

THE BILLBOARD

SEPTEMBER 2014

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

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To The Celestial Lodge:

None Known

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



At our last dinner Bob Snow made Seafood Buffet. Now everyone knows that I don't like seafood, so why am I telling you how good it was? Because he also made

scalloped potatoes with ham and all kinds of side dishes. I have never seen so much good food. We are getting a very good turnout for our dinners this summer. I know that next meeting we should fill the tables.

Next meeting is back to coat and ties, so let's look our best and have a great dinner and meeting. The programs have been excellent all summer and I'm looking forward to next month's program. I know that our programs are important and I'm glad that our officers take such pride in selecting our programs.

On that same note **I want to complement all of our young members who took charge of the picnic this year.** You should be proud of yourselves on making our picnic a huge success. I'm thinking that if these young men can pull off that kind of event and not have a glitch, we need to make sure we take care of them and always give them the respect that they deserve. **Thank you for a job well done!**

I want to let everyone know that our monthly membership breakfast get-together has been moved again. It will

be at the Western Empire Emporium at 32nd and King. Everyone is invited and if you enjoy great conversation and a few laughs with your brothers, you might enjoy coming. *These breakfasts are on the 2nd Saturday of each month and start at 7:30 AM.*

The last thing that I want to mention is the Language Clinic Banquet coming up in October. Bill Lewis has worked hard to make this a success and he would really appreciate any help he could get from us on larger auction items and on selling tickets to the dinner. Give him a call and tell him you will help and I know you will feel good that you have helped a child to be able to speak.

Bob Hanson
Personal Representative

If you need a petition, you can download it from our web site at **www.billingsscottishrite.com**.

Still looking for a Handyman for our building. It is not hard work, just things do not fix themselves. Contact Michael in the Office.



Message from The Venerable Master



Welcome to the fall and the start up of another Masonic year. I know many of the Masonic

groups in the area have been having their installations and are getting geared up to start things off in September. Here in the Billings Valley we never go dark so things have continued along. I hope everyone has had a great summer and is ready for the fall stretch with the Rite. Just a reminder that starting with the September meeting we are back to tie and jacket for the meetings. Do to an unforeseen conflict with the Beartooth District meeting and opening day of hunting season **the Fall Reunion has been moved to November 7th and 8th.** We have a petition and are expecting more, so let us get as many candidates as possible and so degree teams start practicing.

This last week myself and Brother Lewie Fletcher had the honor of competing as part of the Scottish Rite Tough Mudder team at the Tough Mudder in Lake Tahoe. It was a fun filled week which included some serious Masonic Education with Arturo de Hoyas, Stan Dodd, and Dean Albin all from the House of the Temple in Washington DC. These brothers brought some great insight into some future projects and events coming out of the House of the Temple as well as interesting Masonic Education. These illustrious brothers then joined the team as spectators and as a cheer squad while we took on the course at the North Star Ski Resort. The course was about 11 miles long with about 20 obstacles of varying difficulty, starting before

the actual course start. Our team of 14 took the mountain in matching Scottish Rite shirts proudly displaying the double eagle on the back as well as the square and compasses on the front. We gained recognition from the Tough Mudder staff right off the bat with the teamwork displayed in getting over the first wall and into the start pen. The course involved an elevation gain of approximately 1500 feet, which we took twice, one sort of easy climb and one straight up the mountain. The course threw steep assents, steep descents, high walls, mud, ice, and water at us; but the



team prevailed. We started as a team and we ended as a team. There was a professional sports film crew following us the whole route as well as a camera drone for the first part of the course. This video will be used by the House of the Temple to promote the Scottish Rite in many different forms and venues. Anyone wishing to see still pictures of the team and the course can log onto Facebook and search for Scottish Rite Tough Mudders. I know myself and Lewie are in some of the shots and there is a great display of teamwork, I will have video later taken by a brother out of San Diego on his go pro style camera, which includes me eating mud on the last obstacle.

