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Blood is thicker  
than water.  
But nothing's  
thicker than  
brotherhood.



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Developed by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, the "Not Just a Man. A Mason" campaign was launched to educate the public and inspire our Masonic brethren about who we are and what we stand for as Freemasons. To date, the campaign is being used in 47 states and in more than 10 countries internationally. The campaign has been translated into Spanish, French, Portuguese, and a Russian translation is underway.

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Reid Gardiner  
Editor



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Behind This Door  
Lies A Treasure Trove  
Of Historic Montana Artifacts



The Masonic Apron belonging to Meriwether Lewis', which he carried on the Corps of Discovery trek across the country, is on display along with two paintings depicting the first Masonic meeting in the Territory, now the State of Montana.



This British Army drum with its original drum sticks was taken from the British and later played during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

This Grand Masters' Lion Paw signet ring is made of gold mined at Alder Gulch, Virginia City, Montana Territory in 1887, by Samuel Word, who was one of the first lawyers admitted to practice law in the Montana, Territory on December 4, 1864.



These are but a few of the treasures waiting for you to discover at the site of one of Helena's first gold claims.

The Montana Masonic Foundation  
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## **Montana Rainbow Centennial Tea** **An old fashioned tea to celebrate the** **Centennial year of Rainbow for Girls in Montana**

Historic Marysville General Store  
Oct 22, 2022 at 2:00 PM (MDT)  
Marysville, Montana

Montana Rainbow will be celebrating 100 years of Rainbow in Montana this year. Our jurisdiction was established a short 6 months after Rainbow was founded. To celebrate we will be holding a Centennial tea on October 22, 2022 at the Historic Marysville General Store in Marysville, MT. Information is available on the Montana Rainbow Centennial facebook page or the on-line ticket site at [events.eventgroove.com](https://events.eventgroove.com) or <https://events.eventgroove.com/event/Montana-Rainbow-Centennial-Tea-59087>

Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1920's era attire. There will be raffles, silent auctions, self guided tours of the Marysville museum and lots of Rainbow friendship and history. Plan to spend the afternoon with us to celebrate this wonderful organization.

Carol Huston  
Supreme Deputy in MT IORG





# CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES IN NORTH AMERICA (CMGSNA) - 2022 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN





# Montana Masonic Foundation School Grant Program

## CHINOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Left to right: Tony Warren, Superintendent of Turner Schools; Courtney Bell, Chinook Elementary P. E. Teacher; Nick Turner, Chinook Jr. & Sr. High Home Economics Teacher. Presenting on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation, David Sageser, Charles M. Russell District Officer. The grant award provided \$250.00 to purchase books for the Library.

**Montana Masonic  
Foundation  
At Work In Our  
Public Schools.**



# Montana Masonic Foundation School Grant Program

## SWEET GRASS HIGH SCHOOL



Feb 21, 2022

On Monday, February 21st, Will Enloe, representing the Montana Masonic, presented Sweet Grass High School (SGHS) Art Teacher, Salena Spees, with a grant \$3,236.00 check to the Art Department for a Pug Mill for Pottery Classes so that clay can be recycled and save of purchases. The Pug Mill also gives SGHS the capability of making their own clay and cutting costs for materials. SGHS currently offers Pottery I and Pottery II classes for students and Pottery for Adult Education. Being able to save money on purchasing clay and recycling unused clay will allow for more opportunities for SGHS students and Big Timber community members.

Congratulations Ms. Spees and thank you to the Montana Masonic Foundation!

## Our Public Schools Supported by the Montana Masonic Foundation.



# Hands of the Workman

## John Kain, Grand Master 1936-1937

John Kain was born at Dalbeattie, Scotland, on October 2nd, 1867. As a young lad, John apprenticed to the stone cutting business operated by his father. In 1872 his family moved to Quincy, Massachusetts; however, they returned to Liverpool England in 1875. The lure of the United States was strong, and John and his older brother emigrated to Montana in 1888 and engaged in the stone-cutting business. Two years later, the rest of their family again moved and joined them in Montana. The brothers and their father opened the Kain Granite Company and were the first to develop the quarries in this section. The Kain's quarries were located at Shingle Gulch on the Great Northern and Baxendale on the Northern Pacific. The cutting plant was in Helena was equipped with pneumatic machinery and was one of the most up-to-date in the country. The Kain Granite Company had offices and a salesroom at Seventh Avenue and Jackson Street in Helena. Previous to its incorporation in 1911, the company was known as Thomas Kain & Sons, an average force of seventy-five employees was required to carry out the company's work. In connection with the quarries, the company also maintained a monumental business, the most extensive in the state. The great buildings of Montana, including the State Capitol, temples of education of several units of the university of Montana, and public and private buildings of Montana, are examples of his master craftsmanship as an operative Mason and builder. The black granite cornerstone of the Grand Lodge building in Helena is a gift from Brother Kain.

Brother Kain's Masonic record bespeaks of a life devoted to the service of his brothers. He was Initiated in Helena Lodge No. 3 on October 15th, 1909, Passed on November 19th, 1909, and raised on December 3rd, 1909. He was Worshipful Master of Helena Lodge No. 3 in 1915. He received the several degrees of Helena Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons in 1917 and in 1923 presided as High Priest. He was admitted, passed, and greeted a member of Helena Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters in 1925, and served as Master in 1938. He received the degrees of Helena Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar in 1918, and served as Commander in 1936-1937. He was a member of Algeria temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and served in the office of Orator for many years. He was also a member of Josephine Hepner Chapter No. 89, Order of the Eastern Star, and served as Worthy Patron. He was a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-third degree. At the time of his retirement in 1946, he had served thirty-one years as a trustee of the Masonic Home.

