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Calendar of Events 2008

- Jan. 10: Regular meeting
- Feb. 14: Regular Meeting (Valentines Day)
- March 13: Annual Remembrance and Renewal
- March 19: Easter Tableaux
- April 10: Regular Meeting
- May 8-9-10: 168th Annual Reunion
- No meetings June, July, August
- July 26: Masonic Home Picnic
- Sept. 11: Feast of Tishri and Ring Ceremony
- Oct. 9: Regular meeting
- Nov. 13: Election of Officers
- Dec. 11: Annual Meeting

Message From Jeff Bolstad, 33^o, Personal Representative



As we embark on a new year, we should all be turning our thoughts to signing up candidates for our spring reunion in May. Every one of us need to be involved in this process, for it truly is the lifeblood of our organization. For some of you, maybe many of you, there runs through your mind right now one or more Blue Lodge members who are not in the Scottish Rite. So now

what do you do about that? If you are hesitant to approach a potential candidate on your own, please give me a call. I will work with you to contact the brother, and if we can line up a lunch appointment with him (and who doesn't like to eat lunch) we will begin the process of opening up a whole new world of Masonry for him. We will lead him to a realization that being involved in the Scottish Rite is not only in his own best interest, but the sooner he joins, the sooner he starts enjoying the benefits of Scottish Rite Masonry. It's a win for him, and a win for the Helena Valley. And I will buy lunch. Call me soon.

Jack Rehberg, 33^o Steps down as SGIG

After serving on the Supreme Council for 26 years Brother Jack Rehberg, 33^o is resigning as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Montana effective December 31, 2007.

having served as chairman of several committees and served as the Grand Almoner until his retirement.

One of the highlights of his service was as the Representative of the Supreme Council to the Supreme Council of Canada, where he was elected to become an honorary member, a distinction usually reserved for Grand Commanders.

He was appointed as a Deputy in 1981 by Grand Commander Henry C. Clausen and was elected as Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 1983. He was the most senior member of the Council at his retirement, having served under Grand Commanders, including Brothers H.C. Kleinknecht and the Current Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale. Rehberg was an active member of the Council



The Language Clinics in Great Falls, Billings and Missoula were started during Rehberg's term.

It takes a lot of brothers to make Scottish Rite Successful, and Brother Rehberg wants to thank all of them who made his term on the Council a pleasurable experience.

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David L. Nielsen, 33° Named Deputy of the Supreme Council for Montana

David L. Nielsen has been appointed by Sovereign Grand Commander Ronnie Seale as the new Supreme Deputy in Montana. David was born and raised in Bozeman, Montana. He graduated from Bozeman Senior High and thereafter attended Montana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Management Engineering. He received his commission as an officer in the United States Army through the R.O.T.C. program, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He later earned his Juris Doctor degree at the University of Montana.



He entered active duty as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army, and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

As a youth he was an Eagle Scout and a member of Ross C. Jensen Chapter, Order of DeMolay, earning the Chevalier Degree. As Master Councilor he received the Past Master Counselor Meritorious Award.

He started his Masonic membership in Bozeman Lodge No. 18, later demitting to North Star No. 46 in Glasgow, where he served as Worshipful Master. When he moved to Helena in 1991, David joined Morning Star No. 5 and served as its Worshipful Master. He is a member of Helena York Rite Bodies and received the 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor from Helena Valley Scottish Rite. When

his wife Judy served as Worthy Matron of Josephine Hepner Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, he served as her Worthy Patron. He has dual Star membership with Lily of the Valley No. 4. As a member of Algeria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. he served as President of the Milk River Shrine Club and the Circus Patrol. He plays trumpet with the Algeria Band, sings with and accompanies the Algeria Chanters and clowns with the Circus Patrol.

David is Currently the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana. In 2006 he was the only known Deputy Grand Master in North America to have bagged an elk and caught a nine-pound trout in the same year while serving in that office.

His work with youth includes serving as a Cub Master and Scout Master with the Boy Scouts. He was Dad Advisor of E.C. Day Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Currently he is serving as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Grand Masters' Conference to be held in Lexington, Kentucky in 2008.

He and Judy are members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena, where they both sing in the choir. David served on the Board of Trustees for nine years and was chair for eight years during the construction of a \$2 million church building.

