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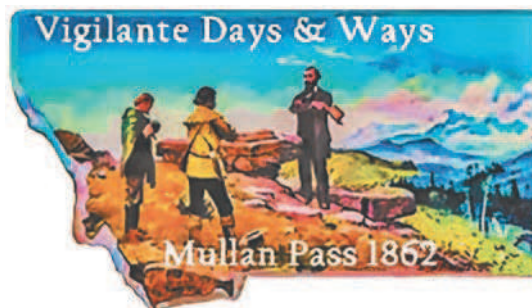
#### About The Cover

The cover features the Jewel of a Past Master, created out of Montana silver. It was presented to Paris S. Pfouts by the members of Virginia City Lodge No. 48, which was then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Virginia City No 1 was assigned to the lodge after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Montana in 1866. Brother Pfouts was a key player in the formation of Virginia City Lodge No 43 and then served as the first Master of Virginia City Lodge No 1. He also served as the first Mayor of Virginia City and the first President of the Montana Vigilantes of Montana. He was appointed to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Montana in the same year. Brother Pfouts was elected the First Master of Denver Lodge No 5, Colorado on December 11, 1861 before he arrived in Montana.

## EDITOR NOTES



Reid Gardiner  
Editor



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## The 158th Annual Communication



The Thursday before the annual communication, the Montana Masonic Foundation hosted a barbecue.

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I declare, that's a jolly splendid tale, my good friend.





MWGM David Schantz with W. Bro. Don Cosh (NE), part of the Long Pine Lodge No. 136 (NE) Lodge of Military Tribute Team.



MW Bro. Schantz was among the few Grand Lodge Officers who assisted with the setup and takedown of the barbecue.





## The 158th Annual Communication







MWGM David Schantz escorted into the Annual Communication.



MWGM David Schantz signs the Grand Lodge's Volume of Sacred Law (VSL).





The 158th Annual Communication



MWGM Sam Whitehead taking the Oath of Office and Grand Master of Masons in Montana.





Lodge of Military Tribute



L-R: Lewie Fletcher, PGM-MT; MWGM David Schantz (MT); MWGM John Ferguson (NE); W. Bro. Don Cosh (NE); W Bro. Alvin Benemerito (NE).

## INTRODUCING THE GRAND MASTER OF MONTANA 2024-2025

Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Hugh Whitehead is a healthcare professional, Masonic leader, and devoted family man who embodies a life defined by service and commitment. Brother Sam was born in Great Falls, Montana. He was a graduate of Cascade High School. He graduated from the University of Montana with an RN degree. Brother Sam is employed by the Montana VA Healthcare System at the Fort Harrison VA Medical Center.



Sam's journey in the Masonic Fraternity began in 1995 when he was initiated into the Edward C. Day Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. He was the first Master Councilor of the newly formed William D. Cummings Chapter in Great Falls and served a second term in 2000. Sam was a steadfast DeMolay advisor for more than two decades, guiding and mentoring many young men on their personal growth and development paths. In 2006, DeMolay International selected Brother Whitehead to lead Montana DeMolay as its Executive Officer. As the youngest Executive Officer in its history, he provided exemplary service for 15 years, making his mark on the organization and shaping the lives of numerous members. Brother Sam received the Degree of Chevalier in 1997 and became an Active Legion of Honor member in 2007.

Sam followed in the footsteps of his grandfather Hugh and father Glenn, who were both Past Masters and proud of their family heritage in Freemasonry. Brother Sam received his Masonic degrees at Meridian Lodge No. 105 in Cascade, Montana. He was Initiated on 03/20/1998, Passed on 04/29/1998, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 06/03/1998. Brother Sam was the Worshipful Master of Meridian Lodge No. 105 from 2002 to 2003. He affiliated with Helena No. 3 on 01/03/2011 and served as Worshipful Master for the Masonic year 2014-2015. Brother Sam received the Grand Lodge of Montana's Meritorious Service Medal in 2014 for his outstanding service to Montana DeMolay and Montana Masonry. In 2016, he was recognized for his significant contributions to the expansion and growth of Montana DeMolay, which led to him being recognized as a recipient of the Theodore Thomas Williams Youth Leadership Award.

Sam's commitment to the Masonic fraternity extends beyond the confines of his lodge, as evidenced by his roles as a Grand Lodge Officer and Rocky Mountain District Officer. He was appointed as the Grand Sword Bearer in 2017 by Most Worshipful Grand Master Gerald L. Anderson. He is a proud member of various Masonic Bodies, including the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, Helena Valley Scottish Rite, Algeria Shrine, and the Butte York Rite Bodies.

Sam finds fulfillment in his family life beyond his professional and Masonic pursuits. He married his beloved wife Julie in 2003. Their family has two daughters, a stepson and a daughter. In 2019, their family was made richer by the arrival of a grandson, which was followed by the joyful addition of a granddaughter in 2021.

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### The members of Helena No. 3 who were Grand Masters

Nathaniel Pitt Langford	Helena 3	WM-1867	MW Grand Master-1869	Gr Historian-1866	
Cornelius Hedges	Helena 3	WM-1866	MW Grand Master-1870	Gr Historian-1871	Gr Secretary 1872-1906
A. J. Davidson	Helena 3	WM-1880	MW Grand Master-1882		
Samuel W. Langhorne	Helena 3		MW Grand Master-1884	Affiliated with No. 3 in 1895	
	Gallatin 6	WM-1876			
Cornelius B Nolan	Helena 3	WM-1892	MW Grand Master-1908		
Francis D Jones	Helena 3	WM-1884	MW Grand Master-1917		
John Kain	Helena 3	WM-1915	MW Grand Master-1936		
Morris E Sanford	Helena 3	WM-1953	MW Grand Master-1964	Gr Treasurer- 1973-1994	
Bob Colman	Helena 3		MW Grand Master-2008	Affiliated No. 3 in 2021	
	Loyalty 121	WM-1988			
Samuel H. Whitehead	Helena 3	WM-2014	MW Grand Master-2024	Affiliated No. 3 in 2011	
	Meridian 105	WM-2002			



## GRAND LODGE OF AF&AM OF MONTANA GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2024-2025



*Back row from left to right:* David Dunbar, Grand Tyler; John Hugdahl, Grand Historian; Marty Reiersen, Junior Grand Deacon; Will Enloe, Grand Pursuivant; David Sageser, Grand Marshal; John Heston, Senior Grand Deacon; Brice Ligget, Junior Grand Steward; Ken Bates, Grand Standard Bearer; Earl Nilsen, Grand Chaplain; Mark Bassett, Senior Grand Steward; Dennis DeForest, Grand Sword Bearer; Tom Gocksch, Grand Organist.

*Front row from left to right:* Bruce Lahti, Grand Treasurer; Jason Smith, Deputy Grand Master; Sam Whitehead, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Don Powell, Junior Grand Warden; Wade Riden, Senior Grand Warden; Daniel Gardiner, Grand Secretary.





## LODGE OF MILITARY TRIBUTE AT GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA

June 28, 2024. Long Pine Lodge No. 136 was invited by the Grand Master of Montana- MW David Schantz to present the Lodge of Military Tribute during their Annual Communication held in Helena. There were 51 military veterans and active personnel who were honored at the event. Fallen veterans and military families were also honored. Six members of the Lodge and five ladies traveled to present and attend the ceremony.

A Lodge of Military Tribute is a ceremony preformed in an untiled Lodge setting. It was written and started in Long Pine, Nebraska in 2003 and has since been preformed in multiple Masonic Lodges around the United States to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving in the Uniformed Services.



THE TEAM: (L-R): MW Lewie Fletcher (MT) recited the Kohima Epitaph, Bro. Scott Sterland (MT) as Junior Steward, W Bro. Don Cosh (NE) as Junior Deacon, Terry Foxworthy (NE) as Chaplain, MW David Schantz-Grand Master of Montana, W Bro. Alvin Benemerito (NE) as Worshipful Master, MW John Ferguson -Grand Master of Nebraska as Senior Warden, W Bro. Stan Weidner-Grand Senior Steward (NE) as Marshal, W Bro. Phil Brown (NE) as Senior Deacon, W. Bro. Jeremiah Schartz (NE) as Senior Steward, W. Bro. Ken Bates (MT) as Junior Warden, and MW David Neilsen, PGM & SGIG (MT) played TAPS.