The pinnacle of his fraternal life was reached when he became Grand Master; proud of the dignity was expression of his feelings at the honor conferred on him; he showed it in every action and devotion to Masonry; when the members of



the fraternity chose him to represent Montana at the Bi-centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1936-1937 his appreciation and enthusiasm knew no bounds; he consorted with Kings and Princes and the elite of the Masons of the World; he felt honored that he went back to the land of his birth as the head of the Masons of Montana; this just pride had for him a touch of humility as well as thankfulness to his God, that a poor lad of Scotland came back full of honors, and associated with the nobility of the land.

As the Grand Master of Montana, he visited most of the Lodges in the state; to each, he carried the most eloquent and earnest messages; and spoke with truth and breathed the spirituality of the enthusiast into the hearts and minds of his brothers. In 1937 there were 135 Lodges in Montana with a total membership of 18,060. In 2022 we have 78 Lodges with a total of 3,564 members.

In his personal life, he was an example of a Christian dedicated to the welfare of his fellow man. At the time of his death, he had completed fifty-four years as an active member of the First Baptist Church of Helena. Words are inadequate to give due praise to Brother Kain; his attachment to his church, his unstinted service to the Y.M.C.A. and other civic organizations; his ready assistance with his wonderful gift of song, his service to Masonry in all its branches cannot be sufficiently portrayed; he was a living exemplar of a man and Mason; his solid moral fiber permeated his being, and yet he was a charitable man with the frailties of his brothers; his purse is ever ready to aid the needy; his valuable time was given to visiting the sick and afflicted; no demand on his services was ever refused; he was level-headed and quickly grasped the problems confronting the various organizations in which he held interested in, and his counsel was ever timely and sound; he was hospitality personified and his friendships were grappled with hoops of steel; he was honorable in all his dealing; his generosity knew no bounds.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John Kain died in Helena on July 27th, 1947, and was buried at Forestvale Cemetery.



# CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS IN NORTH AMERICA (CGMNA) - 2022 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN





A man with short brown hair is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. He is wearing a dark grey polo shirt with the "SCOTTISH RITE" logo on the left chest. The background is a soft-focus sunset sky with warm orange and yellow light. The text "YOU'LL FIND AMAZING THINGS ON YOUR JOURNEY. LIKE YOURSELF." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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AMAZING THINGS  
ON YOUR JOURNEY.  
**LIKE YOURSELF.**

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# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## ULM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### PUBLIC SCHOOL GRANT



Tracy Bratcher, representing the Montana Masonic Foundation, presents a \$4,830.00 grant check as a match of funds from the Ulm School District to Mr. Gillan for new musical instruments for the Music Department.

## Public Education Supported by the Montana Masonic Foundation.

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# Montana Masonic Foundation

## KESSLER ELEMENTARY

### PUBLIC SCHOOL GRANT



Sam Whitehead, a Director of the Montana Masonic Foundation, presents a check to Miss Evans and Mrs. Ratzlaff. They received a grant for new Library books and an Alto Xylophone for the Music Department.

**Montana Masonic  
Foundation  
Supporting Our  
Public Schools.**

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# Consolidation of Ponemah #63 & Thompson Falls #70

Saturday February 26, 2022



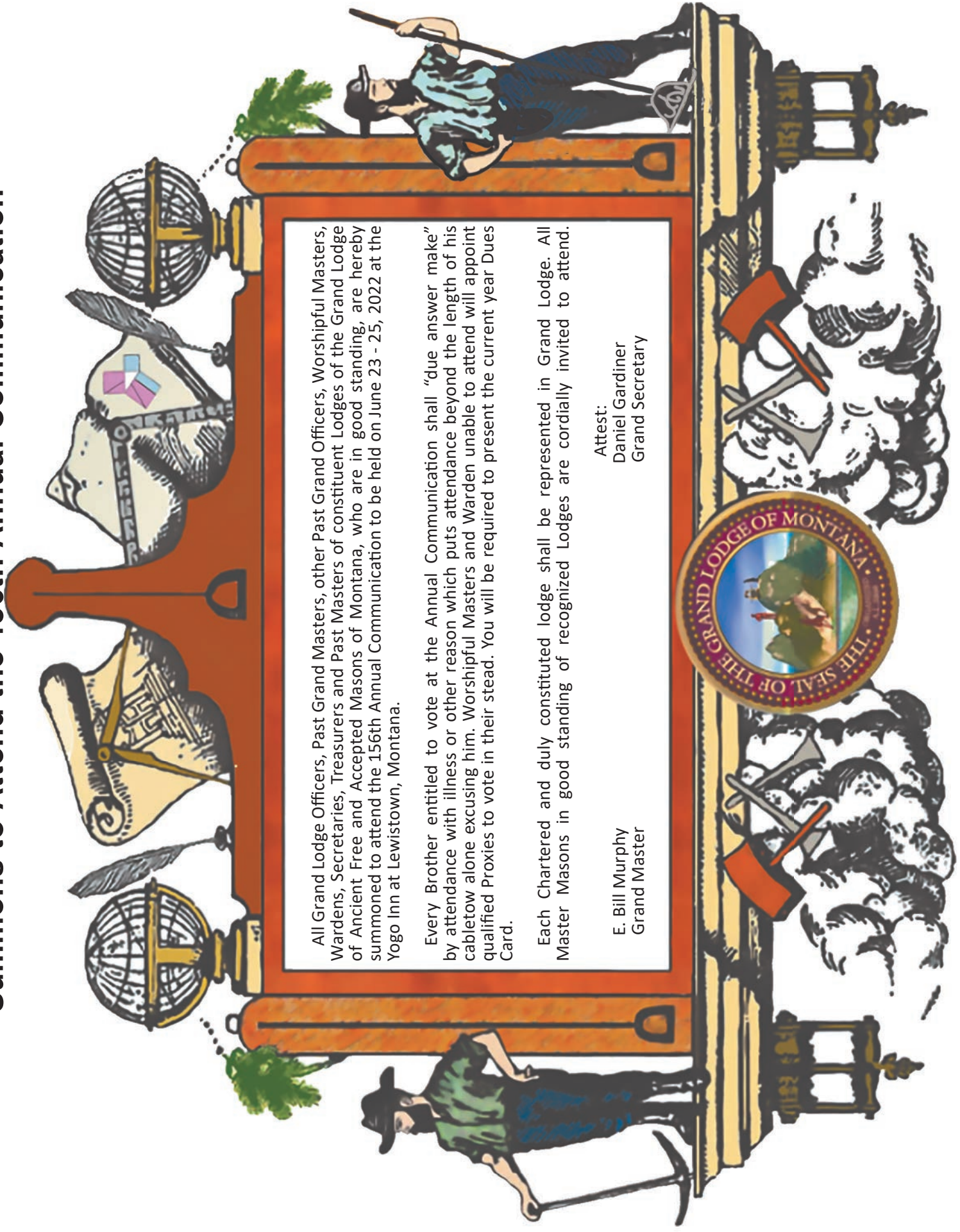
Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one Lodge upon such terms as may be agreed between the Lodges. When should you consider a consolidation? Is your Lodge short of officers? Are Past Masters serving again as Master, Wardens or Senior Deacon? Are your Lodge's sidelines nearly empty at Stated Meetings? Has it been a while since your Lodge has had a candidate? Is your membership elderly or has it moved away? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, consideration of a consolidation is warranted.