In his career as an attorney he worked in private practice, served two terms as Valley County Attorney, was a litigator for the Montana Department of Revenue and is currently City Attorney for the City of Helena.

He and his wife Judy have three children and three grandchildren.



A Deputy of the Supreme Council wears a white cap with a red velvet band

A Message from The Almoner

Dear Brothers:

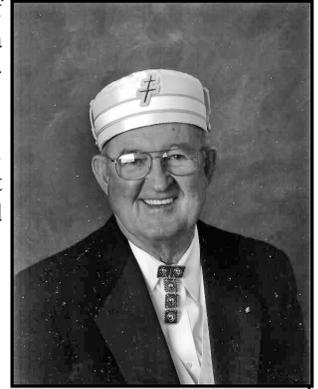
I have been assisting people, mostly children in need and as a result of our charity need to ask you to help monetarily so we may continue our work. Any monetary help you can send to the Almoner's fund is appreciated very much by the people we help. All of the funds donated to the Almoner are used to help those less fortunate than most of us. No administrative costs are deducted from your donations.

Memorials to the Almoner's Fund for our departed Brothers, relatives and friends are a great way of helping others and honoring those departed. Some of our Brethren send in a monthly donation as a method of spreading out the contribution through out the year for our great work. Remember your donations are tax deductible.

As a reminder our regular meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month except June, July and August. A light dinner before the meeting begins at 6PM and our regular meeting at 7PM. Wife's, significant others and guests are always welcome at the dinners. A short program is presented after dinner and prior to our meeting for everyone to enjoy.

Fraternally yours,

Donald E. Fallang, 33°
4025 Fox Hollow Drive, Helena, Mt. 59602



From the Secretary, Fred Curtis, 32° KCCH

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. You can see from the Calendar of Events we will have our usual busy year. I encourage you to be involved. This can benefit both you and the Scottish Rite.



Our final meeting of 2007 was the Annual Meeting and Installation of officers on 12/13/2007. We had 77 members, wives and widows in attendance. Various awards were presented. Boyce Fowler and Micheal Sass, Jr were presented with Double Eagle awards. Marty Crennen, Chuck McLane, Gerald Luke, Everett Lynn and Dave Nielsen were presented with gold stars for being top line petition signers. A special gold star was presented to Jeff Bolstad for his usual outstanding results. He was the top line signer for four new candidates.

This meeting was also the last official act for SGIG Jack Rehberg. He received a special award of a new SGIG medal to wear in the future and a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the Helena Valley. The installation of the new officers for 2008 with Jack Rehberg SGIG as the installing officer followed. The list of the new officers is included with this news letter.

.Our number one priority continues to be membership. This would include retention of existing members and obtaining new members. The 168th Annual Spring Reunion is scheduled for May which seems a long way off. Time has a way of slipping away, and I would encourage you to start thinking about new members. The sooner you obtain new members the better. Make sure you use the new Petition forms, as they have changed for this year.

So many times we hear the remark "I want to demit from Scottish Rite. I cannot attend meetings and be active." Why continue to be a member? There are many good answers. Being a Freemason is LIVING a good life based on Masonic principle. It is BELIEVING in and PRACTICING those vows that make you a Freemason. You are a Freemason even when you are in a place with no Masonic Lodges. Your dues support a CAUSE which you believe in, and help to continue a fraternity of free men who believe in moral character, love of country and the practice of tenets in the life of a man, and contribute to the life of a nation. Your dues and membership are a small price to share in so great a cause.

At the present time, 136 members have paid their dues for 2008. This represents 60 % of the total dues paying membership. Our main source of revenue is dues. It is important that they be paid when due (12-31-2007). If you haven't paid your dues, I would ask you to do so at this time.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of Helena Valley lost during 2007

ELTON M. ANDREW 33°

HERB E. BALLOU 32°

DALE A. BLACK 32°

GARY F. DEMAREE 32°

ROBERT O. DICKEY 32°

DALE U. FUEHRER 32°

MANFRED H. GOODWIN 32°

HARRY C. HARLEN 32°

WILLIAM O. HILL 32°

ROGER B. KREBS 32°

BILL E. MARQUIS 32°

FAY E. MCDONALD 32°

JAMES R. MCKOY 32°

WILLIAM R. NIVEN 32°

FREDRICK L. PATTON 32°

CHADWICK H. SMITH 32°

WARD T. THOMPSON 32°



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