

# THE BILLBOARD

## SEPTEMBER 2019

For The Valley of Billings, Orient of Montana - serving Eastern Montana Scottish Rite Members

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## **100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION FORM**

### **September 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

You are hereby cordially invited to attend our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration! The tentative agenda will be to provide an "open house social" style gathering on **Friday** night at the Scottish Rite building. Here you may take a tour of your temple, including the brand-new addition. From 4 - 7 p.m. we will have local food trucks and a cash bar for those interested. There will be outside seating, and we can move indoors if the weather turns. The Shrine train will also be providing free rides for kids of all ages.

**Saturday**, we will have a symbolic cornerstone laying by the Grand Lodge of Montana Officers at 10 a.m. Afterward, we again will give tours and answer questions until 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity to enjoy any local attractions you might want to see as well. Saturday evening, we will hold our 100-year anniversary banquet at the Al Bedoo Shrine lower level. **Social hour will be at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 and Speakers at 7:30.**

**The buffet style meal is free for 0-5 yrs, \$10 for 6-12 yrs, and \$20 for all others.** Menu will consist of Roast Beef, Herbal Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Green Salad with dressing, Garlic Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Iced-Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and a cash bar.

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## *Message from The Venerable Master*



### **Greetings**

Greetings my Brethren

Wow things are moving fast around here at the Valley of Billings. Our secretary, TC, has been politely reminding me about this article for a week. My apologies for delaying the billboard a few days. Everything around here seems to be coming together all at once and it is exciting.

At the time I am writing this article we just finished our gun raffle fundraiser. Several of your brethren gave their Saturday up to put on one heck of a show while we drew all the winning tickets for 30 guns. And if that wasn't enough to keep everyone excited, we had burgers, brats and 50/50 drawings happening at the same time. It was a lot of work, but all the brethren had a smile and seemed to be having a ball doing it. We haven't calculated the exact numbers yet, but the preliminary number of tickets sold and the profit from this event are

good. Everybody who does a fundraiser always hopes for more, as did I in this situation. I am very proud of my brethren that supported their Valley and helped make this successful. I look forward to recognizing each of you at our next stated meeting and announcing the final earnings.

This new addition to our building is amazing! Absolutely incredible. Yes, it was supposed to be completed by now but, as many of you know, life happens. The rains that we had in the spring and in early summer altered the competition date by over a month. Had it not been for those wet rainy weeks, we would not be scrambling a bit right now. We have confirmation from our contractor, Hulteng Construction, that it will be ready in time for our 100-year ceremony.

Speaking of which, in case you didn't know, the Valley of Billings is about to celebrate its Centennial. What an extraordinary milestone this is. The odds of an organization starting up at the grassroots level, taking hold and still being around after 10 years is immense. The odds of that group being around for 100 years and still being a viable influence in the community is astronomical. It is! Each of us who is a member of our beloved Scottish Rite needs to be thankful for our ancestors as well as be proud of ourselves for being a part of it. They have given us the working tools and designs to be successful now as well as the unforeseeable future. It is our heritage then to maintain and improve on those designs and proudly hand them to the next generation as it has been done for a century.

I would like to cordially invite you all to our Centennial Celebration. I am certain that it is something that none of us will ever see again. You can see the schedule of events below in the billboard. However, I would like to elaborate on two of the main events:

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, we will be holding a symbolic Centennial Cornerstone Laying at the Northeast corner of the Scottish Rite to commemorate 100 years of our Fraternity. This will be performed by the Grand Lodge of Montana. This is a rare event and may be the only chance we have to see a Cornerstone Ceremony. I highly encourage you to find the time to attend. If you need assistance getting to this, please contact the Secretary. We have a van and Brethren willing to help you with transportation if needed.

On the evening of September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a banquet filled with wonderful food, honorable guest speakers, music and libation. A party worthy of a 100-year-old institution! But it is imperative that the Secretary gets your RSVP. Logistically we need to know how many of you are going to attend, especially the caterer. The Shriners will open their bar at 5:30 and dinner starts at the usual Masonic time of 6:30pm. It's going to be a lot of fun so please get your registration forms in soon.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that we are going to recognize our volunteers at our stated dinner on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come and help acknowledge those who have put in so much time and effort into our fraternity the last year. We will not be having a Lodge of Perfection meeting that night due to the activities of that upcoming weekend. So, I will make sure to keep it short and sweet unlike this article.

