/scottishrite>.

After listening to presentations at the Conference on the importance of treating speech impediments for restoring self-confidence in the patient, I believe the finest legacy I can leave to Scottish Rite's RiteCare is a planned gift. A proper planned gift can help fund any combination of a Valley's RiteCare program, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Montana and the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, all of which are providing children with communication challenges. Please consider making a gift that keeps on giving.

For questions on RiteCare or opportunities for financial support for it, please give me a call, text or email at (406) 431-5236 or [orientofmontana@gmail.com](mailto:orientofmontana@gmail.com).





## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **365 CLUB**

Marc Sewell

Leroy Summers

Ronny & Mary Beth Aasterud

Cornelius Hodges #320 OES

### **LANGUAGE CLINIC OPERATIONS**

None

### **Building Fund/Association**

None

### **TRANSPORTATION VAN**

Clinton Frank in Memoriam (Judy Frank)

Karen Ellingson

Rebekah Donaldson

### **IN MEMORIAM**

None

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## **Member Meeting Attire-Business**



## **DINNER**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION WITH THE SECRETARY (**259-6683 NLT 10/31/22 @ 11:00 a.m.**), OR REQUEST THE SECRETARY ADD YOU TO THE CALL LIST. THOSE ON THE CALL LIST WILL RECEIVE A REMINDER CALL 2-3 DAYS BEFORE STATED DINNER.

## **MEAL MENU BY Cody**

### **Main Dish and Sides (choice) - \$15.00**

#### **Relish Tray**

Salad (w/Creamy Maple Vinaigrette)

1. Herb Turkey Roulade with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and buttered green beans or
2. Vegetarian sub Roasted Herb Cauliflower Steak

## **DESSERT**

Orange cranberry sheet cake with cream cheese frosting

## Billings Scottish Rite Bodies

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### **Lodge of Perfection**

**Venerable Master**  
Bob Donaldson, 32°

### **Chapter Rose Croix**

**Wise Master**  
Nate Frickel 32°

### **Council Knights Kadosh**

**Commander**  
Gerald Giebink, 32°

**Consistory**  
**Master of Kadosh**  
Jeffrey Dresch, 33°



## *Upcoming Events*



### **MEETINGS**

<b>Coffee Klatch</b>	Every Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.
<b>Exec. Board Mtg.</b>	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 6:00 p.m. Conference Room
<b>Stated Dinner</b>	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 6:30 p.m. Dining Hall
<b>Stated Meeting</b>	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 :30 p.m. Lodge Room- <b>Annual Election of Officers</b>

**Make sure to mark your Calendar for Dec.7<sup>th</sup> for  
the Annual Cookie Jar Fundraiser for RiteCare!**