
THE BILLBOARD

OCTOBER 2017

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

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To The Celestial Lodge:

Miklos Skrapits
1941-2017

Christian M. Sorensen
1959-2017

Ronald A. Hartung
1942-2017

William R. Davis
1940-2017

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



The meeting last month was one of the largest turnouts for a dinner and meeting. I am sure Bob Snow has something to do with this trend. What a delicious dinner he made for us. I am sure glad that the DeMolay boys are serving the meals, they are well trained and very courteous. The only thing missing was Karen playing the piano for us. I hope that we can see her at our next dinner.

Bob Hanson
Personal Representative

TC Chapman has taken over as our new secretary and I think that he will do a great job. The hours for the office will stay as they were for now, but TC might make some changes after he gets settled in. With all that has changed in the office I think that everyone should stop by and say hi, and make TC feel welcome. Michael has made the transition to the new secretary as easy as possible. Thank you, Michael, for all that you do.

Our dinner and meeting October 4th is the Feast of Tishri and I'm expecting a large turnout for this dinner. There will be a great program that is always interesting. Be sure to get your reservations in and make it a night to remember with your friends at Scottish rite. Honourmen will be in tux for this dinner.

The last thing I have this month is to let everyone know that there will be a Masonic college on the 9th of December here at the Scottish rite building. It starts at 10:00 am. I will have more info on this as it gets closer to the date.

Due to cost of supplies and labor the cost for our meals must increase.

On 01 October 2017

**Meal Price will be
\$12.00**

**Membership Status
Check your card Not 2017**

**You are PAST DUE:
49 MEMBERS**

LETS GET TO ZERO

Message from The Venerable Master



(Billings SR History Part two)

The Shrine property was subsequently sold to the Billings Masonic Temple for \$244,000. The

Scottish Rite, while they were not going to meet in the new Billings Masonic Center, voted to assist in financing the building by waiving the purchase price. This was huge step in attaining the goal of making the Billings Masonic Center "Debt Free in 93".

Following the building dedication in 1985 many improvements were made including but not limited to: building a stage, increasing the size of the library, building a garage, repainting the exterior, closing windows in the lodge room, installing a sprinkler system, repairing the roof, building space for an elevator, and increasing the size of the library again. Two members with extraordinary talents, Verlon Cox, 33°, and John E. Jones, 32°, designed and built the beautiful officer chairs, pedestals, and an Altar for the lodge room.

Over the years volunteerism has sustained the building and programs of the Billings Valley and called attention to the good works of the Rite in the community. In 1993 as a result of the efforts of Will Alexander and Richard E Buelke, 32°, valley recorder, a van was purchased for the purpose of providing transportation for patients to and from their appointments at the Northern Rockies Cancer Center. Since its inception scheduling has been handled by Brother Clint Frank, 33°. The fifth van was recently purchased. The van now serves the recently constructed Frontier Cancer Center at Grand Avenue and 30th Street West.

The Shoes for Kids program was begun in 1993 following a bequest

of \$512,000 by the late Brother Clarence E. Sportsman, 33°. The program is self-sustaining as only the interest from the bequest may be used to purchase shoes. Twice a year needy children from Billings and surrounding communities are provided free shoes courtesy of the Billings Scottish Rite.

Another major gift from the estate of Eugene F. Herman, 33°, of nearly \$450,000 is being used for the development and operation of the Children's Language Clinic. The program has evolved over the years from a clinic in the Scottish Rite Temple to the sponsorship funding for more than forty children receiving speech and language therapy from five independent clinics within the Billings area. Funds are also provided for parent training that allows the parents to help their children at home. Each year the Lodge has one major and several smaller fund raising events to sustain the program.

The Billings Masonic Library was established in 1986 under the direction of the late Brother Harold Davidson, 33°, a retired college librarian. He created a unique classification system for the over 2000 Masonic books held therein. Brother Harold also served as librarian for the Philalethes Society and was named one of 30 Fellows among the 6000 members of the Society. The library also serves as a repository for donated memorabilia and is the premier Masonic library in Montana.