**Every Montana Lodge is held under  
a charter or warrant from the Grand  
Lodge of AF&AM of Montana.**



# Summons to Attend the 156th Annual Communication



All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, other Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and Past Masters of constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, who are in good standing, are hereby summoned to attend the 156th Annual Communication to be held on June 23 - 25, 2022 at the Yogo Inn at Lewistown, Montana.

Every Brother entitled to vote at the Annual Communication shall "due answer make" by attendance with illness or other reason which puts attendance beyond the length of his cabletow alone excusing him. Worshipful Masters and Warden unable to attend will appoint qualified Proxies to vote in their stead. You will be required to present the current year Dues Card.

Each Chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented in Grand Lodge. All Master Masons in good standing of recognized Lodges are cordially invited to attend.

E. Bill Murphy  
Grand Master

Attest:  
Daniel Gardiner  
Grand Secretary

# 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Montana

**June 23-25, 2022  
Lewistown, Montana**

**Yogo Inn  
211 East Main St Lewistown, Montana 59457  
Phone: 406-535-8721**

Session Hotel - The Yogo Inn.

Some events and meals will be at the Lewistown High School.



**Guest Speaker**  
**Illus. James D. Cole, 33°, Grand Commander**  
**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction**





# Annual Communication Rules of Order

4010. RULES OF ORDER. The following rules of order shall govern the deliberations at each Annual and Special Communication of Grand Lodge:

A. The Grand Master shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour fixed for the meeting of Grand Lodge, when the journal shall be read, if called for;

B. During the hours of business the members are to keep their seats and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall, or absent himself from the service of Grand Lodge unless he has permission, or is unable to attend;

C. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice upon any subject without permission of Grand Lodge, unless it is merely to explain, and if any member is twice called to order at any meeting for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offense of the same nature, the presiding officer shall, without challenge, order him to leave Grand Lodge, and he may further be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as Grand Lodge may deem proper.

D. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of each member present to vote, unless for good cause Grand Lodge shall excuse him, but no member shall vote upon any question in the event of which he is personally interested;

E. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and there shall be no debate thereon until it is stated by the chair;

F. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, if the chair or Grand Secretary desire it;

G. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but the following:

1. To adjourn;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To commit;
4. To substitute; and
5. To amend or to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order and be decided without debate.

These motions shall have precedence in the order above listed;

H. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof, but this rule shall only be applicable to an original motion;

I. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except in filling up blanks, when the largest sum and longest time shall be put first;

J. There shall be no appeal from the rulings of the Grand Master as the presiding officer;

K. No report shall be received from any of the committees of Grand Lodge, unless the same shall be reduced in writing, and signed by at least a majority of the members thereof; and

L. No committee, without special leave, shall sit while Grand Lodge is at labor.



# Session Information

## Duty to Attend Session

Every year, Worshipful Masters and Wardens promise to submit to the “ancient charges and regulations of Masonry” during their installation. These charges point out the duties of the Master of a Lodge and are deemed so important that they are read to ensure accuracy.

In these charges, you promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge upon having received proper notice and pay attention to all the duties of Masonry. A Lodge is a constituent of the Grand Lodge when in session. In order for a lodge to be a component of Grand Lodge, it must be represented. Thus, its presence is mandatory, either personally or by proxy. Additionally, our Code requires each Lodge be represented by the attendance of their Master and Wardens.

## Representation in Grand Lodge

Section 25050 states that “Each chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented in Grand Lodge at every non-ceremonial communication by one or more of its Master and Wardens, or by an elected representative. Where a Master or Warden is unable to attend, the lodge Instructor shall be given the preferential representation.

## Proxies

Whenever the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden cannot attend the annual communication, he may grant a proxy (using the Proxy Card provided by the Grand Secretary,) to some member of his lodge to act in his stead. The proxy must be issued and signed by him at least two days prior to the annual communication, and he must notify the other officers of the granting of the proxy. The proxy must be presented when checking in and registering at the annual communication.