## THE HONOREES

More pictures can be found at [Longpinelodge.org](http://Longpinelodge.org)



## GRAND LODGE OF AF&AM OF MONTANA

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### SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF 158<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATION – JUNE 27-29, 2024 in Helena, MT

#### Elected Grand Lodge Officers for 2024-2025

Samuel H. Whitehead (3/105)	Grand Master
Jason M. Smith (29/53)	Deputy Grand Master
Don M. Powell (18)	Senior Grand Warden
Wade H. Riden (96)	Junior Grand Warden
Bruce W. Lahti (34)	Grand Treasurer
Daniel J. Gardiner (3)	Grand Secretary

#### Appointed Grand Lodge Officers for 2024-2025

John D. Heston (42/152)	Senior Grand Deacon
Martin “Marty” Reiersen (52, 120)	Junior Grand Deacon
David E. Sageser (50/55)	Grand Marshal
Mark Bassett (32, 1)	Senior Grand Steward
Brice Ligget (29)	Junior Grand Steward
Kenneth Bates (14, 33)	Grand Standard Bearer
Dennis DeForest (58, 34)	Grand Sword Bearer
William Enloe (53)	Grand Pursuivant
David Dunbar (6, 3)	Grand Tyler
Earl Nilsen (105, 44, 80)	Grand Chaplain
John L. Hugdahl (29, 101)	Grand Historian
Tom Gocksch (3, 51)	Grand Organist
Clint Crites (58)	Assistant Grand Treasurer

#### Resolutions

R-2024-01	Accept/Reject Office the night of local lodge elections	Passed
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**HONORS:** Joseph Louis St. John (18) and David Eugene Sageser, (55): Meritorious (Bronze) Medal; William Patrick Smolinski (13), Meritorious (Silver) Medal; Lodge Mentor of the Year: Bert Bouma (51)

**CONSOLIDATION:** Judith Basin #86 charter as Friendship #37

**BUDGET:** Per Capita \$59.35.



## ANDREW JOHNSON – THE MASONIC TIE

Even though the American Civil War ended more than 150 years ago, it still generates popular interest in our books, movies, and current news. In the last year, Civil War statues have been defaced and torn down with little or no thought (regard) as to what they commemorate or symbolize. While most of us have a fairly good knowledge of the war, there are still many details that we might not know, not the least of which involve Masonry.

The political environment that existed at the time Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860 didn't happen overnight. Slavery, states' rights, American expansionism, and the admittance of new states into the Union were all factors that created a national environment of divisiveness that resulted in secession and the outbreak of war in 1861. Political opinions were also varied as four different major national presidential candidates were fielded for the 1860 election. Abraham Lincoln was a minority president in 1860 polling less than 40% of the popular vote, and won none of the electoral votes of the 15 slave states. Within days of Lincoln's election, southern states began seceding from the Union.

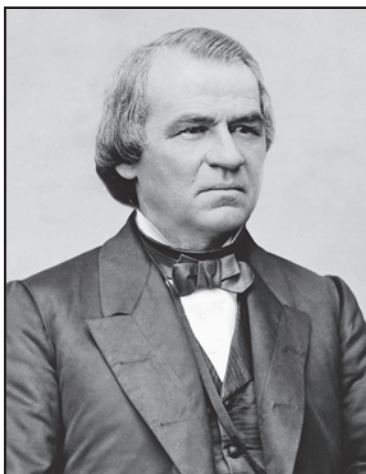
Just like today, one of the first tasks of the newly elected President was the appointment of cabinet members and other high ranking office holders. Lincoln was a dark horse candidate at the Republican National Convention in the summer of 1860, while the real power brokers in contention for the nomination were men with national name recognition and years of political experience. Senator William Seward of New York, Governor Salmon P. Chase of Ohio and Senator Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania were all serious contenders for the nomination, and when Lincoln was actually elected, they would all serve as cabinet members. Though Lincoln was never a Mason, five of the 15 men who served as either Vice-President or cabinet members were (<http://bessel.org> Union Cabinet – Paul M. Bessel). Cameron and Edwin Stanton served as Sec. of War; Gideon Wells, Sec. of the Navy; Caleb Smith, Sec. of the Interior; and Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's second Vice-President.

What many thought would be a short war bogged down into an evenly matched struggle. Both the North and the South experienced victories and losses over the course of the first two years of the war, with Lincoln appointing and firing a series of generals in search of the leadership necessary to win the war. In July of 1863, the South suffered a dual defeat with the loss of control of the Mississippi River when Vicksburg surrendered and

when General Robert E. Lee was turned back after the devastating three-day Battle of Gettysburg. Though the South would experience many more victories, the tide had turned, and the North moved forward slowly but steadily.

By 1864 the political mood in the North had changed from the previous election of four years before. For many northerners the purpose for the war had changed from the South's secession to the freeing of slaves. A right wing of the Republican Party, known as the Radicals, was a growing force that advocated punishment of the South once the war was over. Northern Democrats were also divided, with some as staunch unionists while others supported the South and the cause of slavery. Yet another growing trend was to end the war by means of a negotiated peace. It was in this tumultuous environment that Abraham Lincoln deemed it necessary to make changes.

Early in 1864, he attempted to implement his "10% Plan" which would allow any seceded state to be readmitted to the Union when 10% of that state's voters in the 1860 election swore allegiance to the Union. While benevolent



Andrew Johnson

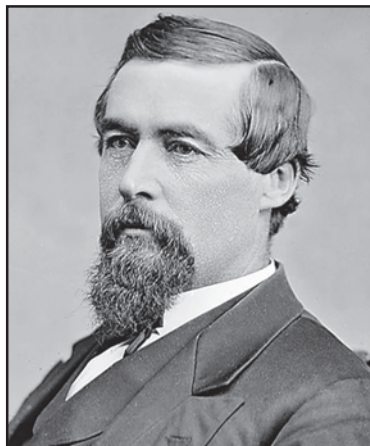
in its approach, Congress would hear none of it. Another change that Lincoln made dealt with the 1864 Presidential Convention. Lincoln's first Vice President had been Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. Hamlin was an experienced politician, was against slavery, and had been placed on the 1860 ballot to balance the ticket with Lincoln, a Westerner. Hamlin contributed little during his four years as Vice President, and in 1864, he was replaced by Andrew Johnson, the war governor of Tennessee.

At the time, and even today, Johnson seemed to be an odd choice as Lincoln's running mate. Johnson was a Democrat who had served in Tennessee's State Legislature before becoming a Congressman, Governor, and Senator. In 1862 he was appointed Military Governor of Tennessee by Lincoln. By choosing Johnson as VP, Lincoln sought to use a consolatory approach in redeeming the seceded states. While Johnson may have fulfilled some of these needs, his selection probably caused more concerns and animosity than intended. Johnson was a lifelong Democrat, which didn't sit well with many Republicans in Washington. He had been a slaveholder prior to the war. He, like Lincoln, favored a lenient approach in handling the seceded states at war's end. All of these differences became glaring problems when Lincoln was assassinated, and Johnson was sworn in as President.

With Lincoln's death, both houses of Congress fell under the influence of the Radical Republicans, who sought to punish the South for the war. Former Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned, Union military forces served as occupation forces in the South, and all males who had served in the Confederate military or government were disenfranchised. Johnson favored freeing the slaves but resisted the creation of the Freeman's Bureau and the passage of the 14th amendment, which passed the Senate in July 1866 and gave citizenship to former slaves and "banned those who engaged in insurrection against the United States from holding any civil, military, or elected office without the approval of two-thirds of the House and Senate." (United States Senate – Landmark Legislation: The 14th Amendment). Further conflict occurred when The Tenure of Office Act was passed in March 1867, which prevented the President from removing certain office holders without the approval of the Senate. Johnson vetoed this act, and when he fired Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, 11 impeachment charges were drawn up against him for "high crimes and misdemeanors" in February 1868.