Most recently the exterior of the building has again been repainted, handicap chair lifts have been installed on three stairways, new flooring has been installed in the dining room, acoustic tiles and a curtain are in place in the dining room, all of the lights inside the building have been switched over to L.E.D.s, the roof has been re-shingled, the entryway has been remodeled, and a new patient courtesy van has been purchased.

Over the years countless members of the Billings Valley have served the Lodge, the community, the state, and the nation with selfless dedication. All

members of the Billings Valley, past and present, are to be thanked and congratulated for what they have done for others in their service to Masonry and to fellowship in all areas of life.

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Fraternally Yours

Thomas Hornung, 32° KCCH



Officer list for 2017 LODGE OF PERFECTION

Elect

VM	Thomas Hornung, 32° KCCH
SW	Ronny Aasterud, 32°
JW	Sean Mc Duffie, 32°
Orator	Peter Boothroyd, 32°
Assistant	David Bergeson, 33°
Secretary	Michael Walton, 32° KCCH
Treasurer	David Armstrong, 33°

Appointed

Prefate	Dan Massey, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Erik Zelenksi, 32°
Expert	Bob Hanson, 33°
Asst. Expert	Wayne Butler, 32°
Captain of the Host	Nicholas Deppi IV, 32°
Tyler	John J. Hoggdahl, 32°
Organist	John Haber, 31°

ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	Wallace Hall, 32°
SW	David Schwartz, 32°
JW	Bob Swenson, 32°
Orator	TC Chatman, 32°

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Pete Boothroyd, 32°
1 st Lt. Commander	David Schwartz, 32°
2 nd Lt. Commander	Erik Zelenksi, 32°
Orator	TC Chatman, 32°

CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh	Wayne Butler, 32°
Prior	Bob Hanson, 33°
Preceptor	Bobby W. Snyder, 32°
Minister of State	Dan Massey, 32°

THE RITE CORNER



THE RITE CORNER "Your Ashlar"

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

In August the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, A&ASR, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, was held in Washington, D.C. I was honored to attend with Brothers Bill Murphy (Billings Valley) and his wife Patty, Kim Bowman (Western Montana Valley) and Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Anderson and his wife Marion. It is during this biennial year that nominated brothers are elected to receive either the honor of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) or Honorary Inspector General (33°). The Orient of Montana had six nominees for the 33° and sixteen nominees for the KCCH, all of whom were approved by the Supreme Council for conferral of an honor. Brothers Murphy and Bowman received their 33° honor while at the Biennial Session.

The investiture ceremony for the 33° for the Orient of Montana will be held on October 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Consistory-Shrine Temple, 15 North Jackson, in Helena. Only active 33° Scottish Rite brothers may attend. The ceremony for the conferral of the KCCH will be held later at 2:00 p.m. at the same place. The KCCH ceremony is open to the public and I especially invite those brothers who have already received their respective honors to attend and join with the recipient brothers from the rest of the Orient. The new Honourmen will receive their patent, a Biennial Session coin and a free lunch for them and their guest at the October 14th event.

The Biennial Session coin this year has a three-dimensional rough ashlar on one face and a perfect ashlar on the opposite face. Even when the coin is carried in a pant pocket, one can feel the difference between the rough and the smooth ashlar. As Masons we were taught that we entered Masonry as rough ashlar and through receiving and practicing the lessons of Masonry, we were able to smooth the face and corners of that rough stone to become a perfect ashlar. However, to paraphrase

Grand Commander Ronnie Seale, sometimes through our inconsiderate acts toward others the edges of our otherwise perfect ashlar can become rough. The coin is a reminder that regardless of our station in Masonry and regardless of the color of our Scottish Rite cap, from time to time we need to remind ourselves to guard against ill spoken words and harmful actions against others that will make our ashlar rough around the edges. The carrying of this coin serves as a reminder, merely upon the touch, that we can have rough edges and surfaces upon our ashlar. We should, therefore, be respectful in our relationships with our brothers, our family, and just as importantly with all people whom we may meet—the clerk in the store, the other driver, and the homeless person on the street—if we want to maintain the smoothness of the perfect ashlar. In short, do no harm but do good.