If either the Master, Senior or Junior Warden has died during his term of office or has permanently moved from this jurisdiction, the lodge may, at a regular meeting held at least two days prior to the annual communication, elect a proxy for such officer. If the member designated as a proxy does not use it, the credential cannot be used by anyone else. If a proxy is being given, it should be given to a member of the other than a Past Master, as they have a vote. If attending as a Proxy, the member must present his current Montana Dues Card and the Proxy Card to the registration committee.

## Dues Cards Must Be Presented

The Current Dues Card will need to be presented at Check-In and Registration at Session. The current dues

card will show an expiration date of December 31, 2022. Failure to present your 2022 Dues Card will result in you not being able to participate in Session.

## Tie Vote

The Grand Master shall have a regular vote in all matters before Grand Lodge. In case of a tie vote, he may also cast the deciding vote.

## Balloting & Other Matters Before Grand Lodge

There shall be no appeal from the rulings of the Grand Master as the presiding officer.

## Notice for Balloting on Grand Lodge Officers for 2022 -2023

During the Annual Communication, the voting delegates will be voting for the following officers.

Deputy Grand Master (Grand Master-elect)  
Senior Grand Warden  
Junior Grand Warden  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer

The various duties of these officers are specified within the Constitution and Code of Statues.

## Presentation of Lodge Banners

Again, this year, Lodges are encouraged to bring their Lodge Banner for display during the Annual Communication. The Banners will be able to be posted in a designed area.

## Apron at Session

All Mason and Lodge Officers are encouraged to bring and wear the apron appropriate to their office or station within the Lodge. All Past Masters are encouraged to wear their Past Master Apron. There will be a limited number of plain paper aprons available for use.

The lambskin apron is the prized possession of every Mason. It is customary to wear a substitute, a white cloth apron. Some Lodges provide special aprons for their officers, and most Grand Lodges have more elaborate aprons for their Grand Officers and past Grand Officers. To be “properly clothed,” a Mason must wear the apron in Lodge unless, as an officer, he wears the appropriate apron supplied him by the Lodge of Grand Lodge. Within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana, Masons always wear their aprons outside of clothing, not under a coat or jacket.



## Concerning Balloting

In Anderson's Constitutions and in Mackey's Jurisprudence, we find that the "immemorial usages" concerning balloting and electing that it be independent and secret. The secrecy of the ballot is as essential to its perfection as its unanimity and its independence.

Frequently we hear those who would propose that we change our procedures to match that of political parties or other organizations in the name of transparency but doing so would throw out secrecy and would be un-masonic.

On legislation M.W.P.G.M.-Hon Dean Lindal (#5), Grand Secretary 1982-2001 frequently stated "The only good legislation is legislation that will do something for the Mason in his Lodge that he can see and makes the Lodge better."

## Proposed Legislation

Proposed legislation has been reviewed and approved by your Committee on Jurisprudence for presentation and that such legislation is in proper format for presentation to the Craft. Presentation of the proposed legislation in the Montana Freemason Magazine is for informational purposes only. Please read the preliminary Jurisprudence Report and the Advance Proceedings for complete detailed legislation.

5070. Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall:

A. Examine and report on all:

1. Questions, documents and papers requiring investigation; and

2. Decisions upon all points of Masonic law.

B. Review proposed resolutions and recommendations to be considered at the next annual communication, upon receipt of them from the Grand Secretary, and recommendations or decisions of the Grand Master, or standing committees of Grand Lodge and;

1. Prepare legislation as may be required, together with a brief statement of the purpose and effect of them on Grand Lodge, and which will carry out the intent of the proponents; and

2. Transmit, within 40 days of receipt of the proposed resolutions and recommendations, and copy of them, together with the brief statement of purpose and effect of each, to the Grand Secretary;

C. Report to Grand Lodge;

1. Its recommendations as to the legality of decisions and dispensations issued by the Grand Master; and

2. The legal effect of any proposed amendments; and

D. When appropriate, prepare supplementary legislation to proposed amendments and prepare legislation to accomplish recommendations of the Grand Master, or standing committees of Grand Lodge, and report to Grand Lodge thereon its recommendations.

It takes a  
big man to  
believe in  
something  
bigger than  
himself.



NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.

# Slava Ukraini



**Grand Lodge of Ukraine**



# Music With A Little Help From The Masons



Pictured from right: Rapelje Ag & Music Teacher Cali Rooney, Rapelje music students Joshua Hixson, Jason Shane, and Ahna Eisenbraun and representing Stillwater Masonic Lodge No. 62, Maurie Petterson.

Rapelje School recently received the annual Stillwater Masonic Lodge donation for music programs. Rapelje Lodge No. 122 began the tradition of donating \$500 each year to the School Music Program. Stillwater Lodge No. 62 agreed to continue that tradition after Rapelje No. 122 consolidated into Stillwater Lodge No. 62.

## Montana's Local Masonic Lodges At Work In Our Public Schools.

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# We Met 4 Times in 70 Years

People are living longer as time progresses. 70 years of age is young when considering the age of recent U.S. Presidents. And during those 70 years we meet with friends few times, unless we cultivate that friendship from the very beginning. Masons can and do change the world around them by how they act and treat fellow citizens, but Masonic training is momentary and sporadic. We have to care and give our energy to one man a total of less than 6 hours over a total of 70 years. Those few minutes can make a difference.

Think on this: we only really contact and influence Masons four times during their lives. Those times are the three degrees and his funeral. Other than that we have little we can do: most members stop attending meetings for any number of reasons, but if education instills a curiosity to grow and become better, that education comes more often and more easily at meetings than one sitting alone at home. We tend to feed off of each other's energy and vigor for the quest.

If you knew you would only contact a person once in his lifetime after he had requested help in becoming a better man, would you not consider his observation and remembrance of that occasion? How impressive is it to see the top of a man's head as he bends his face to try to read words appearing on his two inch by four inch phone? How impressive is it to tell a person he is not to write any of the ritual, and then stand in front of him and read what you have found written or written yourself? But memorization is a problem for some.

Memorization and recitation is easily excused, until one analyzes his own life. How many people say they can't memorize, but know 6 or 8 phone numbers of friends off the top of their heads? An elementary teacher once asked his class, "What is 4, 8, 12, and 20?" And the answer was shouted out, "Cartoon network, Hulu, ESPN, and NBC!" We know and memorize that which we do lots. If something as enigmatic as phone numbers or television stations can be absorbed, it merely takes a person to assign importance to that one presentation for a candidate to bring the memory into play.

Others memorize and perform, and those who read, and stumble, make a much louder statement to a new man than can be calculated. Think back on your own experience and who impressed and was remembered. At this point we come to those who say, "Well, then I'll just let others do it," or, "It was good enough for me

when I was initiated and I turned out all right." And not everyone who joins accepts the onus of teaching those who come after him, and might balk at advancement if told so before any ritual was started.

We all have been embroiled at one time or another in a discussion of lack of attendance and members halting dues payment. The past memories of what was done in degrees and how members acted in meetings may be one of the keys to growth and stability. We've tried dinners and movie nights and activities. Perhaps giving this element one year's shot might be worth it: just one year to see if it works. And memorization is much less daunting if one knows what's coming and how it fits into the scheme.

In the recent past I have seen degrees planned with open slots and a finger is pointed saying, "Someone must cover this section of the ritual....it's you!" No one feels elation at the pressure of performing, especially a part not individually selected or desired. The solution is to map out all the rituals and search until all parts are under the name of a person who cares. And too often we stop looking past those who sit before us that night. There are numerous members who might be re-instituted into the ritual if given a chance to perform what they did in the past. Such a phone call brings Masonry to the fore in his memory. Such phone calls link brothers and give them impetus to attend, if only once. And it may bring about attendance unforeseen, and interest in the fraternity, and new thoughts from different minds, and variety in discussion, and a relation to the history of your lodge, and...who knows what else?

When asked how many members are in the lodge the answer is much higher than physical bodies in a meeting. Utilize that number and bring back caring and performance to the degrees. Basically, your lodge has only four shots at creating a pleasing memory of a Mason's journey in life. Be a part of one or more of those instances, and lead by example, showing caring.



hear ye!

hear ye!

AUTHENTIC

# 1717 Table Lodge

AN 18TH CENTURY FEAST W/ CEMEMONY & TOASTS



SAT. MAY 14 ~ 6:00 PM  
OASIS AT 5:00PM

MASONIC TEMPLE 14 S. TRACY  
BOZEMAN, MT

\$35 - ALL YOU CAN EAT

\$5 <sup>FOR FIRST 2</sup> CUSTOM ALES & WINE

MICROBREWED BY B. COLIN RUH OF LAST BEST PLACE BREWERY

\$20 - 2021 COMMEMORATIVE  
COPPER BEER STEIN (NEW FOR THIS YEAR)



## ROAST PIG!



WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

EXPERTLY PREPARED BY  
WB BRIAN ENGAL OF PIONEER MEATS

PLEASE  
**RSVP**  
FOR STEIN &  
ADULT  
BEVERAGES

LIMITED  
SEATING!  
**\*RSVP**  
BY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>  
406 595-1219

PERIOD ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

\*NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND DON'T SHOW... YOU STILL OWE.

IF COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT LIFTED BY MAY 1ST. WE WILL CANCEL AND DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED



# ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

As the American Civil War came to an end in 1865, both the North and the South were exhausted from the long bitter conflict. Much of the Confederacy had suffered economic deprivation since most of the fighting had occurred there. An even more devastating result was the loss of life and injury suffered by both sides. Depending on the source of information, estimates of combined service personnel deaths from all causes ranged from 620,000 to 850,000.

As a means of remembrance of lost loved ones and those who had given their lives, communities sought a means of honoring the dead. In 1866 communities, both north and south, began decorating graves with flowers. Although multiple claims exist as to where the practice originated, Waterloo, New York has been officially recognized as the first community to commemorate those soldiers who died by decorating graves on May 5, 1866. At that time the practice was known as Decoration Day. Of course, flowers from yards and gardens would have been plentiful in the springtime, but perhaps the time of year held a more significant meaning in relation to Easter.

The observance of Decoration Day spread quickly in both the north and south and in March, 1868 General John A. Logan, 2nd Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic (the Union Veterans organization often known as the GAR) issued Order No. 11 that May 30th would be the official date to be observed. Logan chose this date since it was one of the few dates where a Civil War Battle had not been fought. That same year the first Decoration Day event was held at Arlington National Cemetery with 5,000 people in attendance including General Ulysses S. Grant.

Logan was from Illinois and had been a lawyer, politician, veteran of the Mexican War, and Congressman prior to the outbreak of the war. When the Civil War broke out, Logan was appointed as colonel of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment and would eventually be promoted to Major General in the Western Theatre. Even though he was a political appointee, he proved to be very competent and fought in a number of major battles including Fort Donelson, Corinth, and as a divisional commander at Vicksburg. He commanded the XV Corps during the Battle of Atlanta in 1864 and during Sherman's Carolina Campaign. Always one to lead from the front, Logan was wounded three times at the Battle of Fort Donelson. Following the war, his reputation grew when he became one of the founders of GAR and its second Commander. Logan was also popular with Indiana soldiers, having a number of Indiana units under his command during the war.



