

SUMMARY OF THE 150th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



Most Worshipful Grand Master Brian J. Murphy opened and presided over the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Montana held in Helena, Montana, on June 23, 24 and 25, 2016.

Attendance at the Communication

Elective Grand Officers:	06	Proxies for Junior Wardens:	06
Appointed Grand Officers:	12	Secretaries:	31
Past Grand Masters:	14	Treasurers:	24
Other Past Grand Officers:	16	Past Masters:	117
Worshipful Masters:	32	Duplicates:	121
Senior Wardens:	20	Others present not entitled to vote:	15
Junior Wardens:	13	Total Brethren:	193
Proxies for Worshipful Masters:	07	Total Voting Members	178
Proxies for Senior Wardens:	01		

Visitors: Thirty-Five (35) representing Nineteen (19) Grand Jurisdictions

Awards

Montana Masonic Hall of Fame: Peter C. DeWit (13)

Secretary of the Year: Craig Averett (90)

Distinguished Service Medal (Silver) for eminent service to Montana Masonry: Reid Gardiner (3)

The Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) awarded for outstanding service to Montana Masonry: Tom Davis (32); C. Harvey Frank (27); C. Doug Frank (27)

Theodore Thomas Williams Youth Leadership Award: Sam Whitehead (3,105), Bruce Lahti (34), Reid Gardiner (3).

Master Builder Awards

Morning Star No. 5, Gallatin Lodge No. 6, Missoula No. 13, Deer No. 14, Dillon No. 16, Bozeman No. 18, Stevensville No. 28, Ashlar No. 29, Cascade No. 34, Ionic No. 38, Victor No. 43, Doric No. 53, Euclid No. 58, Whitefish No. 64, Eureka No. 93, Delta No. 128, Trinity No. 152, Sentinel No. 155.

Grand Lodge Budget

Grand Lodge Budget for 2016-2017

PASSED

Per-capita & Reinstatement Fee for 2016-2017 is **\$42.25**

PASSED

Legislation

R-2016-01 A Resolution seeking to have the Masonic Home Board of Trustees amend their Articles of Incorporation back to the wordage of the Articles filed on February 28, 2000.	Withdrawn
R-2016-02 Seeking to have the Masonic Home and Masonic Home Corporation pay to have a professional external audit conducted every year with the results to be provided in the Advance Proceedings.	Fail
R-2016-03 To have the Masonic Home Corporation sells the Masonic Home and all proceeds and assets to be turned over for a Masonic Outreach Program.	Fail
GMR 2016-01 To amend section 1040 H for a 1:1 ratio of candidates to mentor /coaches when when doing degree work on more than three candidates.	Pass
GMR 2016-02 To amend section 510 so that the Deputy Grand Master is not the Grand Master-elect. That the Grand Master is elected by ballot.	Fail
GMR 2016-03 To amend section 1050 E so that candidates in a One Day Class or Occasional Lodge are not exempted from proficiency requiriements.	Pass
GMR 2016-04 To amend section 380 for better safeguards of the District Officer and Lodge Instructor copy of the Secret Work (Montana Standard Work) and increasing the replacement cost.	Withdrawn
GMR 2016--05 To amend section 25070 requiring that the Annual Return be submitted using an electronic process and increasing the late fee.	Fail
CJ-2016- 01 Amending Section 4020 and removing references to the Masonic Home. Companion to R-2016-03.	Withdrawn
CJ-2016- 02 Amending Section 520 and removing references to "Past Deputy Grand Master". Companion to GMR-2016-02.	Withdrawn
CJ-2015-01 A constitutional amendment adding a definition of "written ballot" which includes balloting by electronic means.	Pass
R-2015-02 Holdover amending and adding Section 475 Similar Matters must hold . Back two sessions if failed twice prior.	Fail
Masonic Home of Montana. By adoption of the Grand Master's Address, and in compliance with the Constitution and Code of Statutes, in order to facilitate a clear and distinct separation of the Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge of Montana, the following were adopted: (1) The Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Montana were amended, removing references to the Masonic Home of Montana. (2) Reciprocally, the Masonic Home will likewise remove Masonic reference from their Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. (3) Finally, Trustees of the Masonic Home Board will appoint their successors. In order to carry out 2 and 3, the Masonic Home Board may do any and all things necessary to effectuate this, including but not limited to amending the Articles of Incorporation for the Masonic Home of Montana, and amending its By-Laws. Approved by the Craft assembled at the 150th Annual Communication.	Approved

Actions accepted and adopted at the 150th Annual Communication became in force and effect at close of the Communication.

LODGES NOT REPRESENTED

The following Lodges were not represented at the last seven Annual Communications:

Flint Creek No. 11, Benton No. 25, Glendive No. 31, Augusta No. 54, Terry No. 74, Scobey No. 109, Park No. 140.

The following Lodges were not represented during the 150th Annual Communication:

Montana No. 2, Flint Creek No. 11, Benton No. 25, Glendive No. 31, Ruby No. 36, Kalispell No. 42, Choteau No. 44, Augusta No. 54, Malta No. 57, Wisdom No. 61, Terry No. 74, Western Star No. 104, Scobey No. 109, Ekalaka No. 120, Park No. 140, Jordan No. 148, Rimrock No. 149.

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Elected Grand Lodge Officers

Lewis K. Smith, III (14)	Grand Master
Gerald L. Anderson (155)	Deputy Grand Master
Jeffrey Harada (121)	Senior Grand Warden
Lewie Fletcher (52/53/144)	Junior Grand Warden
Bruce W. Lahti (34)	Grand Treasurer
Reid L. Gardiner (3)	Grand Secretary

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

Alan T. Frohberg (58)	Senior Grand Deacon
Eugene "Bill" Murphy (29)	Junior Grand Deacon
Frank W. Noble (64)	Grand Marshal
Johnathon Dahlquist (1/68)	Senior Grand Steward
Gary J. Long (5)	Junior Grand Steward
David Schantz (29)	Grand Standard Bearer
Kim M. Bowman (28)	Grand Sword Bearer
Don Powell (18)	Grand Pursuivant
Bert H. Bouma (3/51)	Grand Tyler
Carl H. Parish (14)	Grand Chaplain
William J. Langford (7/21/53)	Grand Historian
John O. Baber (101)	Grand Organist
Daniel J. Gardiner (3)	Assistant Grand Secretary

The 151th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana will be June 22, 23 & 24, 2017 in Missoula, Montana.