



Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862
Grand Lodge of Montana, AF & AM

P O Box 896
Helena, MT 59624

Web link at: www.helenamsons.org
Annual Meeting: August 19, 2006

Greetings Brethren:

We are fast approaching the time of our annual communication on Mullan Pass. A newsletter seems the best, most efficient means of contacting everyone and bringing you up to speed.

**First: The date and time for this year's meeting. 11:00 a.m.,
Saturday, August 19th.**

The Masonic Home picnic will be the next day starting at noon, at the Montana Masonic home.

We will have a light brunch on the pass at 11: 00 a.m. and the meeting will follow. You will note that this is a change from previous years when we met, then had our meal. Also, a review of our books shows we actually lost money the past two years on the meals, so as with everything else lately, the price has to go up. We are going to try and hold the price as close to \$5 or \$6 as possible, but we ask that you be prepared to spend up to \$10.00. One of the problems is that we never know how many we are going to serve, and we don't want to turn anyone away. We will have to work on that problem.

Also, if any of you can assist in the logistics of setting up, and taking down, other preparation for the meeting, please contact:

Brother Jim DeBree at (406) 822-3041 - jsdebree@blackfoot.net, or

Brother Gary Ellestad at (406) 439-1994 - garystringpkrmrbanjo777s@msn.com

They will be coordinating this year's meeting.

We hope by now everyone has received their certificates, dues card and pins. We know there are a couple certificates that needed correction and they are about ready. We are concerned we may have inadvertently missed someone; if so please contact the new Secretary, Blake Gardiner at (406) 443-6394 – blake@helena-mont.us.

Board of Trustees Actions:

At the Grand Communication in Havre last month we had a Mullan Pass Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting the board agreed to: Authorize the publication of this newsletter; Allow the Board President, Secretary and Treasurer to seek out the best investment for the funds now in the treasury, and invest the funds in a secure manner, at the best rate they are able to obtain; and, to expend such funds as necessary to ensure that the Lodge has the entire necessary lodge meeting paraphernalia obtained, stored and ready for the annual meetings. Several brothers volunteered to take on this project. Money raising projects (hats, belt buckles, and other items) were discussed, but the board felt that it was too risky at this time to commit lodge funds to such projects.

Included in this letter is a copy of the minutes from the meeting last year. Also, included is a copy of a Mullan Pass Membership Petition, which we hope you will copy and distribute, and bring with new members to the meeting.

Fraternally,

Blake Gardiner, Secretary



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Minutes Annual Meeting – August 20, 2005

The first Annual Meeting of Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No 1862 was called to Order at 2:30 p.m. on Mullan Pass by M.W.B. David Prewett, Past Grand Master of Masons in Montana A.F. & A.M.

This meeting of Mullan Pass Historic Lodge 1862 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first commemoration of the first known meeting of Masons in Montana, on a September evening in 1862.

M.W.B. Jack Anderson, Grand Master of Masons of Montana A.F. & A.M. opened the Lodge. on the Third Degree of Masonry with the assistance of R.W.B. Thomas Valente, Deputy Grand Master in Senior Warden's chair and R.W.B. David Nielsen, Grand Senior Warden in the Junior Warden's chair. The remaining officers assisting are listed in the Tyler's register. At the request of Grand Master Anderson, Blake Gardiner, Chairmen of the Mullan Pass Historic Lodge Board of Trustees assumed the Master's chair.

A motion was submitted to amend Article 1, section 5, subsection A of the by-laws to change the time of the stated meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m." The Motion was made by R. Bruce McGinnis, P.M. Morning Star Lodge #5 and seconded by Blake Gardiner, P.M. Helena Lodge #3. The Motion was put to the Lodge and was passed. A copy of the Motion is appended to these minutes.

The election of new trustees was done by drawing lots and the following were selected and agreeing to serve:

Ron Engdal, 1-year term
Frank Faller, 2- year term
Gray Ellestand, 3-year term

The following officers were chosen by lot with the following being selected and agreeing to serve to serve:

Jim Debree, Worshipful Master
John F. Wilke, Senior Warden
Frank Faller, Junior Warden
Gerald Luke, Senior Deacon

Upon completion of the business meeting, the Grand Master reassumed the chair and proceeded to rededicate both the meeting site and the stone altar with the assistance of Deputy Grand Master Valence and Grand Senior Warden David Nielsen.

The Lodge voted to grant honorary Past Master Status and charter membership to Elton Andrew and Jean DeBree in recognition of the effort and work they put into preserving the meeting site continuation of the commemoration of the meeting.

Grand Master Anderson closed the Lodge in form at 3:30 p.m. peace and harmony prevailing.