General John A. Logan was dedicated in Logan Circle in Washington, D.C. and still stands there today.

Following the war, Logan returned to politics and served as a Congressman and U.S. Senator from Illinois. He was the Vice-Presidential running mate of James G. Blaine who ran unsuccessfully for President in 1884. Logan passed away in 1888 and is buried at the United States Soldiers and Airmen's Home National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. In 1901, Logan was honored when an equestrian statue of him that

From its inception, Decoration Day was celebrated across the country and was expanded in scope to honor all veterans as well as deceased loved ones. Often parades were held, flags prominently displayed, and military honors became a part of this annual event. Each May cemeteries came alive as families traveled to honor their love ones with flowers used to "decorate the graves". Following WWI, the name Decoration Day began to be referred to as Memorial Day, as the scope of the remembrance was expanded. In 1968, Congress changed the date to the last Monday of May under the Uniform Holiday Act giving federal employees a 3-day weekend and making Memorial Day a National Holiday.

Bro. Logan was also a Mason having been raised in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 of Pinckneyville, IL and affiliated with Benton Lodge No. 64 in 1851. Bro. Logan received his 32° in Oriental Consistory, in Chicago, IL, in 1880. He also was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 43, Royal Arch Masons, Chicago, IL, in September of 1885 as well as being knighted in Chevalier Bayard Commandery No. 52, Knights Templar, Chicago, IL, in December of 1885. On September 15, 1886, he was elected to receive the 330, but died on December 26, 1886 before it could be conferred.

Chuck Clampitt, Mt Etna Lodge 333, Huntington, Indiana.  
Indiana Freemason Magazine, Summer 2020





# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL



Left - Presenting on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation is Tracy L. Bratcher, Great Falls District Officer presenting Elizabeth Quinby a check from the MMF. The \$1,890.00 grant provided for music cases for Cellos for the Music Department. Bro. Bratcher was accompanied by members of Cascade Lodge No. 34, Michael Walker, Dennis DeForest, and Allan Hauser.

# Montana Masonic Foundation

## CHOTEAU PUBLIC SCHOOL

### PUBLIC SCHOOL GRANT



Tracy Bratcher, Great Falls District Officer, presented a \$250.00 grant check to Dana Bengel on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation. The grant provided for the acquisition of books for the Library.



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# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## DAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



John Heston, Glacier District Officer, presents a check to Darlene Hartman on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation. The \$4,594.00 grant provided the purchase of playground equipment for the Social Science Department.

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At Work In  
Our Public Schools.**

# 70 Year Member Presentation Logan James Shedd



On Feb. 8, Deadwood Golden Star Lodge #7 Logan James (Jim) Shedd was presented his 70-year pin and certificate at a special ceremony at Ashlar Lodge #29 in Billings, Mont., as a courtesy for Deadwood Lodge and the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

In this ceremony, Bill Murphy, Grand Master of Masons of Montana; Dave Schantz, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Montana; Jason Smith, Senior Grand Deacon; Darren DeHass, Grand Chaplain; Dylan Crouse, Grand Organist; and John Hugdahl, Grand Historian. Brother Shedd became a Mason on May 11, 1951, in the Deadwood Masonic Lodge.

Brethren, On this happy and important occasion, we gather here for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to Brother Jim Shedd who has served in the ranks of the Masonic Fraternity for a period of 70 years of devotion to the Masonic Fraternity, we may seriously reflect upon those years fraught with kindly reminders of diligence in duty, liberal benevolence and diffuse charity, but, above all, 70 years of constancy and fidelity to the ideals of our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to grant us this time in which to pay special tribute to Brother Logan James Shedd, who has been a member for 70 years, and we are most pleased to present this award to our Brother as material evidence of our admiration and warm Fraternal love.

