

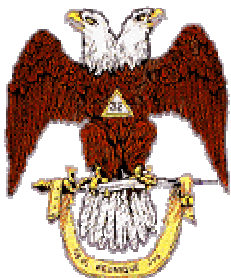


HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**JANUARY 2009**

# **Western Montana Valley Scottish Rite Missoula, Montana**



## **Welcome to the Newest Brothers of the Scottish Rite & the Western Montana Valley of Missoula**

The Fall Reunion held on November 7-8, 2008, was a great success and our new class of Scottish Brothers bodes very well for the Valley. The brothers would like to thank everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this and every Reunion so special. A lot of people put in a lot of effort in order to pull these Reunions off so well. A special thanks goes out to brother Horst Schwarz for his wonderful breakfast. The Feast of Tishri Dinner provided by the of Immanuel Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was also a fantastic dinner with a large turn out.

Jesse Gross  
Theodore Høglund  
Norman Allen  
Daniel Crevar  
Jason Laws  
Jeff Steward  
Robert Field  
Mark Sickich  
Matthew Sonnichsen  
Colbert Howell  
William Jolly

Stevensville #38  
Joseph Warren Lodge #235  
Thompson Falls #70  
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## Looking Towards Our Future

**by III. Brother Bob Anderson, 33°**

These times are certainly trying and unsettled. We, as a population, are looking for something positive, something that will be constant, and something sustainable. Sustainable is a word that we hear quite often anymore and it can be associated with a wide range of topics including; communities, agriculture, forestry, education, living, economics, environment, and so on. So what is sustainable? The Brundtland Commission defines sustainable development as that which *“meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs.”*

John Ikerd, author of *A Return to Common Sense*, defines sustainability as *“a matter of intergenerational equity; it applies to the Golden Rule both within and across generations. To sustain humanity, we must care for other people, as we would have them care for us.”*

*“Our common sense tells us that it is fundamentally wrong to exploit our natural environment in the pursuit of our narrow individual self interests.”*

*Our common sense tells us that our quality of life is enhanced by positive relationships regardless of whether we receive any economic value.*

*Our common sense tells us that we must pursue a broader, higher, more enlightened concept of self interest.*

*We don't have to prove these things to others or to ourselves – we know them, they are plain as common sense.*

Common sense is making moral and ethical decisions. These are the tenets and the product of Masonry and the Scottish Rite. The values depicted in our degrees and teachings are needed for today's decisions that effect tomorrow. The Scottish Rite has the relevancy to thrive and prosper in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We, as the custodians of the Rite, must take the strides to ensure the sustainability of our fraternity. Come join with us in this great and good work.

## **The Master Craftsman Program**

The Master Craftsman Program has just come out with its newsletter, *Blueprints of the Master Craftsman*. They plan on featuring: Articles written by the readers of our essays, dissecting frequently missed questions, personal profiles, facts, and figures. To date, 1617 members are participating and 378 have completed the program and are asking for more. Each week the program gets 25 to 30 new participants. If you would like to take part in this enlightening tour of the Scottish Rite, please contact Mark King, the valley secretary, to order your book; or visit the Scottish Rite on line. If you have any questions about the program contact Bob Anderson 33<sup>o</sup>, the first Master Craftsman in our valley.

## **KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW**

The Knights of St. Andrews is coming to the Western Montana Valley. Matt Jolly is heading up the Knights of St. Andrew. They will meet on February 2, 5:45 pm, at the lodge prior to the regular meeting and dinner. They will be discussing the 6th degree. All black hats are invited and encouraged to attend.

## **Meeting Update**

The February meeting will be in Missoula and brother Jim Trowbridge will be making a presentation on one of the degrees. Our March meeting will be in Polson.

## **Robbie Burns Night Dinner**

The Annual Robbie Burns Dinner will be held in Kalispell again this year and looks to be another great event with bag pipes and of course The Haggis. For those who have never had Haggis, pay no attention to the ingredients, it really is pretty tasty. You don't want to miss this!

**When:** Saturday, January 31, 2008 at 6pm.

**Where:** Moose Lodge  
2158 Hwy 2  
Kalispell, MT

**Editor's note:** Due to the length of this month's Newsletter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the *Living Degree* will appear in the April issue of the Newsletter. If you can't wait until then, please go to the website: [WMontanaScottishRite.com](http://WMontanaScottishRite.com) where you can find the article in it's entirety. Please visit our website if you've missed any of the last couple of Newsletters, where you can download them.

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