A catered picnic dinner was served at the meeting in the picnic area.

Signed: R. Bruce McGinnis, Secretary/Treasurer
Attested to by: Blake Gardiner, Chairman Board of Trustees.

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Grand Lodge of Montana, AF & AM Petition for Life Membership

To: The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862:

The undersigned certifies that he is a **Master Mason in Good Standing** and a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____, under the jurisdiction of the _____ (Strike out one:)
[Grand Lodge of Montana] or [Grand Lodge of _____], a **Grand Lodge recognized by The Grand Lodge of Montana** and that he is desirous of becoming a **Life Member** of your Lodge if found qualified.

He further certifies that he understands:

1. The purposes of Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862 are to preserve the history of Freemasonry in Montana and the earliest known Masonic Meeting Site in Montana.
2. This Historic Lodge will not confer degrees.
3. His life membership in Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862 shall remain in effect so long as he remains a Master Mason in good standing in a duly chartered Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Montana or of any Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Montana. Membership may be voluntarily severed at any time by resignation. Upon resignation, no demit will be issued. (Sec 20070 A and D, Montana Code of Statutes)
4. That the privileges of holding office and voting in this Historic Lodge are restricted to members who are Master Masons in good standing in a regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Montana. (Sec 20070 B, Montana Code of Statutes)

All petitions received after the close of day of the first Stated Communication in 2005 will be Life Membership.

Printed Full Name: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____, **State** _____,

Zip : _____ **Telephone:** _____ **e-mail:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date of Petition:** _____

Instructions:

The petition fee, \$55.00, must accompany this petition.

Life Members will receive a Life Membership Card, A 4 Color Certificate of Membership and a limited edition Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862 Charter Member lapel pin. (Additional lapel pins are available to members at 5.00 each plus postage.)

Checks should be payable to Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862, A.F.&A.M.

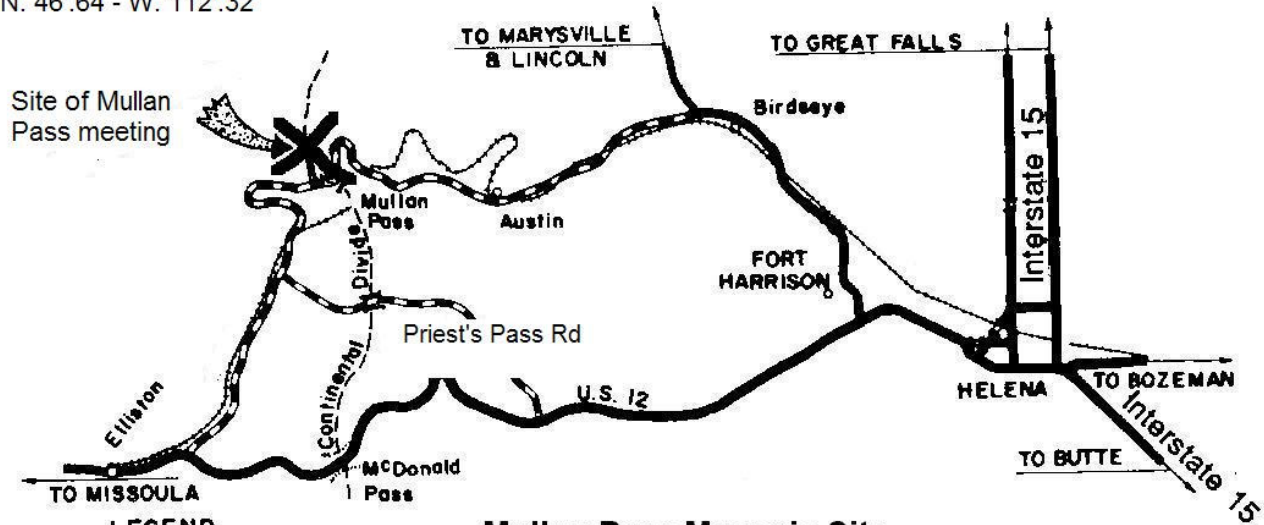
☛ **NOTE: If the petition is submitted by mail:** a photocopy of the petitioner's current dues card (front and back) must accompany the petition.

Mail petitions, checks, and all correspondence: c/o Mullan Pass Secretary - Helena Lodge No. 3, P O Box 896, Helena MT 59624. You can also contact the Lodge by e-mail: mullan1862@helenamasons.org.

Or visit our home page by following the links at www.helenamasons.org.

This box for Lodge Secretary's use:

Approx. Location
N. 46'.64 - W. 112'.32



Mullan Pass Masonic Site
Annual observance of the first known
Masonic meeting held in Montana
Lunch and Tyled meeting starts at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 19, 2006

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TO: