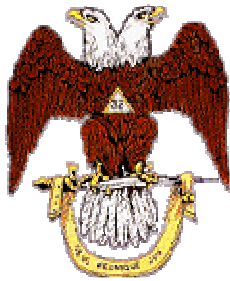


# Happy Independence Day

JULY 2008



## Western Montana Valley Scottish Rite Missoula, Montana

### New Valley Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Ill. Brother Glenn Hacker 33°, has announced his retirement as the Valley Secretary and the Newsletter Editor, effective June 9, 2008. Glenn has served the Valley for many years in several capacities, as both the Valley Secretary & Newsletter Editor, and has decided to finally slow down a little bit. While Glenn will remain a major presence in the Valley, his tremendous contributions to the Valley will be greatly missed. Ill. Brother Mark King 33°, will take over the reigns as the new Valley Secretary effective June 9, 2008 and we wish Brother Mark all the best. To contact Almoner/Secretary Mark King 33°, his address is: 1650 Jackson Dr., Missoula, MT 59802 and his email address is: Magicmark4@gmail.com.

Ill. Brother Eric Anderson 33°, will take over as Newsletter Editor and expects to expand the Newsletter over the coming months in both content and frequency.

### Fall Reunion Schedule

The Valley's Fall Reunion has been scheduled to be a one and a half day event Friday & Saturday, November 7-8, 2008. As was done last year, the reunion will be combined with the Feast of Tishri Dinner, which proved to be a very successful event and is expected to be even better this year.

Team Captains, while The Reunion may seem to be a long way off, it really isn't, so please be sure to distribute the scripts to your teammates, and for those degrees with new scripts this is especially important. Make sure you provide the Reunion Coordinators Eric Anderson 33° & Steven Chord 32° copies of your scripts with any stage, lighting, music or special effects cues as soon as possible.

#### Friday, November 7, 2008

6:30PM Candidate registration

6:45PM 4th Degree — Team Captain Tim Lund 32° KCCH

8:00PM 6th Degree — Team Captain Jim Woodward 32°

9:00PM 14th Degree — Team Captain Pete DeWit 33°

#### Saturday, November 8, 2008

7:00AM Full hot breakfast

8:00 AM 15th Degree — Team Captain Larry Lund 33°, PGM

9:30AM 18th Degree — Team Captain Pete DeWit 33°

10:45AM 27th Degree — Team Captain L. D. Gross 32° KCCH

1:00PM 30th Degree — Team Captain L. D. Gross 32° KCCH

2:30PM 32nd Degree — Team Captain Mark King 33°

5:00PM Feast of Tishri/Reunion Banquet (Ladies invited)

6:30PM Ring & Hat ceremony (Ladies invited) M.C. Pete DeWit 33°

The Banquet will be prepared & hosted by Worthy Matron Debbie McDonald of Immanuel Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

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### Almoner's Report *by Mark King, 33°*

The Almoner receives requests for monetary assistance from various sources and carefully evaluates each request before making a decision to disperse funds or not. Whether the request is for a member of the Masonic body or not makes no difference. For example, over the past 15 years the almoner's fund has dispersed money annually to the Masonic Home in Helena for their Christmas party, requests from Supreme to help earthquake victims and flood victims, travelers who have been stranded in Missoula, homeless individuals, travel money for families attending our clinic, families who were about to lose a home or needed help with medical bills, etc. The list goes on. This year a sizable amount was given to an elderly woman who desperately needed money to keep her house. The only source of money for the almoner's fund is from the generous contributions of the Scottish Rite brothers obtained at meetings or when paying dues. All contributions are greatly appreciated and the recipients of the donations are always extremely grateful.



## Jack Rehberg, 33° Retires as SGIG For Montana



Brother Jack Rehberg 33° retired December 31, 2007, after 26 years as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Montana.

He was appointed as a Deputy in 1981 by Grand Commander Henry C. Clausen and was elected as Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 1983. Brother Rehberg was the most senior member of the Supreme Council at his retirement, having served under Grand Commanders, Brothers H. C. Clausen, C. K. Kleinknecht and the current Grand Commander Ronnie Seale. Brother Rehberg was an active member of the Council having served as chairman of several committees and served as Grand Almoner until his retirement.

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

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. *(Courtesy of Helena Valley Scottish Rite)*



## David L. Nielsen 33° Named Supreme Deputy in Montana

Brother David L. Nielsen 33° was appointed by Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale, as the new Supreme Deputy in Montana to replace Jack Rehberg 33° SGIG who recently retired. David was born and raised in Bozeman, Montana. He graduated from Bozeman Senior High School and then attended Montana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Management Engineering. He received a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army through the ROTC program, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He later earned his Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Montana. He entered active duty as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps., US Army, and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Brother Nielsen has just completed his year as the Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana. Currently he is serving as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Grand Master's Conference to be held in Lexington, Kentucky in 2008.

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 was in the 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° KCCH 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 where he plays trumpet with the Algeria Band, sings with and accompanies the Algeria Chanters and clowns with the Circus Patrol.

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. He and Judy have three children and three grandchildren

In his career as an attorney, he worked in private practice, served two terms as Valley County Attorney, was litigator for Montana Dept. of Revenue and is currently City Attorney for the City of Helena. *(Courtesy of Helena Valley Scottish Rite)*



## RiteCare Clinic Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Dr. Lucy Hart-Paulsen, Director

Over the course of a decade, the RiteCare Clinic has been able to make a difference in the lives of 349 children, who have received direct therapy services. We have provided 5,331 therapy sessions and 297 diagnostic evaluations. Overall, our services have impacted 598 children and families.

The next decade is an exciting one. The clinic will be connected to the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) in the School of Education, which will train university students to be speech and language pathologists. The RiteCare Clinic will be managed much as it has been serving children with communication challenges and providing follow-along training for their families. Students in the CSD program will be able to observe the diagnostic and intervention services that are provided at the clinic as part of their academic program. With a "captive audience" in the CSD program, we are hoping to expand the fund raising opportunities and increase the number of clients we are able to serve.

The Clinic just put in a grant for the Greater Ravalli Foundation.

## The Future of The Scottish Rite *by Bob Anderson 33°*

I am not sure that I have ever completely understood the adage, "*the more we change, the more we stay the same*", until I had a chance to reflect on the recent Scottish Rite regional conference that I attended in Minneapolis. How many times have I heard the stories about how well attended the meetings used to be, how well the functions were attended, how big the classes were, and how many degrees used to be put on. Sound familiar? So why isn't it happening now?

The complete answer is multi-faceted and lies in the first part of the saying: "*The more we change*" or more appropriately, the more we adapt. A vital part of the success of an organization, especially our fraternity, is the ability to adapt to the present environment; adapt to the stimuli we encounter, and adapt to meet the needs of our current membership. The old stories are a testimony to the fraternity and the great success they fostered by adapting to the needs of their membership. We can have those same stories to relate to the next generation as long as we are dynamic and strive to meet the challenges of the world we currently face. If we can adapt, then we will have a chance at "staying the same."

The two day conference in Minneapolis presented a report on the Supreme Council's strategic objectives and ways to implement the objectives in your valley. These objectives are:

1. Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
2. Build a positive public image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite
3. Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
4. Provide a framework for the effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the fraternity.
5. Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the fraternity.

The conference stressed two key elements that are part of our fraternity. The first is that the Scottish Rite is about people, not numbers of people. Our main objective is to provide "more light" to our members. Each valley was challenged to examine what they were doing to provide more light and find ways to improve or expand on what they were currently doing. I can assure you that you will see some changes in our meetings and communications relative to Masonic enlightenment.

The other key element is practice. Practice makes perfect and as we strive to become perfect ashlars, we need to practice those ideals and tenets that we believe. We need to practice stewardship in all that we do. We need to practice our rituals. We need to practice our leadership skills. We need to practice our Masonic teachings. We need to practice patience and compassion when we, or others, fall short of meeting goals. And then we practice some more.

The Scottish Rite is growing. We are adapting. We are trying new approaches. We are trying to make the Scottish Rite an instrumental tool in your life. My hope for you today is to practice.

## 2008-2009 Valley Meeting Schedule

September	2008	Master Craftsman Program
October	2008	Theatrical Degree Reading
November	2008	Fall Reunion & Feast of Tishri Banquet
December	2008	Election of new officers & Educational Video
January	2009	Installation of New Officers
February	2009	Theatrical Degree Reading
March	2009	On the Road In Polson
April	2009	Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal
May	2009	Strategic Planning



### Your Email Address

In an effort to update our brother's information, if you have an email address, please let us know by emailing it to Eric Anderson at :

[MT-Eman@hotmail.com](mailto:MT-Eman@hotmail.com).

If you would like to receive the newsletter or meeting announcements via email, it is convenient and saves the Valley the rising postage & printing costs. Just let me know.

### Website Enhancements

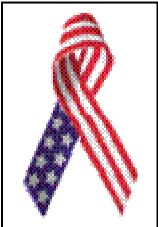
Copies of this newsletter will be available in a downloadable Adobe format will be included on the website beginning with this issue. It will also have the Fall Reunion Schedule.

Know a good candidate for Scottish Rite Membership?

Go to the website and download a *Petition for Valley Degrees*.

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