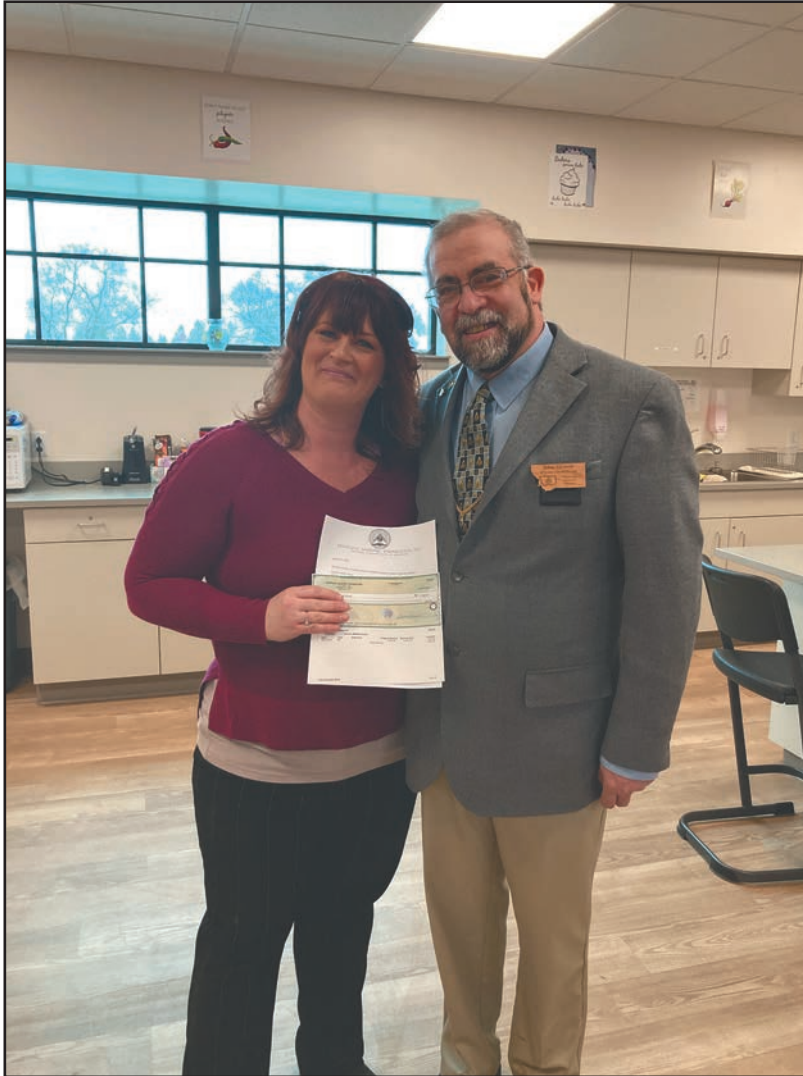


# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION



PUBLIC SCHOOL GRANTS

## SOMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



John Heston, Glacier District Officer, presents a check to Kristina Peterson on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation. The grant provided \$1,000.00 for the Consumer Science Department for Indoor Garden and Supplies Program for an Indoor grow system.

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# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### Northside Elementary School, Wolf Point



Wade Riden presented a \$1,200.00 check to NorthSide Elementary Schools in Wold Point, representing the Montana Masonic Foundation. Mrs. Gorneau, Principal; Ms. Boyson, Paraprofessional, and Mr. Tayler, Teacher. The grant provided the acquisition of Surface Pro Computer of the Special Need Class.

### Our Public Schools Supported by the Montana Masonic Foundation.



## Kalispell No. 42 Welcomes New Master Mason



L-R: Ryan Newby and George Cowan. Brother Newby returned his Master Mason Proficiency utilizing the traditional "Long" form skill. Many, if not most, lodges used the optional 'short' version of the competency.

## Huntley Project No.144 Raises New Master Mason



One of Montana's newest Master Masons. Brother Jose Maldonado. Thanks to all the brothers who showed up and pitched in to make this happen.

# 50 Year Member Presentation Alfred Minugh



Alfred Minugh receiving his 50 yr. Pin and certificate from Chinook Lodge #50 presented by Bob Sharples, Treas. and Ben Hall, Sec'y. The members traveled to Dodson, Mt, to present the award to Al in his home. At 93 years young, he does have a hard time getting around.

Brother Minugh, you stood before the altar of Freemasonry. It is emblematical of that special place where some fifty years ago you stood as the youngest Entered Apprentice and were first instructed in the ancient mysteries of our Craft. You were presented with a lambskin apron and informed that it was the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. You labored among us as an Entered Apprentice, were passed on to the ranks of Fellowcraft, where you received further instruction. Here you were first taught how to read and later draw our designs upon your trestle board and in due time were raised to the sublime degree and have served the Craft for many years as a Master Mason.





# GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **Saco Public Schools**

# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION



Wade Riden presented a grant check to Ms. Warrior and the 5-grade class for a new lighting program application on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation. Students will create a lighting program to be used with stories they write or read and then present.

**The Montana Masonic Foundation  
is involved with our communities.**

# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## Frontier Elementary, Wolf Point

### GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## Hinsdale Public Schools

### GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Wade Riden, representing the Montana Masonic Foundation, presented Mrs. Johnson with a grant for the Music Department, and Mrs. Capdeville received a check for the School Library.

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Foundation  
cares for our  
communities.**

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Huge thanks to the Montana Masonic Foundation! Today our principal, Mr. Somerfeld, received a grant check delivered by Sam Whitehead, one of the Directors of the Montana Masonic Foundation, that will help us purchase books for our school.

Three classes joined in on the excitement, holding up their favorite books!



# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## Radley Elementary, East Helena

### GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Montana Mason Pre-Registration**  
(if you are not a Montana Mason or are guest, use Non-Cost)  
**156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Montana**  
June 23, 24, and 25, 2022

Return this form to the following address prior to June 10, 2022

156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
PO Box 1158  
Helena, MT 59624-1158  
registration@grandlodgemontana.org

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name) (Senior Warden, etc)

Lodge Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied by: \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY – June 23, 2022 Western Cookout (6:30 pm)

Location: Park & Rec. Fish Hatchery  
Hamburgers, Beans, Potato Salad

Montana Mason	Non-Cost
\$5.00	\$10.00
x _____ = _____	x _____ = _____

FRIDAY – June 24, 2022 Lunch (12 to 1:15 pm)

Location: Lewistown High School  
BBQ shredded beef sandwich, potato salad, chips, cookie, lemonade

\$5.00	\$10.00
x _____ = _____	x _____ = _____

FRIDAY – June 24, 2022 Banquet (6:30 pm)

Location: Yogo Inn hotel

Slow Smoked Brisket

1. Green Salad with 2 Dressings
2. Slow smoked Brisket
4. Fresh Garlic Mashed Potatoes
5. Chef's Choice Vegetable
6. Dinner Roll & Butter
7. 1 or 2 of our Homemade desserts

or

Chicken Alfredo

1. Green Salad with 2 Dressings
2. Linguine Pasta with Sliced Grilled Chicken Sauce
3. Garlic Toast
5. Chef's choice of Vegetable
6. 1 of 2 of our Homemade desserts

\$15.00	\$34.95
x _____ = _____	x _____ = _____

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x _____ = _____	x _____ = _____

SATURDAY – June 25, 2022 Lunch (12 to 1:15 pm)