Just as today the impeachment trial took place before the Senate and took two months to conduct. On May 16, the vote was taken but the outcome would have been difficult to predict. A two thirds vote was required to find Johnson guilty, but the Republicans had a 2/3 majority in the Senate. Johnson still had some support in the Senate, while other Senators had issues regarding the constitutionality of the Tenure of Office Act, the last and most significant charge against Johnson. When the vote was taken, the vote of seven Republicans was still undecided. In a highly dramatic fashion, the first three Republicans in question voted Johnson guilty. The next Senator, Edmond Ross of Kansas, stunned the chamber by voting "not guilty." Because of Ross, the vote for Johnson's impeachment failed by one vote.

History has contended that Ross really didn't know until the night before how he would vote. Others believe that Ross was bribed and took a payoff to vote against the impeachment. No matter what his motive, Edmund Ross was castigated by many Republicans. In a reelection bid in Kansas, Ross was voted out of office and would eventually change political parties and become a Democrat. He would never hold elected office again but was appointed New Mexico Territorial Governor in 1885 by Democratic President Grover Cleveland. Ross lived out the rest of his life in New Mexico and died there in 1907.



Edmond Ross

sought elected office multiple times and was returned to the Senate in March 1875. He died in July of that same year of a stroke.

Former Presidents are often ranked as to their capabilities, with Johnson often listed near the bottom. A President's contribution is often dependent on the whims of the economy, serving during a successful war, or having favorable legislation enacted during their tenure in office. Instead, Johnson's term in office was most noted for his ongoing struggle to survive in the presidency. Any positive things that did occur historically during his time as President he receives no credit including the purchase of Alaska from Russia, Nebraska became the 37th state or the building of the trans-continental railroad.

While Andrew Johnson and Edmund Ross came together for a very historical moment, it doesn't appear that they were in contact following the impeachment trial. Both men grew up in different ways, served from different parts of the country, and lived out their lives in different manners. It is noteworthy, though, that both men were Masons. Johnson was a member of Greeneville Lodge #119, Greenville, TN. Ross was a member of Topeka Lodge #17, Topeka, KS. Johnson had one very unique Masonic event when, on June 20, 1867, he was initiated into the Scottish Rite with the degrees conferred in the White House. Upon reflection, though, perhaps Edmund Ross's historic vote was based on yet another reason. Perhaps he felt compelled to vote a certain moral principle....to always do the right thing!

Andrew Johnson served out the balance of his presidential term of office and returned to his home in Greenville, Tennessee. While many would have sought a peaceful retirement at home, that was not Johnson's nature. He

Chuck Clampitt, MT Etna No. 333, Indiana

**BRIAN J. MURPHY**  
**1960-2024**  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**  
**2015-2016**

Most Worshipful Brother Brian J. Murphy was born October 20, 1960, in Helena, Montana. He was the adopted son of Harry (Pat) and Doris Murphy of Circle, Montana. Raised on Murphy Ranch, twenty miles west of Circle, Brian grew up docking lambs, branding cattle, and recalled, most fondly, endless hours of tractor time and countless miles of fence fixing. He graduated from Circle High School in 1979. Initially, he attended college at the University of Montana, transferring to Montana State University, where he graduated in 1984 with a B.A. in Music Education with an Emphasis on Performance.



Brian married his best friend, Jennifer Page Whitehouse, in 1985. They have two children, Patrick, and Kate, of Portland, Oregon. Jennifer teaches K-5 Music in the Bozeman School District and is a past president of the Montana General Music Teachers Association. In 2017, Brian and Jennifer divorced. By trade, Brian started in the early 1990s as a 'letterhead,' i.e., sign-painter and sole proprietor of Murphy's Signs & Graphics in Bozeman. In 2001, he cofounded BigLook Displays & Graphics, a multifaceted marketing and production company that employed the latest innovative technology and dozens of employees. Brian was a nationally recognized, award-winning freelance graphic designer.

For over eight years, Brian was Chapter Dad Advisor of Ross C. Jensen Chapter Order of DeMolay in Bozeman, where he helped guide what was then the fastest-growing DeMolay Chapter in the U.S. demographically. RCJ Chapter of that era also produced two State Master Councilors and remains strong today. Dad Murphy received the Montana DeMolay Advisor of the Year in 2003 and was inducted into the Legion of Honor by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay in 2006.

Brother Brian received his Masonic degrees from Gallatin Lodge No. 6: Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 11, 1998, Passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on December 23, 1998, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 17, 1999. He had plural memberships in Virginia City Lodge No. 1 and Circle Lodge No. 136 and affiliation with Friendship Lodge No. 160 in Portland, Oregon. Brother Brian served as Worshipful Master of Gallatin No. 6 in 2003 and as Lodge Instructor in 2014. Brother Brian was appointed to the Grand Lodge line as Grand Pursuivant in 2005 by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Valente and served as the Livingston District Officer for 11 years. Brother Murphy was elected the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana for 2015-2016. The 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana took place in Helena in June 2016, and MW Grand Master Murphy presided over the event. He was also past President of the Montana Masonic Foundation. Brother Brian was a member of Bozeman York Rite Bodies. He served as High Priest of Zona Chapter No. 12, Illustrious Master of Chan MacKensie Council No. 16, and Illustrious Master of St. John's Commandry No. 12. He was awarded the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) in 2009. A consummate ritualist, Brian was also a proud member of the Big Sky York Rite College. Brian also served as Venerable Master of Scottish Rite's Livingston Valley and was honored as a 32° KCCH in 2013.

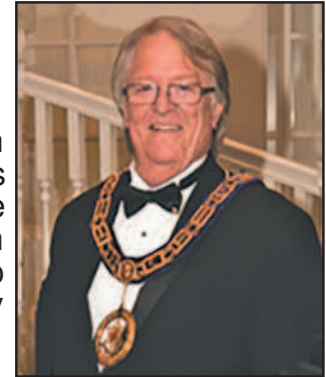
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Murphy passed to the Celestial Lodge above on September 10, 2024, at the age of 63. He has laid aside the working tools of life, and having wrought well and conscientiously, he will surely hear from Him who reviews each human life, no condemnation, no censured, no reproach, but those life-giving, soul strengthening words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He will be missed.

The details for the funeral services have yet to be finalized.

Updated information will be provided by District Officers and other Grand Lodge Officers.



**GERALD L. ANDERSON**  
**1949-2024**  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**  
**2017-2018**



Most Worshipful Brother Gerald Leroy Anderson (Jerry) was born in Turlock, California, on July 31, 1949, then traveling south 6 miles and growing up on a dairy farm in Hilmar, California, where he attended Elementary and High School, and graduated from High School in 1967. Following High School, he then attended Modesto Junior College in Modesto California. After college, RW Bro. Jerry went into the insurance industry.

Moving to Montana in the early 1970s, settling in Missoula, and working the entire state to build up a client base, RW Bro. Jerry eventually started his own insurance agency. He worked with New York Life Insurance Company for Life Insurance and Investment products, using Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana for Health insurance needs of his clients, offering products for both over and under the age of 65.

Jerry and Marion were married on March 5, 1976, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for over 41 years. Their family included 2 children, a son, Scott, and a daughter, Kelly, and five grandchildren. Living in Montana allowed them to raise their children in an environment they all cherished.

Brother Anderson received his Masonic degrees from Sentinel Lodge No. 155: Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on October 18, 1993, Passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on April 18, 1994, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 20, 1994, in Missoula and was the first in his family to earn the Honor as a Master Mason. He served in several chairs in Sentinel Lodge and as Master of Sentinel Lodge No. 155 on four different occasions. He was also a member of the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Bagdad Shrine. He was appointed to serve as the District Officer of the Missoula District, replacing MWPGM Tom Lund in 2008 in Helena, Montana. Brother Gerald L. Anderson was elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana for 2017-2018.