MIC'S PICKS Over Commitment

We must remember the twenty four inch gauge and it uses. Many a new Mason jump right onto the fast moving train of Masonic affiliated groups and go charging down the road. Shortly there after his powder is spent or he is just overwhelmed with what has been happening over the last couple of year he goes into hiding. During this time he is spread so thin that every group his is affiliated with starts to wonder what happened to the man we once knew.

To me it is simple upon becoming a Mason take at least six month or a year before you join any affiliated group. Next look at your calendar for your commitments. Does it have the proper time for your family. Oder of attention: God, Country, Family, Job and then the Masonic orders. Do not get burnt out and forget what is important.

Do not join every group you can for no one can be everything to everyone.

General Info



FALL SHOE FITTING

Our first shoe fitting
October 7th.

And the 2nd fitting
October 21st.
Both fittings
08:00 to 11:30 AM

Would like to welcome as many of our Brothers as possible to attend in this awesome experience of filling the needs to those children from K-12 grades. Experience the spontaneous happy reaction and the radiant smiles walking out of our building in a new pair of shoes.

It will be coffee, milk and donuts downstairs for the volunteers.

Give me a call @ 406 860 9478 so I know how many who can attend on which date.

Thank you, Brothers.

Ronny Aasterud



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 not posted there so please let us know of any events you would like to include. Corrections are also welcome.

Please go to: <http://www.montanafreemasons.org/>
Scroll down to middle of page and click on "Scheduled Events Calendar"

Notable upcoming events listed on calendar:

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

06-07 October Al Bedoo Shrine Ceremonial

15 October—Corinthian Lodge Breakfast

Thank you for your participation!
Fraternally yours,

David Schantz - davidschantz@grandlodgemonntana.org,
Pete Boothroyd - petervincentboothroyd@gmail.com

MASONIC COLLEGE By Montana Grand Lodge

09 December
10:00 AM

At the Billings Scottish Rite

NOVEMBER IS COOKIE JARS





SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

www.ritecarebillings.org

The clinic is preparing for its annual fund raising drive.

• **The Banquet is Sat. , Oct.14th**
• **at the Al Bedoo Shrine.**

- The **tickets will be on sale for \$60 each.**
- Meal choice is Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Silent Auction starts at 5:00 PM
- Also will need volunteers to help setup for the banquet.
- The Pumpkin Patch Party will be Fri, October 13th at the Shrine and will need volunteers to help that evening.

We depend on this fund raiser for the majority of income. Please support us in this effort to help more children by buying tickets, purchase a table or a tax deductible donation.

At this time we provide more than 40 sponsorships, but due to funding restraints we may not be able to accept more children. Your efforts help these type of children.

We are the cement that gets that child help.

That is why our fund raising is so important. Please support our cause.

Sincerely
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 Knights of St Andrews Study
Group

"The next meeting of the Knights of St Andrews Study Group will be held on **Friday December 1st** at 5pm in the Scottish Rite building.

Brother Nathan Frickel will present his interpretation of the 22nd degree.

Brother Pete



Magic City Chapter

Magic City Chapter - Order of DeMolay

Come support your DeMolay

We kicked off our DeMolay Year with our Installation of Officers early in September. We had a good showing and a fine meal of Blues BBQ. **Brother Aarron Lakko was installed as Master Councilor** and the other members were installed into their various positions for the year. He has begun to lay out an exciting year. Our next event is to go hit the mini golf course and see if we are any good with a putter. Highly doubtful. Then it's on to helping at the Billings Food Bank, or for some, a quick trip to Colorado Springs for the Region 7 Conference, then the Pumpkins for Kids night and the Scottish Rite Language Clinic Dinner. Finally, we will finish October out with our 4th Annual Masonic Youth Convention here in Billings at the Radisson Hotel on Oct 20-21. Please feel free to drop by and see how things are going with your Montana Job's Daughters and Montana DeMolay.