Location: Lewistown High School

Shredded Philly steak, macaroni salad, cookie, lemonade/tea

\$5.00	\$10.00
x _____ = _____	x _____ = _____

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments by check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments by Credit Card done over phone (406) 442-7774, sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Speaker:** Ill. Bro. Jim Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, SJ

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Lewistown, MT 59457  
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2035 Fish Hatchery Rd  
Lewistown, MT 59457  
Phone: (406) 538-5588

### **Tentative Agenda**

(Full Session Agenda will be available in the Session Program)

#### **Thursday - June 23, 2022**

6:00 pm Western Cookout at the Fish Hatchery  
**EVERYONE INVITED, No dress code!!**

#### **Friday - June 24, 2022**

8:30 am Public Grand Opening  
9:00 am Superintendent, Principal, and Administrator, plus Guest  
10:00 am Formal Opening of 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
10:30 am Election of Grand Lodge Officers  
11:55 am Grand Lodge Called from Labor to Refreshment  
1:15 pm Call to Order  
Refreshment to Labor  
Committee Reports  
Reception of Montana Past Grand Masters  
Reception of Montana 50 Year Members  
Reception of Visiting Grand Lodge Officers  
Grand Lodge Called from Labor to Refreshment  
6:30 pm Banquet (Awards, Honors, Recognition)

#### **Saturday - June 25, 2022**

9:00 am Call to Order  
Refreshment to Labor  
12:00 pm Grand Lodge Labor to Refreshment  
1:15 pm Call to Order  
Refreshment to Labor  
Legislation  
Final Finance and Budget Report  
3:00 pm Formal Closing of 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
Time TBD Photo of 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers  
TBD Installation for 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers  
TBD \*\*Dinner-Hail and Farewell Reception

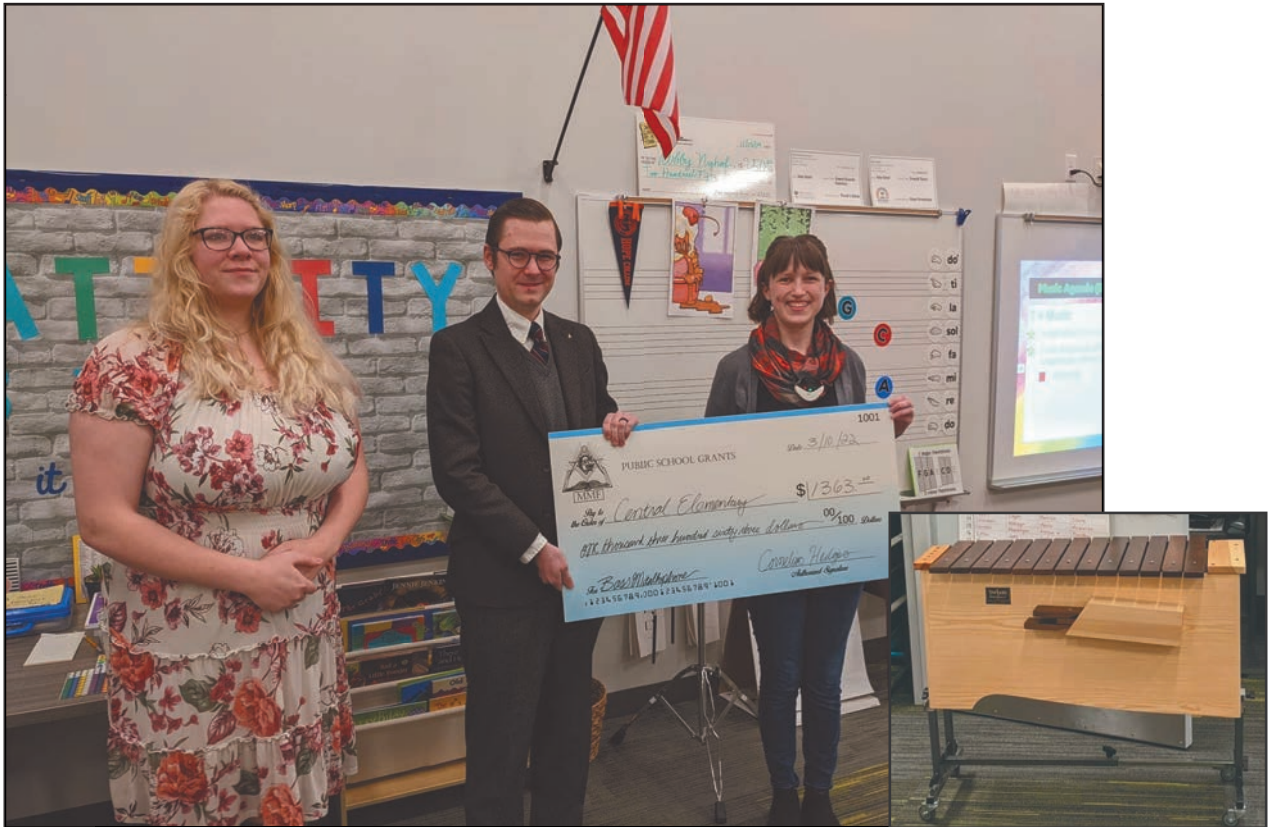
**\*\*Dress code- TUX for GLO, Relaxed Dress for other attendees**



# MONTANA MASONIC FOUNDATION

## CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Bailey Whitehead and Kyron Jeno (Grand Lodge Office staff) present a check on behalf of the Montana Masonic Foundation to Abby Nyhof at Central Elementary school. The public school grant award is for a Bass Metallophone. Pictured is an example of a wooden metallophone, similar to the one that will be purchased. We enjoyed the opportunity to share!



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