I hope this finds every single one of you well and I look forward to seeing you at your Scottish Rite.

Humbly  
Sean McDuffee  
Venerable Master  
Personal Representative

## THE RITE CORNER



**"Serving and Not Being Served"**  
David L. Nielsen, SGIG in Montana

Here are some pictures from the supreme council.







## SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CLINIC

[www.ritecarebillings.org](http://www.ritecarebillings.org)

It is with regret that I announce there will not be a Pumpkins Banquet in October. Lacking a director of fundraising, the Board made this unanimous decision. There will be other fund raising efforts such as 365 Club, general donations, memorials, grants, and our famous Cookie Jar Auction. The Board will continue its efforts to obtain a fund raiser.

The Pumpkin Patch Party for youngsters scheduled for Fri, Oct 11, from 5:00—7:00 PM at the Al Bedoo Shrine will go on as scheduled.

The Clinic is providing sponsorships to 39 children and there are four applying for sponsorships.

Trudy Biggers, our grant writer has acquired some grants and is applying for many more. She is also working on Facebook for the Clinic to help with fund raising. The Board is grateful for all the financial support from anyone who can provide it.

Respectfully,  
Jered H Scherer, Chair

### ***"Koffee Klatch"***

***Every Thursday***

***7:30 AM to 9 AM***

***Just \$1.00***

***Money goes to***

***Library***



### **Knights of St. Andrew**

**Study Group—**

**Third Friday of Each Month at  
5:00 PM**

The next meeting of the Knights of St Andrews Study Group is scheduled for September 20.

**ALL BLACKHATS CHECK IT OUT!**

## General Info

### BILLINGS VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE 2019 OFFICERS LODGE OF PERFECTION

#### Elected

VM	Sean McDuffee 32°, KCCH
SW	Pete Boothroyd 32°
JW	Dan Jobrack, 32°
Orator	Mark T. Olson, 32°
Almoner	David Bergeson, 33°
Secretary	T C Chatman, 32°
Treasurer	David Armstrong, 33°

#### Appointed

Prelate	Ron Swenson, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Nate Frickle, 32°
Expert	Kalman G. Tinka, 32°
Asst. Expert	Gerald Giebink, 32°
Captain of the Host	Arnie Frovarp, 32°
Tyler	Michael J. Welton, 32°, KCCH
Organist	John Baber, 32°, KCCH

#### ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	John Hugdahl, 32°
SW	Tom Hanel, 32°
JW	Tyler Meisenheimer, 32°
Orator	Adam Johnson 32°

#### COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Bob Donaldson, 32°
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Commander	Jim Roberts, 32° KCCH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander	Jeff Dresch, 32°, KCCH
Orator	Tom Hornung, 32°, KCCH

#### CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh	Dave Schantz, 32°
Prior	Gordon Lockwood, 33°
Preceptor	Gerald (Jerry) Shay, 33°
Minister of State	Dale Vietmeier, 33°



### Beartooth District Calendar

As a continuing reminder, this calendar was created as a planning tool to avoid scheduling conflicts when setting event dates. This works best if you let us know of any events you would like to include. Corrections are also welcome.

Please go to: <http://www.montanafreemasons.org/>

Click on Beartooth district  
Scroll down to middle of page and click on  
"Scheduled Events Calendar"

Please check for entries that may be of specific interest to you!

Thank you for your participation!  
Fraternally yours,

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[davidschantz@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:davidschantz@grandlodgemontana.org),  
Pete Boothroyd -  
[petervincenboothroyd@gmail.com](mailto:petervincenboothroyd@gmail.com)

**Honourmens**  
**5th Friday lunch**  
**08-30-19**  
**Noon**



**Complete!**



## Magic City Chapter

Magic City Chapter.

2019 is flying by and September will quickly be upon us. This time of the year brings new adventures as we start, not only the school year but our DeMolay Year as well. We will be holding our Installation of Officers on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00 pm. (see Invite) I know the members are looking forward to an exciting year as Brother Leown Keyser takes the reins of the chapter. We just completed a Montana DeMolay Lock-in overnight event here in Billings and we will have a bowling night scheduled as we finish out August. September brings the DeMolay Region 7 Conference in Ogden Utah and in October our annual Joint DeMolay/Job's Daughters Convention will be in Billings this year.

As my kids have been getting ready to go back to school, we have had several conversations about making good decisions and about how to handle different situations. We talked about sometimes having to place others and their well-being above our own selfish wants and desires. The fabric of today's society is comprised of our youth, and we have a responsibility to reach out to them and the rest of our communities and spread the message of love and understanding. We see daily, because we are now connected with friends and strangers on a level never witnessed in human history, that the opinions voiced by others, have a huge influence on each and everything we do. Some people can take it, some can't, some just don't look any more. Too many people say something when they shouldn't and not nearly enough say it, when they should. Heck, even in our own community, we hardly talk to each other, unless there is a problem, when we really should be looking for opportunities to not only better ourselves and our brethren, but the rest of our community as well. Stay focused and we will all improve.

Continue to be on the lookout for good young men to get involved in this wonderful organization, we are looking for sons, grandsons, nephews, and friends ages 12-21. No Masonic relationship is required.

Additionally, we also need more adult leaders, both men and women to assist in mentoring these young men. If you have the time and the ability, please come mentor and support these young men.

Thanks,

Dan Massey

*Magic City Chapter*  
*Order of DeMolay*

*Requests the honor of your*  
*presence at the*  
*Installation of Officers*

*On September 14th at two o'clock PM*

*Scottish Rite Building*

*514 W. 14th Street*

*Billings MT 59101*

*Master Councilor Elect - Leown Keyser*

*Please join us for a reception to follow.*  
*Families are welcome*





## CONTRIBUTIONS

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE  
WHO CONTRIBUTE TO  
SCOTTISH RITE  
PROGRAMS**

**Language Clinic Operating**  
Blake Mackin

**Transportation Van**  
Anonymous

## MEAL MENU BY RED FEZ CATERING

### DINNER MENU

Cottage Cheese & Fruit  
Salad  
Relish Tray  
Rolls & Butter  
Savory Grilled Chicken  
Breast  
Jumbo Cheese Ravioli  
/Marinara Sauce  
Baked Summer Squash  
Chocolate Cake  
Coffee or Iced Tea

Alternate Entrée:  
Coho Salmon Fillet

### Coat and tie Attire



**Recruitment  
Breakfast  
2nd Saturday  
7:30 AM**

**Western Emporium  
3141 King Ave W,  
Billings, MT 59102**

**Please join us!**

**Dinner  
Reservations  
Required**

**259-6683**

**By 10 AM MONDAY  
before Wednesday  
Dinner**

**THANK YOU**

**Important notice,  
Remember!**

**Billings Valley 100  
Year Celebration**

**09-05-19 to 09-06-19**

**KCCH investiture**

**10-02-19  
Billings**

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## *Need to Know Information*



### SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT THE RITE

03 Clinic Board, 12:00  
Dos Machos

04 Executive meeting 6:00  
Lodge meeting and dinner 6:30  
Scottish Rite Temple

05-06 Centennial celebration

14 Breakfast 7:30 AM  
Western Emporium  
3141 King Ave W, Billings, MT

20 Knights of St Andrew 5 PM  
Scottish Rite Temple



Our new Personal representative  
Sean McDuffee 32° KCCH

*Visit the Supreme Council*  
[www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)  
*1733 16th Street, NW, in  
Washington, D.C.*

### **Lodge of Perfection**

#### **Venerable Master**

Sean McDuffee, 32° KCCH

### **Chapter of Rose Croix**

#### **Wise Master**

John Hugdahl, 32°

### **Council of Kadosh**

#### **Commander**

Bob Donaldson, 32°

### **Consistory**

#### **Master of Kadosh**

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