One of the topics discussed in our education sections was the WSB club. Named after wisdom, strength, and beauty from the Blue Lodge it is a new group formed to fund the development of new programs and tools to enhance education, communications, and information for the Scottish Rite; it is basically a booster club for the Rite. The group helps fund many Masonry



LODGE OF PERFECTION

ELECTED OFFICERS

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| VM | Chris W. Rubich, 32° KCCH |
| Senior Warden | Jason M. Smith, 32° |
| Junior Warden | Lewie C. Fletcher, 32° KCCH |
| Orator | Thomas V. Hornung, 32° KCCH |
| Almoner | David B. Bergeson, 33° |

APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Treasurer | David L. Armstrong, 33° |
| Secretary | Michael J. Welton, 32° |
| Prelate | Ronny Aasterud, 32° |
| MC | Sean McDuffee, 32° |
| Expert | Lindy Graves, 32° |
| Assistant Expert | Charles Rubich, 32° |
| Capt. of the Host | Nicholas A. Degel IV, 32° |
| Tyler | Jason Koehn, 32° |
| Organist | John O. Baber, 32° KCCH |

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

ELECTED OFFICERS

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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Wise Master | Jeffrey J. Dresch, 32° KCCH |
| Senior Warden | Stephan A. Bradley, 32° |
| Junior Warden | Mark T. Olsen, 32° |
| Orator | |

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

ELECTED OFFICERS

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Commander | Michael J. Welton, 32° |
| 1 st Lt. Commander | Daniel E. Massey, 32° |
| 2 nd Lt. Commander | Ronny C. Aasterud, 32° |
| Orator | Sean McDuffee, 32° |

CONSISTORY

ELECTED OFFICERS

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Master of Kadosh | David B. Bergeson, 33° |
| Prior | John P. Wilson, Sr., 32° |
| Preceptor | Daniel E. Massey, 32° |
| Minister of State | |

promoting events including some help with Scottish Rite Tough Mudders. The annual donation is minimal and it can help promote the Rite in a positive light. Information can be obtained from www.scottishrite.org.

Have a great summer and see you September 3rd.

CHRIS

THE RITE CORNER



“Mary Poppins or Mr. Banks?”

David L. Nielsen, 33°
Deputy in Montana

I hope everyone's summer has been enjoyable and relaxing. Just as the day is divided into parts whereby we have time for rest and relaxation, so the year should have time reserved for relaxing and recharging our energies.

As part of my relaxation our family recently attended a local production of “Mary Poppins.” In addition to fun music, there is a message in this musical that we might learn lessons for healthy life. One of the main characters is Mr. Banks, who is a highly regimented banker very focused on profits and assets when approving loans. Through a set of unfortunate circumstances, Mr. Banks learns that there is more to life than balance sheets and net worth. He declares that people are an important consideration in his life's choices and decisions.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we must remember that we are in the “people” business. In reviewing the almoners' reports of this last year, I was pleased to see that the almoners generally are using the money for the purposes for which it was collected—to provide aid to the disadvantaged and needy people. The last thing the almoner's fund should be is just an opportunity to amass wealth through portfolios. I was even more proud of the Valleys for their tireless and ongoing support of the three Speech and Language Clinics that we have in the Orient of Montana. So keep on generously giving to help people in their time of need.

The Helena Valley has agreed to take on the task of organizing an All-Masonic Picnic at the Masonic Home. The picnic is on Sunday, September 7th, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Home located north of Helena. This event is a resumption of the long tradition of hosting such a fun gathering and of course all Masons and members of other Masonic-related organizations are invited to this event and encouraged to attend. Please put this on your calendar and join with the Helena Masons putting this event on.

I look forward to seeing you at your events after our summer break.

Take care.

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**2014—88 Members Past Due
This equals \$11,216**

ARE YOU PAST DUE

**2015 Cards are now
in the Office**

Send in your Membership fees
or go online.



MIC'S PICKS

**Does your next of
Kin know your
Masonic requests?**

- Masonic funeral – yes or no
- Location of your Lambskin?
- Written list of Masonic Bodies you are affiliated with to include phone numbers.
- Educate your Executor on what Masonic items are and where they are.
- Have you prearranged your funeral? This is cost effective and helps your remaining relatives when your time has come.
- If you are a collector have you designated whom should get your collections?
- Do you have a will and a living will?

Take the time now for we do not know when our time will come, but as we all know it comes to us all. Help your family and fellow Masons to give proper handling of your belongs and to give you a proper Masonic Service.

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO PREPARE**

2014 PICNIC REPORT



Great turn out. The hall was overflowing several times, which some said it was the best Picnic in many years. No one was counting, but there may have been around 200 people passing thru.



Food was outstanding with Smoked slow cooked brisket by Jason Smith, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, with Watermelon, Potato salad, baked beans, chips, and finishing with Wilcoxson's ice cream cups. Oh yea we had ice tea, pop, and coffee.



Donations (\$456) went to support our courtesy VAN. Thank You.



Al Bedoo had the train that was enjoyed by all ages.



It was a casual day where Brothers could converse on many subjects or just tell stories of "Well I remember when" :) \

There was an excellent cross-section of ages that allowed anyone to talk with someone of their own age.