With his family at his side, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Anderson passed to the Celestial Lodge above on September 17, 2024, at the age of 75 years. He has laid aside the working tools of life, and having wrought well and conscientiously, he will surely hear from Him who reviews each human life, no condemnation, no censured, no reproach, but those life-giving, soul strengthening words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He will be missed.

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**MW Sam Whitehead visiting Dillon Lodge No. 16.**



**A wonderful day at the Elbow Creek Rendezvous with GM Whitehead and also raised a new Master Mason**





**MW Sam Whitehead at the installation for  
Helena No. 3, Boulder/Basin No. 41, Deer Lodge No. 14 and Ottawa No. 51**



**Grand Master Whitehead Visits Ottawa Lodge No. 51**





## THE EDITORS (1921-PRESENT)

### The Montana Mason, The Montana Masonic News & The Montana Freemason

A Masonic publication may act as a platform for Masonic education, covering topics such as Masonry itself and associated areas like patriotism, philosophy, good governance, civility, public education, and faith. Additionally, it can serve as a means to inform members about forthcoming events at the Grand Lodge and within individual lodges. The Grand Secretary's office can use the publication to give informational access to different lodges and individual members. Masonry can be promoted positively among its members and society. Such a publication can promote and provide information about news events and principles of Masonic organizations to its readers. It can function as a record of the transactions of the Grand Lodge. Most importantly, it is valuable for individual Masons in Montana and a direct and constant link between the Mason and the Grand Lodge.

Our Masonic publication offers a unique experience to each reader. Available in print and digital formats, it caters to Montana Masons. While our members favor printed format, the digital version is a reliable source for information and leisure. The publication is vital for staying informed on current events, news, and engaging articles related to Montana Masonry. It's not only crucial for broadening general knowledge but also aids in fostering educated conversations. Regular issues include compelling articles, editorials, and opinion pieces, with many considering the magazine a collectible item. Articles are typically brief, requiring five to fifteen minutes to read, depending on the subject matter. Tailored for the Masonic community, our magazine reinforces a sense of belonging and identity, with each issue focusing on high-quality, substantive content.

Many individuals are unaware of the extensive time and effort put into the final product, like our Masonic publication. They observe the result but not the dedication of numerous individuals behind what they read. Editors play a crucial role in reviewing, revising, and approving writers' drafts, often providing comprehensive feedback to enhance their work. They endeavor to proofread, check spelling, grammar, and accuracy. Beyond content management, they strategize for upcoming editions, selecting themes or special segments and material that resonate with readers. They might conduct interviews, author articles, or participate in events to create content that engages and attracts readers.

The Editor's role is inherently collaborative, necessitating coordination with various individuals and print and post suppliers. Historically, this role required deep knowledge of the newspaper print process; however, it has evolved to be more focused on digital mediums, utilizing software like InDesign and Photoshop, along with various word processors. Editors are responsible for generating ideas for content, shaping the magazine's editorial direction, curating and refining articles and designs, and ensuring that all content adheres to the publication's stylistic guidelines, editorial principles, and publishing standards. The Editor oversees the magazine's production timeline, ensuring deadlines are met, and collaborates with graphic designers to integrate visuals that enrich the reader's experience. Part of their role

involves expanding the magazine's online footprint, which encompasses creating content for the website and social media channels.

Throughout the last hundred years of a select number of Masons, ten have taken on the role of Editor, contributing to the production of the Montana Mason, Montana Masonic News, and now the Montana Freemason magazine. The following is a summary of these editors, covering both past and present individuals.

## EDITORS

### JAMES E. CLARK

#### EDITOR & PUBLISHER MONTANA MASON

James E. Clark. He received the Masonic Degrees in Cascade Lodge No. 34, Initiated on January 17th, 1920, Passed on February 3rd, 1920, and Raised on March 27th, 1920. "The Montana Mason" was a monthly publication in February of 1921. The publication contained Masonic news from around the state. James E. Clark was the Editor; he had extensive newspaper experience. He served as the Editor/Publisher of the Montana Mason in 1921. During his tenure, the publication was edited, printed, and mailed from Great Falls, Montana. The first issue was Volume 1, Number 1, February 1st, 1921 (through Volume 10). The magazine's goal was to present a statewide appeal to members of the Masonic fraternity. The first issue, 32 pages, on the cover was a portrait of R. J. Hathaway, Grand Master of Montana. His membership was suspended NPD (Non-Payment of Dues) on July 10th, 1923.

### RAE J. LEMERT

#### EDITOR, MONTANA MASON

Rae John Lemert, born on December 12, 1866, in Napoleon, Ohio, led a multifaceted life. He excelled as a teacher, printer, newspaper publisher and editor, lawyer, abstractor, real estate dealer, land office official, merchant, chemical manufacturer, labor union leader, publicist, lecturer, state official, and certified public accountant, among various other roles. He possessed an exceptional talent for retaining information, with dates



and data readily available at the tip of his tongue. Masonry greatly appealed to him; he was Initiated in King Solomon's Lodge No. 9 on December 1, 1909, Passed on December 15, 1909, and Raised on December 23, 1909. In 1918, he served as the Worshipful Master. He belonged to Helena Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Helena Council No. 1, R. & S.M., where he was Thrice Illustrious Master. He was a charter member of the Helena Scottish Rite Bodies, known for his dramatic flair and organizational skills in conferring degrees. An Honorary



Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason, he also served as Recorder for the Algeria Temple, AAONMS. His role as Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Montana began in 1926 and concluded in 1929. In 1921, Brother R. J. Lemert and Brother R. E. Hassard purchased the Montana Mason news from James E. Clark. Lemert served as the Editor of the Montana Mason from 1921 to 1929, during which the publication was based in Helena, Montana. His editorial debut was with Volume 1, Number 11. His reputation extended statewide, and his talents were acknowledged in broader Masonic circles. A prolific author, he wrote extensively on various subjects. Brother Lemert collaborated with Brother R. E. Hassard in publishing the Montana Mason, which was printed and distributed from Great Falls, Montana. Brother Lemert passed away in Helena on March 28, 1929, and was interred at Forestvale Cemetery, Helena. In 1921, Mr. Lemert was recognized for possessing one of Montana's most extensive private libraries, with the Masonic section alone housing approximately 6,000 to 8,000 volumes in ten different languages. Following his death, Mrs. Lemert arranged for the collection to be donated to the George Washington Memorial Association for the National Masonic Library.

**GEORGE H. PLATT  
EDITOR/PUBLISHER  
MONTANA MASON**

George Henry Platt, born on November 25, 1884, in Belfast, Ireland, was a professional accountant. In the early 1900s, he worked as a cashier for one of the commission houses for the United Fruit Company in Bluefield, Nicaragua. In 1919, he moved to Great Falls and dedicated himself to public accounting and auditing in Montana from March 1920 until July 1933. Due to the economic depression and the need to support his family, he took a part-time job operating an auto street sweeper in Great Falls for approximately ten days each month from July 1933 to April 1934. Subsequently, from April to October 1934, he worked as a timekeeper on a W.P.A. project for the State Highway Department. From October to December 1934, he served as an accountant for Clapper Motor Company in Cut Bank while keeping his connections in accounting. In 1940, he resided in Cut Bank and was employed as an Insurance and Real Estate C.P.A. He obtained his Masonic degrees at Industry Lodge No. 240 in Ballymacarrett, Ireland: Initiated on February 2, 1909; Passed on March 2, 1909; and Raised on April 6, 1909. He affiliated with Cut Bank Lodge No. 82 on April 24, 1917, and Cascade Lodge No. 34 in 1928. In 1924, he served as the High Priest of Great Falls Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons. The Northern Publishing Company of Great Falls took over the Montana Mason in 1930. All the members of the company were members of the Masonic Fraternity. Brother Rudolph E. Hassard, a Director of Northern Publishing and Advertising Manager for the Tribune, served as Publisher. Brother Platt, a Director of the Company, served as Editor of the Montana Mason from 1929 to 1931, during which the publication was edited, printed, and mailed from Great Falls, Montana. His first issue as Editor was Volume 10, Number 1. In February of 1932, Northern Publishing Company had ceased operations. He was suspended NPD on March 8, 1932, and reinstated on November 23, 1948. He passed away on July 14, 1960, and was interred in Cut Bank.