Recently I read an article about Human Centered Design Innovation. It really spoke to me about how it related to the Masonic Fraternity and especially DeMolay. Basically, it speaks to everything from your phone to store displays have been designed, based on needs, goals and target markets. But, I don't think our fraternal group use this concept much. We have stopped looking at the needs of the members and goals of the organization to target certain markets. We are happy to go with what worked and skip the new things. Years of idea incubation, creation, collaboration and visualization have brought us to where we are today. That's a lot of successful progress, which would not have happened if somebody didn't ask why and try something new for the sake of innovation. This is where Human Centered Design comes into play in regards to what we do as members, who want to see it succeed...

Any group can go in two ways.

- 1) Continue to build upon the established and accept what has been given to you. Do it because "it's the way it always should be."
- 2) Ask why, what the needs and goals are and where will we be in the future.

4 Step List of Human Centered Design Innovation

Determine the needs & goals of your targeted market and members of tomorrow.

Share ideas and collaborate. Nothing can be solved by a single person, so collaboration is key in innovative success to determine different idea perspectives.

Visualize your ideas. Visualizing helps to understanding problems, communicate innovative ideas and identify new opportunities. Think of lots of ideas. Some too crazy to work and some too crazy to try. Hold on to the good and toss out the bad, but the main concept is to develop new ideas that haven't been thought of before.

Interact with your idea. Try your ideas and test them to see what works and what doesn't. That might mean getting together with some members and mock up a new style or get feedback on a plan.

With these steps, the organizations can and will grow beyond what they currently are.

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,

DAD Dan Massey
Magic City Chapter



CONTRIBUTIONS

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO SCOTTISH RITE PROGRAMS

Included with Membership Fees
None

365 Club
None

Language Clinic Operations
None

Language Clinic Endowment Fund
None

Transportation Van Donation

Christie C. Jones

In memory of Harold Iverson
Clint & Judy Frank

Grand Chapter of Montana
Order of Eastern Star

In Memory of Martha Iverson
Clint and Judy Frank

In honor of Kris Vincent
Gary & Sandra Vincent

MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING \$12.00

**Main Choice – Grilled Beef
Kabob**

**Alt Choice - Seafood Kabob
Halibut & Shrimp**

Tossed Salad w/ Italian Dressing

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

, Rhubarb Cake with Whipped
Cream

Coffee or Hot Tea.
Rolls & Butter

Hot tea/coffee or iced tea

**Normal Attire
Jacket and Tie**



**Breakfast
2nd Saturday
7:30 AM**

Western Emporium
On King Ave West
Get up and come on
down and have a bite
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.**

Volunteer Recognition Night

The Valley of Billings
Scottish Rite would like
to thank the following
volunteers for their ser-
vice to the community.

VAN DRIVERS

CLINIC BOARD

SHOES PROGRAM

BUILDING MAINT

LIBRARIAN

The Valley will cover
the cost of this meal.
Individual members
will be contacted so we
can get a head count.

Billings Scottish Rite Bodies

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Need to Know Information



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AT THE RITE

Times: 6:30 PM Meal
7:30 PM Stated Meeting/Program
7:30 AM Monthly Breakfast (2nd Sat)

04 Oct Stated Meeting

13 Oct Pumpkin Patch

14 Oct Breakfast @ Western Emporium

14 Oct Pumpkin Banquet Fund Raiser

01 Nov Stated Meeting

07 Nov Clinic Board Meeting
@ Dos Machos



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

Lodge of Perfection

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Wise Master

Wallace Hall, 32°

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