This picnic was coordinated by the Billings Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew with the assistance of our Senior Warden. Jason Smith started on the Brisket the night before using his own smoker. Boy that was good stuff. Thanks Jason. Then it was freshly sliced in the kitchen by Michael our Secretary. Many people stepped up during the

meal to assist with food running and monitoring the line to make sure food and drinks were available. Knights of St. Andrew consists of Ronny Aasterud, Jason Smith, Chris Rubich, Michael Welton, Sean McDuffee, Adam Johnson. Thanks goes to the families of Jason Smith, Ronny Aasterud, and Adam Johnson who filled in helping as needed. Others may have also helped, so to those that I may have missed "Thank You".

No one enjoys the cleanup after math yet we had Bob Hanson who stayed until the last dish, table, and kitchen was fully cleaned. It was almost 3 PM by the time we locked up and went home.

Next year is another challenge to do as good. This one will be hard to beat, but we will try.

You can assist with next year by attending. Black Hats are encouraged to join the Knight of St. Andrew. If you have suggestions give them in writing to the Secretary.

Until Next Year, be safe, enjoy life and attend your Lodge.





SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

As the summer progresses the time for our fund raising banquet gets closer. The **Banquet is Saturday, October 18**, at the Big Horn Inn. The *Pumpkin Patch Party* is Friday, October 17, at

the Al Bedoo Shrine. Banquet tickets are available now at \$50.00 each. **We need sponsors and donations for live and silent auctions.** A beef has been donated as a live auction item and may be sold in quarters due to cost and freezer space. **An animal of this size sells for more than \$2,000.00 at today's prices** and we are very grateful for this wonderful donation.

We need volunteers to help with various tasks regarding this fund raiser.

Please contact us if you have items to donate or any financial donations. The more funds we receive the more children we can help. Contact Bill Lewis at 698-6479, Language Clinic Fund Raising Chairman.

Hail Damage Repair Project
Contractor COST: \$27,317
Building Funds Avail: **-\$8,222.83**
Association Loan to Building



The remaining \$8,233.35 will be received upon completion of ALL the work. The main building and the garage shingles have been replaced and looks great. We are still waiting on the siding for the West side of the Garage. Once complete we can file for the remaining funds.

A few donations have been received, which does help. We still owe funds to replace our investments. It does cost a lot to maintain our facilities. Hope to hear from more of our Bothers.

Thank you to those who have already Donated.

"Koffee Klatch"

Every Thursday

7:30 AM to 9 AM

Just a \$1.00

Money goes to

Library



Masonic Riddles

Ballot

Q. What is it called if a Lodge ballot returns two black balls?

A. Electile dysfunction.

Boaz

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he was married?

A. Ruthless.

Brewery

Q. What time was it when the Lodge visited the brewery?

A. High time.



The Knights of St. Andrew
3rd Wednesday 6 PM at the Rite.

\$20 for Life Membership.

20 August the 13th Degree was not reviewed due to everyone working or other events. Sean will present it at our next get together.

Next meeting is 17 Sept at 6 PM
and Sean McDuffee will present
the 13th Degree.

All Black Hats are encouraged to join. This is a gathering of Brothers, not a rigid course of instruction. We just want to gather for fellowship and exchange of applied knowledge.

**Learning and Service
to the Rite is our goal.**



Magic City Chapter continues to trot along throughout the summer. We held elections for the ensuing year. Brother Cole Obrist-Peabody was re-elected Master Councilor. Brother Stephen Rea was elected Senior Councilor and Brother Aarron Lakko was elected Junior Councilor. These young men are already working on events for the next year. They have a scheduled a camping trip before school starts to really get the planning efforts going.

We are already starting to get ready for the first Montana Masonic Youth Convention for Montana Job's Daughters and DeMolay. We are starting Ritual practices this week. The event appears to be shaping up nicely, if I do say so myself. It should, I am on the planning committee.

Magic City Chapter Order of DeMolay

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| Master Councilor | - Cole Obrist-Peabody |
| Senior Councilor | - Stephen Rea |
| Junior Councilor | - Madison Dickey |
| Senior Deacon | - Conner Dove |
| Junior Deacon | - Izaiah Long |
| Senior Steward | - Zakkary Winch |
| Junior Steward | - Paul Alvarez |
| Chaplain/Marshal | - Aydin Abel |
| Chapter Advisor, | |
| Brother Dan Massey, 32° . (406) 206-0337 | |

Over the past few weeks, I have come to despise reading the news. The good news stories are being far out-weighted by the bad. But at the same time, I still see actions which restore my faith in humanity. The lesson that I have learned is that we are all going to be confronted with trials, but the true measure of a person is how they choose to react in the face of those trials. A hero is made in the moment by the choices that they make and the reasons that they make them. A hero brings out the best in people. Imagine these lesson combined with the teachings of love for parents, love for God, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism.