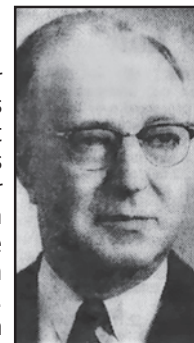
**HERSCHEL R. AYER  
PUBLISHER/EDITOR  
MONTANA MASON**

Herschel Rollins Ayer (Ayers) was born on April 21st, 1879, in St. Paul, MN. In 1890, he relocated to Great Falls. He worked as a bookkeeper at Strain Brothers department store until 1939 before joining the Great Falls Tribune as a bookkeeper accountant. He served as chief clerk and Comptroller for many years until his passing. He was Initiated in Cascade No. 34 on June 17, 1919, Passed on July 5, 1919, and Raised on August 20, 1919. He was a 33-degree member of the Scottish Rite. Brother Ayer held the position of Business Manager, coordinated print production, and served as Editor of the Montana Mason from 1931 to 1932. His first issue as Editor was Vol. 6 No. 11, was edited, printed, and mailed from Great Falls, Montana. Brother Ayer passed away on October 14, 1952, and was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery.



**HUGH C. SUTHERLAND  
EDITOR, MONTANA MASON**

Hugh C. Sutherland, born on October 2, 1894, in Chicago, Illinois, received his education in the same state. His first employment was with the Allis-Chalmers Co. in Chicago. Followed by a five-year tenure as a civilian employee on the Panama Canal. He was Initiated in Canal Zone Lodge No. 1, ACGI, on March 10, 1920; Passed on April 14, 1920, and Raised on June 2, 1920. On December 23, 1924, he affiliated with Cascade Lodge No. 34. In 1923, he moved to Montana to work for the Sunburst Oil and Refining Co. He joined the Cascade County Sheriff's Office as an Undersheriff overseeing civil affairs from 1935 to 1939. Subsequently, he served as an administrative assistant at Great Falls High School in 1942. He became an accountant for the gas company, was promoted to Credit Manager in April 1947, and three years later, he was appointed Secretary, a role he maintained until his retirement in 1961. Sutherland began his Masonic journey in 1920. By 1924, he had affiliated with Cascade Lodge No. 34 in Great Falls, where he later served as Lodge Secretary from 1933 to 1944. He took on the role of Business Manager, overseeing print operations. In February 1932, he accepted the position of Editor for the Montana Mason from 1932 to 1933; the publication was edited, printed, and distributed from Great Falls. His editorial debut was with Volume 12, Number 2. In October 1945, Sutherland became a 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite in Washington D.C., sharing the class with former President Harry S. Truman. A long-standing member of the Algeria Shrine, he also served as Secretary of the Great Falls Shrine Club. Starting in 1924, he was an advisor for the local DeMolay Chapter, which, from 1966 to 1968, grew to be the largest in the world with over 600 members. Sutherland was honored with the Frank S. Land Founders Medal, the Cross of Honor, the Honorary Legion of Honor, and the Outstanding DeMolay plaque. In 1963, he joined the International Supreme Council and played a significant role in establishing the DeMolay Memorial Center in 1945. Brother Sutherland passed away on June 19, 1969, in Great Falls and was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery.



## **H. SOL HEPNER**

### **EDITOR, MONTANA MASON**

Herman Solomon Hepner was born on February 25, 1869, in Seiny, Astrakhan Province, Russia. He was educated at the Imperial Pro-gymnasium in Volgograd, Russia. In 1882, his family moved to Montana. He pursued further education in Helena, graduating from Helena High School in 1885 as one of the first males to earn a diploma there. Hepner was a bookkeeper, saving enough to attend the University of Michigan Law School.



He graduated in 1891 and joined the Montana Bar in 1892. Before resuming private practice, he served in the State Legislature and later as prosecuting attorney for Lewis and Clark County. Sol was initiated into the Masonic Degrees at Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was Initiated on January 1, 1890, Passed on December 9, 1890, and Raised on December 11, 1890. He affiliated with King Solomon's Lodge No. 9 in Helena on December 16, 1891. In 1897, he served as Worshipful Master. Brother Hepner was Senior Grand Warden in 1901, Deputy Grand Master in 1902, and was elected Grand Master for 1903-1904 (he was 34 years old). He proposed the creation of the Montana Army Lodge in 1916 and was appointed Grand Historian in 1930. Brother Hepner held the position of Associate Editor for several years before becoming the Editor of the Montana Mason from 1933 to 1938. During his editorship, the publication was edited, printed, and mailed from Helena, Montana. PGM Hepner passed away in Helena on February 28, 1938, and was laid to rest at the Home of Peace Cemetery in Helena.

## **WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL**

### **EDITOR & PUBLISHER**

#### **MONTANA MASONIC NEWS**

William Carter Campbell, born on November 23, 1908, in Omaha, Nebraska, graduated from Helena High School in 1928 and later from the University of Montana. Known as a historian, Bill Campbell served as a long-time newspaper advertising executive for the Helena Independent Record. Campbell retired from the Independent Record after 38 years in its advertising and editorial departments. He later opened the Campbell Advertising Agency. His newspaper career also included work for the Montana Record-Herald, the Great Falls Tribune, and the Associated Press. He authored the two-volume historical work "From the Quarries of Last Chance Gulch," a regarded source for the early history of Helena. He also represented Helena in the Montana State Legislature during the 1973-1974 sessions. Brother Campbell was Initiated in Helena Lodge No. 3 on February 2, 1930, Passed on October 17, 1930, and Raised on November 17, 1930. He served as Worshipful Master in 1948. From 1947 to 1965, he served as the Helena Masonic News & The Algerian editor. The first issue of the Helena Masonic News was Volume 1 No. 1, January 1947. Later that fall, The Algerian was incorporated into the publication. By the summer of 1962, with Volume 1 No. 172, it became the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Montana. He was Editor for the Montana Masonic News from 1963 to 1975. The publication was edited, printed, and distributed privately from Helena, Montana, during this period. Brother Campbell's final issue was Volume 29, Number 314, dated June 1975. In recognition of his contributions to the Montana



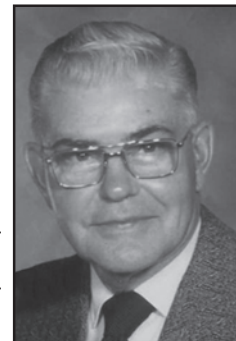
Masonic News, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1973. On November 7, 1980, Brother Campbell was honored with the 50-Year Member Award. He passed away on December 2, 1989, in Helena, Montana, and was laid to rest in Forestvale Cemetery.

## **V. LAVERNE RADEMACHER**

### **EDITOR**

#### **MONTANA MASONIC NEWS**

Verle LaVerne Rademacher was born in Floyd, Iowa, on February 13, 1937. After graduating from Floyd High School in 1954, he pursued education at the Linotype Trade School, which kickstarted his career in the newspaper industry. In September 1954, he began working at the Webster City newspaper in Iowa. His journey continued through Nora Springs Newspaper and the Jostens Yearbook Company in Owatonna, MN. Subsequently, he joined the Faribault Daily News and then the Dakota County Tribune in Farmington, MN. In 1961, Verle moved to Helena to work for the State Publishing Company, and in 1967, he acquired the Meagher County News in White Sulphur Springs. He was Initiated in Diamond City No. 7 on April 11, 1968, Passed on June 13, 1968, and Raised on February 13, 1969. His service included terms as Worshipful Master in 1982, 1986, and 1991 and Secretary in 1994. He participated actively in the O.E.S. and served as a Rainbow Dad. Additionally, he was a member of the Algeria Shrine and the Scottish Rite. He was Editor/Publisher for the Montana Masonic News from 1975 to 1982, during which the publication was edited, printed, and distributed from White Sulphur Springs, Montana. In 1981, the Grand Lodge of Montana took over full ownership of the Montana Masonic News from Brother Rademacher. He also served on the Private Lands Public Wildlife Board under Governor Racicot and spent several years on the State Printing Board. In 1983, he was President of the Montana Newspaper Association and served on various boards. He passed away on August 12, 2008, in Helena, Montana.