AMBASSADOR Corner



Symbolic Lodge Course

Open to ALL without requiring the completion of the MC I/II. **That is right,** you do not need to be a member of the Scottish Rite or even a Mason to complete this course. Any person desiring Light in Masonry can take this course of enlightenment. Master Masons will fully understand it and **I highly recommend it for all Masters and Wardens.**

A PDF file containing the relevant pages from the SR Ritual Monitor and Guide will be sent to those that purchase the course.

This course is available from Su-

preme Council via the store at scottishrite.org and go to the store. Cost is \$60 and includes the book.

I have completed all the Master Craftsman courses and this course in my opinion is highly recommend for any Brother desiring more light, more especially those who are or will be a Worden or Master of his Lodge. It is very interesting and eye opening on the Symbolism of the Blue Lodge.

You will receive a lesson to be completed and mailed in. Once graded the next lesson will be sent to you.

It will be time well spent. If anyone wants to talk about it call me.

FYI you could do the course as a group at your Lodge also.

Michael J. Welton
Billings Scottish Rite Secretary



I guess you could say that a young man in DeMolay is trying to find his place in a world filled with doubt and uncertainty, hoping to be the light that spreads the lessons he has learned to others, and making a difference in someone's life.

Thanks,

Dan Massey

Chapter Dad

Help us find young men for our membership and young at heart adults to be advisors.





CONTRIBUTIONS

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO SCOTTISH RITE PROGRAMS

Scottish Rite Language Clinic

In Memory of Edna Hein

Clarence Hein

Banquet Sponsor Donation

Willie McMullen

In Honor of Lorrain Marsh—Hat Show

Billings Yellowstone Kiwanis

Billings Golden K. Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Billings Heights

Language Clinic Endowment Fund

In Memory of Sandy Rubich.

Transportation Van

In Memory Esther Bowers

Pat Ostwalt

John & Dorothy Ostwalt

Building/Kitchen Fund Raiser

In Memory of Cleveland Reitz

Charles & Joyce Peterson

Willie McMullen

LeRoy Summers

Ron Himmelspach

To Wounded Warrior Project/Tough Mudder

\$81 — 50-50 draw from Dinner 06 Aug

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

Velvet Chicken Corn Chowder

Relishes

Beef Salisbury Steak

Baked Potato with Sour Cream

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Vanilla Ice Cream with
Chocolate Topping

Coffee and Hot Tea

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**BUILDING
REPAIR
MANAGER**

**DEGREE
TEAMS**

STAGE CREW

**ONE
AMBASADOR
FOR EACH
BLUE LODGE**
*Contact the
SECRETARY*

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
259-6683**

**MAKE OR CANCEL
By MONDAY AT 10:30 AM
before Dinner**

*WE HAVE TO PAY
FOR ALL RESERVATIONS*

**YOU MAKE
THANK YOU**



As some of you know our second Saturday Breakfast Group has been tying out several different locations. We are having a hard time in locating a good replacement for JB's.

Our next **Breakfast** will be **13 September** at the **Western Europium** located on King Ave West.

We meet at 7:30 AM

Right now we are down to 8-12 members, but would like to have a lot more. No reservations, just show up.

**MEAL PRICE NOW
\$11.00
NO SHOWS WILL
BE BILLED**

If not Cancelled by 10 AM

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Need to Know Information



Lodge of Perfection

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Chris Rubich

Chapter of Rose Croix

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Jeffery J. Dresch 32°KCCH

Council of Kadosh

Commander

Michael J. Welton, 32°

Consistory

Master of Kadosh

David B. Bergeson 33°

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Times: 6:00 PM Executive Meeting
6:30 PM Meal
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program
7:30 AM Monthly Breakfast

03 Sept Stated Meeting—Ladies Welcome

Prog: Tough Mudder Report by the
Tough Mudder Brothers Chris and Lewie

13 Sept Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

17 Sept Knights of St Andrew 14th Degree

01 Oct Stated meeting—Ladies Welcome
Prog: Billings Chief of Police

15 Oct Knights of St Andrew 14th Degree

17 Oct Pumpkins for Kids at the Shrine

18 Oct Clinic Fundraiser Banquet

7th/8th Nov **178th Fall 2014 Reunion**



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