## **WALTER L. MUNDSTOCK**

### **EDITOR**

#### **MONTANA MASONIC NEWS**

Walter Lawrence Mundstock was born on December 13, 1943, in Barnesville, Minnesota. He graduated from high school in 1961 and attended NDSU in Fargo, where he majored in Agricultural Education with a minor in Journalism. In 1964, he moved to Mott, North Dakota, to further his career in the weekly newspaper industry. Wally became the Editor of the Mott Pioneer Press in 1967. He relocated to Anaconda in 1982, serving as the Editor of the Anaconda Leader for six and a half years before acquiring the Redfield Press, Redfield, South Dakota in 1988. He owned and operated it until his retirement in 2000. A passionate photographer, Wally won numerous awards for his photography throughout his journalism career and was even nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in journalism. Wally was active in many community organizations, with a keen interest in the economic development of his local area. His involvement included membership in the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Anaconda Job Corps Advisory Board, leadership in a 4-H photography club, and serving as a church deacon. He was active with the Institute of Church Renewal in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Additionally, he fulfilled





the role of disaster emergency manager for Hettinger County. He was also an E.M.T. in North Dakota and Montana. Brother Mundstock was Initiated in Mott Lodge No. 96 in Mott, North Dakota, on December 23, 1968, Passed on March 24, 1969, and Raised on April 28, 1969. He served twice as the Worshipful Master of Mott Lodge and District Deputy Grand Lecturer in North Dakota. On October 19, 1982, he affiliated with Acacia No. 33 in Anaconda. He was the Editor of the Montana Masonic News from 1982 to 1983, during which the publication was edited, printed, and mailed from Anaconda, Montana. The first issue under his editorship was Vol. 35, No. 363, in September 1982. He took dual membership with Redfield Lodge No. 34 in Redfield, South Dakota, on April 2, 1992. Wally was active in Masonic lodges in every state he resided, holding several offices, including District Deputy Grand Master in both North Dakota and South Dakota. He was a member of the West River Shrine and Commandery in Lemmon, S.D., the Yelduz Shrine in Aberdeen, and the Royal Arch, Ringneck Shrine of Redfield. Walter Mundstock, 61, Redfield, S.D., passed away on November 26, 2005. He was laid to rest at Rosemound Cemetery in Barnesville, Minnesota.

**WILLIAM M. BRASS  
EDITOR**

**MONTANA MASONIC NEWS**

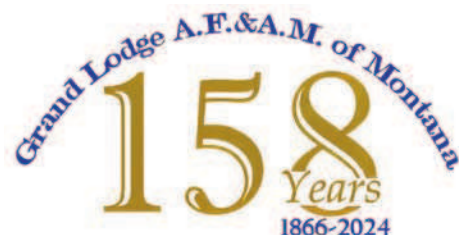
William "Bill" Morris Brass was born in Kalispell on January 17, 1926, and moved to Helena in 1930 with his family. He experienced the earthquake of 1935 while delivering newspapers. He completed his education at Helena High School in 1943 when his family relocated to Seattle. Bill worked in a shipyard before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in January 1944. He attended Aviation Machinist's Mate School in Norman, Oklahoma, and served at the Naval Air Station Moffett Field near San Jose until his discharge in January 1947. Post-Navy, Bill settled in Kirkland, Washington, and worked as an auto parts counterman in Seattle. In 1955, he moved to Lakeside, where he and his family engaged in community activities. Bill transitioned to restaurant equipment sales and later became a real estate broker, opening Brass Lantern Realty in Lakeside and Kalispell. He retired in 1994. Brother Brass was Initiated in Bigfork No. 150 on October 24, 1961, Passed on November 14, 1961, and Raised on December 5, 1961. He served as Worshipful Master in 1972. In June 1983, he was honored with the election to Grand Master of Masons in Montana and celebrated his 50-year milestone in 2011. Bill was also the Editor and publisher of the Montana Masonic News from 1983 to 2006; the publication was edited in Big Fork, Montana, printed, and mailed from Lakeside and later Kalispell, Montana. His first issue as Editor was Vol. 1., No. 378, June 1985. Brother Brass's last issue was Vol 57, No. 473, June 2006. Bill was a member of the York Rite Bodies, the Royal Order of Scotland, Algeria Shrine Temple and was most active in Scottish Rite Masonry. Bill belonged to the Lakeside Chapel. In 1983, he enrolled in an E.M.T. class, leading to his membership in the Lakeside Q.R.U. William "Bill" Brass died peacefully on January 8, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. PGM Brass passed away at the age of 89; he was laid to rest at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, Montana.



**REID L. GARDINER  
EDITOR**

**MONTANA MASONIC NEWS  
& MONTANA FREEMASON**

Reid L. Gardiner is a graduate of Libby High School. He served ten years in the Navy as an Aviation Electrician's Mate and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. While stationed in San Diego, he earned an Associate of Science in Theological Studies. Post-Navy, he was employed by various defense contractors such as Lockheed Shipbuilding, Lockheed Space Operations, and Computer Sciences Corporation. During his tenure with these various defense contractors, he also held membership in the Society of Logistics Engineers. He later became a Bureau Chief in Montana's Department of Administration. Brother Gardiner was Initiated in Helena Lodge No. 3 on March 2, 1998, Passed on March 28, 1998, and Raised as a Master Mason on April 25, 1998. Grand Master Ken Bruchez appointed him Assistant Grand Secretary to Dean Lindahl, the Grand Secretary. He served as Worshipful Master of Helena No. 3 in 2000 and was elected Grand Secretary in 2002. He was invested with both the Legion of Honor-Honorary of the Order of DeMolay and as an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council (ISC). He has received the Grand Lodge of Montana Distinguished Service Medal and the Ted Williams Youth Leadership Award in 2016. That year, he also presided as President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America, concluding his tenure as Grand Secretary in 2017. He collaborated with Bill Brass, Editor of the Montana Masonic News, starting in 2004 and succeeded him as Editor in 2006 upon Brass's retirement. Brother Gardiner has served as the Editor from 2006 to the present. His first issue as Editor of the Montana Masonic News was Volume 30, Number 4, in September 2006, continuing to Volume 83, Number 1, in December 2011. He was Editor for the Montana Masonic News from 2006 until 2011. The publication was renamed to the Montana Freemason magazine beginning with Volume 84, Number 1, March 2012. Since then, Brother Reid has continued as Editor of the Montana Freemason and has produced 85 issues to date.





**Grand Master Whitehead Out and About**

MW Brother Whitehead working at the Grand Lodge office, reaching out to Lodges regarding the late submission of required documentation.

MW Brother Whitehead addresses the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Montana.



MWGM Sam Whitehead and Lady Julie.



## Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference



GM Whitehead is positioned in the center of the front row, with eight of the nine Grand Masters of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference featured.



Montana delegates to the RMMC.

Brother Wade Riden presents "Marketing Masonry."

## RULE NO. 58

### *RULE NO. 58*

*Let your Conversation be without Malice or Envy, for 'tis a Sign of a Tractable and Commendable Nature: And in all Causes of Passion [ad]mit Reason to Govern.*

*From George Washington's "Rules of Civility..."*

During the last few decades, we have witnessed the world becoming increasingly uncivil. Violence and confrontation, anger and division have taken the place of conversation, compromise, and debate. Recent events and people's response to them show that the situation is only worsening. Our brothers, it is time that we make a choice.

During these upcoming months, please remember that our country was forged by great men, the greatest of which exemplified civility. Masons have changed this world before. Let us choose to do so again. The world is watching, and the future depends on our actions. Let us choose to be civil.

As Masons we revere George Washington. Known as "The Great Man," Washington rose to power during a time of great turmoil and differing opinions. Washington was the least educated of the founding fathers. After his own father's death Washington was educated at home. Washington chose to continue his studies on his own. In an exercise, probably to practice penmanship, he copied the 110 "Rules of Civility," which were from Francis Hawkins' **Youth's Behaviour, Or, Decencie in Conversation Amongst Men,** published in 1668. Throughout his life Washington would reference these rules. He chose civility over the snobbery and air of entitlement of the Aristocracy which his social class gave him. Similarly, he could have chosen the rough and rude demeanor of the frontiersman his work as a surveyor would have suggested. He could have chosen the might makes right attitude of a soldier. Still, Brother George Washington chose civility with "The Rules" as his guide.

Fraternally,

The Masonic Civility Committee of the  
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Now is the time for us to make a choice. As a Mason we have chosen to be guided by the Four Cardinal Virtues. One of which is Temperance. We have already chosen to be temperate in both our actions and our speech. We have chosen to learn the lesson of the Compasses that we may remember to circumscribe our actions and keep our passions within due bounds, toward **all** humankind. In this time, to add to our working tools, we need to include civility.





# HANDS OF THE WORKMAN

## Carlisle S. Kenyon Grand Master 1946-1947

Carlisle Squire Kenyon was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 29, 1886. He moved to Bozeman in 1891 with his family. He completed Bozeman school courses and graduated from Drake University in De Moines in 1907. Brother Kenyon received his degrees in Bozeman Lodge No. 18. He was raised on January 16, 1908, as a Master Mason by his father, Squire C. Kenyon, who was at the time the Grand Master of Masons in Montana.

Brother Kenyon served as Worshipful Master of Bozeman Lodge No. 18 in 1912. Although he directed a successful business, he was devoted to his family and served the community widely; he was dedicated to dispensing true Masonic Light and Knowledge. He became a member of the Eastern Star. Lily of the Valley Chapter in 1908, and served as Patron in 1916 and as its secretary for 15 years.

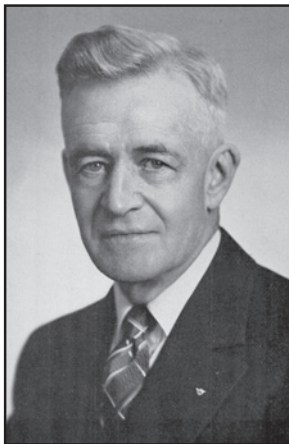
He was a member of the York Rite bodies and Royal Arch, Zona Chapter No. 12, named for his mother. He served as High Priest in 1912 and received the Order of Priesthood in 1919. He was Knighted as a member of Saint John's Commandery No. 12 1908 and served as Commander in 1913 and 1914.

Brother Kenyon was a member of the Mystic Shrine in Algeria Temple in 1910 and later transferred to Bagdad Temple. He was Potentate in 1934.

Brother Kenyon was appointed as the Worshipful Junior Grand Steward in 1938 and steadily ascended through the ranks. By 1946, he was elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana. He presided over the 83rd Annual Communication on August 19-20, 1947, in Great Falls. His attendance at 58 consecutive Annual Communications underscored his commitment to Masonry. In 1947, the Grand Lodge was comprised of 135 Lodges with 21,772 members; however, by 2004, this had declined to 76 Lodges with 3,205 members.

From his youth, he assisted his father in a thriving Bozeman business, the Kenyon-Noble Lumber Company. He assumed full management in 1933 and continued until his retirement in 1965. He was cited as the community's senior businessman at the time of his retirement.

He also found time to serve as secretary for some twenty years of the Pioneer Building and Loan Association and as Vice President of the Gallatin Trust and Savings Bank.



His community activities were numerous. He was a city commission member and the Gallatin County High School trustee. He served for many years on the board of the Christian Church. He was an early member of the Bozeman Rotary Club and served as its president, and he was continuously active in the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce.

He was a builder, and three major buildings in Bozeman owed much of their form and effectiveness to his energy. He worked hard for the Masonic Temple of Bozeman Lodge No. 18 and served on many committees to complete it. He encouraged a rebuilding program of his church by contributing a fine pipe organ as a memorial to his daughter, and he was chairman of the building committee. His own business building was a notable addition to downtown Bozeman.

It was said of Brother Kenyon, "words too little to portray the influence of Brother Kenyon. His integrity, his quality of enthusiasm, quietly but persistently exercised, and his ready willingness to participate made him an effective leader in many aspects of the life of his lodge and his community. Brother Carlisle S. Kenyon was a Christian gentleman, a kindly helpful neighbor, and a Masons Mason."

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Carlisle Kenyon, who was a Mason for 64 years, passed away at the age of 86 in Olympia, Washington, on November 29, 1972. He was laid to rest at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Bozeman.



## RONALD C. PEEPLES 50 YEAR MEMBER

Stevensville Lodge 28 was privileged to present a 50-year Patent, lapel pins, and an embroidered apron from Morrow Lodge 734 and the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Ronald Curtis Peebles was overjoyed to be acknowledged by our Lodge. His wife, Pat, and his sister, Tina, were present for this significant milestone. Montana's Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Don Powell, guided Brother Ron around the Lodge, commemorating his initiation into the Lodge more than 50 years ago.



## Grand Master Whitehead at the Hall of Doric Lodge No. 53







### HELENA NO. 3 FUNDRAISER

Helena Lodge No. 3 operated a steak sandwich stand at the Last Chance Stampede & Fair as a fundraising initiative for the lodge.





## Officers' Installation for Gallatin No. 6 & Livingston No. 32 for 2024-2025



1st Row L-R: JW WB Ray Richards(32), SW WB Tom Davis(32), WM David Westover(32), GM Sam Whitehead, WM Eric Erickson(6), Sec WB David Martinez(6)  
2nd L-R: Ty WB Gary Sparr(32), JW Bro Jeremy Richards(53), SW Rick Mischka(32), LI WB Hans Dierenfeldt(6), JW WB Brian Tudor(6)  
3rd L-R: WB Mark Bassett(32), SW WB Jim Baskett(6), Trsr/Sec WB Terry Peterson(32), Chap WB Lucas T. Schad(32), WB William A. Enloe(53)  
There were two Grand Masonic Officers who assisted Grand Master Sam Whitehead. RWB Mark J. Bassett, Sr Grnd Steward and RWB William Grnd Pursuivant. The Masonic Lodges involved were Gallatin Lodge #6, Livingston Lodge #32, and Doric Lodge #53.

## Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862 Annual Meeting





**Installation of Officers for 2024-2025  
Havre No. 55, Treasure No. 95, and Chinook No. 50**



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## Euclid Lodge No. 58 Welcomes Four New Master Masons



Four New Master Masons for Euclid Lodge No. 58 (Raised on 08/20/2024).

Back Row: WM Marty Eberly  
Front Row (L-R): David Norton, Jacob Eberly, Gregory Parker, Gabriel Guadalupe.

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## Installation of Lodge Officers for 2024-2025 Choteau No. 44, Augusta No. 54 and Meridian No. 105





## Scottish Rite Shoes for Kids

The Magic City Chapter of DeMolay is supporting the Billings Scottish Rite's Shoes for Kids giveaway, with numerous pairs of shoes being distributed.





## Installation of Lodge Officers for 2024-2025, Stevensville No. 28.



On Thursday, September 5, the Grand Master conducted the installation of Stevensville Lodge No.28 following a "breakfast for dinner" feast, which was prepared by the Worshipful Master-elect, Keven Kidder, with assistance from numerous kitchen helpers. The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Don Powell, supported MW Sam Whitehead in his role as Marshal during the open installation ceremony.

## Installation of Lodge Officers for 2024-2025 Northern Lights District



Installation of officers for lodges in the Northern Lights District AF&AM of Montana. Congrats to the officers of Kyle Lodge No. 96, Malta No. 57 and Scoby No. 109.



## Visit of the Grand Master to Cut Bank Lodge No. 82



## Officer installation for Flint Creek Lodge No. 11 and Ruby Lodge No. 36.







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## **Meriwether Lewis Painting Part of New Exhibit**



Tom Saubert, renowned for his painting of Meriwether Lewis, was commissioned by the Montana Masonic Foundation to create a piece for the new exhibit at the Montana Masonic Museum.

In a career spanning over 40 years, the paintings of Tom Saubert focus on the representation of the people and history of the Western Genre, with an emphasis on historical accuracy. Tom's work possesses all the attributes of truth in subject, dress, and location, while also remaining artistically introspective of the human condition.

He is a dedicated historian, a storyteller whose work transports you to a moment in time, a place and people, past and present. Tom's professional experience ranges from college educator to Disney instructor, and he has participated in several prestigious invitational shows including the Master of the American West at the Autry National Center, and over the course of his career he has received several awards for merit.

Tom has been a member of the Rendezvous Group of Artists since 2000. A Montana native, he works from his studio outside Kalispell, MT.

-Biography Sourced from AskArt.



# Being a Father and a Freemason

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A few months ago when I came home from Lodge I snuck into my son's room, like I always do, to check on them, tuck them back in, and give them a kiss on the forehead. As I bent down to kiss my oldest son's forehead he woke up, smiled his big toothy smile, and asked "how was lodge?" I told him that Lodge was fine and that I got to see his Muncles (Masonic Uncles). He giggled and asked about a few of his favorites, but as I was about to turn and walk away, his face grew sad, his eyes began to tear up, and he said that he really missed me when I was at Lodge and my Masonic meetings, and he asked why would I rather be at Lodge than at home playing with him. I felt like I had been kicked in the stomach. We had a brief discussion about what Freemasonry means to me, and that I'm not choosing the Lodge over him, and that we all have activities that we do from time to time, and some of those activities can't be done as a family. Luckily, he perked up and told me that when he grows up he'll be a Freemason too, and then we can go to meetings together.

While that night ended on an upbeat note, it has really stuck with me, and it has made me really think hard about what Masonic activities I attend, or even agree to undertake.

Even though we are admonished as an EA that Freemasonry should not interfere with our family duties, I think you'd be hard pressed to find a member that has never spent a good bit more time at Lodge than his wife or kids would like. Finding balance between our Masonic and family duties and obligations can be extremely difficult, and this seems to be a constant topic on Masonic pages, forums, and websites. While every man must find that balance for himself, and it is no brother's place to tell another how to divide or spend his time, it is important that we do take a few steps back from time to time to examine whether or not we have been rightly dividing our time, or if our 24 inch gauge has become skewed. I know for me what started as one Lodge meeting a night, and two weekends a year for the Scottish Rite (what I jokingly called my "Masonic National Guard Schedule"), has slowly but surely ballooned to several meetings and weekend activities a month.

While I have decided to be more selective in my Masonic activities, I am convinced that Freemasonry has made me a better man, husband and father. Our fraternity has given me the tools to not only better myself, but to be a better father to my children, and I will hopefully be able to subtly shape the ashlar of my sons throughout their childhood and beyond.

Freemasonry instructs us to be thoughtful, inquisitive, to be moral and upright in our dealings with others, and it teaches us to not only strive to better ourselves, but to also better those around us and society at large. These are extremely valuable lessons for a father to pass along to a son.

Freemasonry also allows me to spend time with men who help me be the best man that I can be, my brethren constantly challenge and support me, and my brethren have also become an important part in my children's lives. What my children call their "Muncles", are a whole set of positive male role models, which boys and young men desperately need, and which are too often in short supply.

I also believe that Freemasonry is a vehicle that I can use to build and pass my legacy on with. One of the main reasons for me initially joining the fraternity, was that both of my grandfathers were members, so I wanted to do something that would help me connect with them. Although they have both passed, one prior to me joining, I can't help but feel a familial tie while performing ritual, or when I'm simply studying ritual late at night.

Above all for my children, I want to leave the legacy of a man who tried to be the best man that he could be, a man that loved his wife and his children, a man who was good and true to his friends and those in need, and a man that worked hard to help others. Essentially, I want to be remembered as a good father, and a good Freemason, and I'm glad that those two pivotal pieces of my life help refine and sharpen each other.

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**MWGM Whitehead at Installation of Officers  
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# Your Family Can Play an Important Role

Men who are Masons get a lot out of their Fraternity. They get a chance to make new friends, do worthwhile things in their community and improve themselves as human beings. They have opportunities for ethical, moral, and spiritual growth. They have a support system in times of trouble, and they have a chance to be with other men, do things together, and talk and share their ideas and goals.

But our families get a lot out of Masonry, too. You may not be aware of all those benefits, but it's good to know them. Sometimes they can really make a difference!

First of all, there are lodge activities for the family

**We know that a Mason's family is the most important thing in his life. We wouldn't respect him as a Brother if it weren't.** So lodges plan activities in which the entire family can participate. There are picnics, dinners, dances, and social events of all kinds. The types of activities vary from lodge to lodge as the needs and interests of the people change, but all lodges share a joint commitment to the family. It's good for everyone for families to do things together and with their friends.

Then there are the Masonic youth organizations

The pressures on young people today are immense - far greater than those when most of us grew up. Drugs, crime, violence, AIDS -- none of these were major problems twenty years ago. Most of them existed, but the vast majority of the young never encountered them on a day-to-day basis. Now, they are very real threats in the everyday lives of most young people. Young men and women today live in a tough time with many temptations and unbelievable peer pressure.

Organizations for young people sponsored by Masons give your children an alternative; an opportunity to belong to a group that teaches leadership skills, social skills, and self-respect. For boys, there's the ORDER OF DEMOLAY. For girls, THE ORDER OF THE RAINBOW, and for girls from Masonic families, JOB'S DAUGHTERS. All three organizations teach the highest ideals of honor and respect for truth and charity. When drug dealers are on the streets or around the playground, it's good to know that Masonic organizations are promoting healthy ideals and goals.

There are organizations for wives too

The Order of the Eastern Star provides the same kinds of experiences for women as Masonry does for men. So does Amaranth, the Social Order of the Beauceant, and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Not all are organized in every state and province, but at least one is there waiting to serve women who want to join with other women and share similar ideas and values.

And if you ever need help

In a strange town or a foreign city, help is as close as the nearest Mason. All you have to do is find one. Look for the Square and Compasses - you'll find one - on a sign, a ring or pin, or look up the number of the lodge in the telephone book. Make yourself known as the wife, son, or daughter of a

Mason, and you'll get all the help you need. Masons from the Arctic Circle to the South Pole have all promised to give you that help.

Your own town benefits too

Masons do many things to make their own communities better places in which to live. It takes many pages of computer printout to list the local projects in even one state or province in which Masons are involved. Such things as highway and street cleanup programs, Christmas baskets for the needy, eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them, support of anti-drug and anti-alcohol programs in the schools, buying supplies for teachers and classrooms, giving volunteer time to services for the elderly . . . the lists go on and on. But all these things make your town a better place for you to live. Masons care!

That's the key - Masons care

We care about our own development as men and Masons. We care about our country. We care about our individual faiths. We care about the poor, the sick, the helpless, and the hopeless.

And, especially, we care about our families. We care about our wives as independent, equal partners in life. We care about our children, not only because they represent hope for tomorrow but as growing, developing individuals who must be given every possible chance to be everything they can be.

Yes, Masons get a lot out of Masonry...

Brotherhood

Growth

Support

Strength

Faith and

Mutual Help

...and so will you!

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