



# Big Sky Masonic-Con 2024

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Hosted by Euclid Lodge No. 58, 821 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59401

## Itinerary

### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

6:00 p.m.: Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center (Open to All)

BBQ - Presentation “Navigation by the Corps of Discovery” - Lee Ebeling  
- Stargazing Party – Great Falls Astronomy Club

### **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

8:00 a.m.: MMCI Breakfast (Open to All)

8:30 a.m.: Welcome –

8:45 a.m.: Bro. Harry Boughton: “Friendship”

9:00 a.m.: Bro. Josh Ringer: “AI and Freemasonry”

10:00 a.m.: Bro. Anthony Kelson: “The Secret of The Lost Word”

(MM only... presented via Zoom...)

11:00 a.m.: Bro. Arlan Cage: “Meaningful Masonic Ritual”

12:00 p.m.: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Bro. Sam Zeiser: Craft Brews (Presentation / Discussion)

1:00 p.m.: Short Talks...

1. Bro. Robert Kamper: “Importance of Wills”

2. Bro. Scott Paske: “Insurance”

3. Bro. Marty Eberly: “Masonic Wills”

2:00 p.m.: Bro. Wade Riden: “Guarding the West Gate”

3:00 p.m.: Panel Discussion: “Electioneering...”

Panel:           Bro. Brad Huffman  
                    Bro. Terrence M. Nau  
                    Bro. Bruce Lahti  
                    Bro. Mike Walker  
                    Bro. Brian DeRosa  
                    Bro. Guy Maberry  
                    Bro. Arlan Cage

4:00 p.m.: Dan Gardiner: “Prince Hall Freemasonry in Montana”

5:00 p.m.: Dinner (Open to All)

6:30 p.m.: Bro. Ben Williams: “Founding Fathers and Freemasonry”  
(Open to All)

## Biographies

### \*Lee Ebeling, P.E.

Lee Ebeling is a professional engineer with an interest in the navigational aspects of the Lewis & Clark expedition. He has been teaching folks for over 20 years how to use a sextant or octant to determine your latitude and longitude at any point along the trail.



### \*Arlan Cage

Arlan Cage has been a Mason since 2009. He was raised in Redondo Lodge No. 328, in Redondo Beach, CA. He served as a two-time Master of Siskiyou Lodge No. 297, in Mount Shasta, CA. After his time as Master he served as the Officer's Coach for 2 years (what Montana calls the Lodge Instructor). He was then appointed District Inspector, a post he held for three years. He relocated to Idaho for a number of years, and did not affiliate with any lodges there. Arlan has now settled in his permanent home in Hamilton, MT, where he is a member of Ionic Lodge No. 38.

His primary Masonic interests are the esoteric meanings of the Blue Lodge ritual. He has published one Masonic paper, *Further Light: Light as a Force, or Energy, in Freemasonry*, by Arlan Cage, published in the *Transactions of the Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281*, 2016 – Volume 23, Seattle WA. He is currently working on a book regarding the Kabbalistic Tree of Life in Masonry, entitled “*Supported by Three Great Pillars*”. He is available to travel and speak on Masonic subjects.



## **\*Daniel Gardiner**

Daniel Gardiner was made a Mason in 2001. He was inspired by the Masonic funeral service for his cousin, Ira Gardiner.

Daniel is a two-time Past Master of Idaho Lodge No. 1, which was formerly Idaho Lodge No. 35 under the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which helped form Idaho's Grand Lodge.

He is also a Past Master of Helena Lodge No. 3, which was formerly Helena Lodge No. 10 under the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which helped form the Grand Lodge of Montana. In 2017 he was appointed then elected Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge of Montana.

An avid fan of the rock band Queen, Daniel also enjoys hiking in the foothills and mountains of Boise and Helena.

## **\*\* Benjamin Williams**

In the Blue Lodge, Ben is a PM of Telluride and Norwood Lodges in Colorado and currently serves as the Secretary of Research Lodge of Colorado. He is a Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. In 2015 he was voted Mason of the Year. He publishes the *Rocky Mountain Mason* and *Esoteric Mason* magazines, and hosts the Rocky Mountain Mason podcast. Among other places, he's been published in the *Knight Templar* magazine, the *Philalethes Journal of Masonic Research*, and most recently his paper on "Masonry in 'Pike's Peak Country'" was selected for publication in Quattuor Coronati's *Freemasonry on the Frontier*.





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## REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if present): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge (Name / Number): \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

BBQ / Stargazing Party at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

(OPEN TO ALL) x \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Or (No BBQ) x \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

(\*Stargazing party hosted by Great Falls Astronomy Club)

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MT Vigilantes Breakfast: x \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00

(OPEN TO ALL) (Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Orange Juice, Coffee)

### Masonic-Con (Main Program)

Big Sky Masonic-Con (including lunch / dinner): x \_\_\_\_\_ \$120.00

Lunch:

Dinner:

Masonic-Con (No meals): x \_\_\_\_\_ (\$80.00)

Spouses' / Family Members Dinner: x \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00



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## Women's Programs

2:00 p.m. Brush Crazy: (limit 25-ish) x \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please make checks payable to the following: Big Sky Masonic-Con)**

## Overview

Big Sky Masonic-Con is an education / participation event for all Masons, Entered Apprentices through Master Masons, Young and Old, New or Seasoned. The conference is a “one-cost” event (\$120.00) which will include the conference, lunch and dinner. Wives / Family members are invited to join with us at dinner for a cost of \$40.00 each.

\*(Dinner to be provided by Matt Black of Harvest Craft Kitchen)

If you would like to attend said conference but not share in the meals, the cost is \$80.00.

**RSVPs MUST be received. Space for said conference is limited to 120 participants... RSVPs for the conference must be in by Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

## Additional Programs



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There will be a fun event on Friday night, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024: at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. The event will be a BBQ with a presentation by Lee Ebeling regarding Navigation by members of the Corps of Discovery (Lewis' & Clark's Expedition) followed by a film of Astronomical interest and a stargazing party as hosted by Great Falls Astronomy.

In addition, the Masonic Motorcycle Club Intl. – Montana Vigilantes # 36 will be offering a breakfast early on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m. for a cost of \$10.00.

## **Ladie's Programs**

Ladie's programs for wives / spouses are offered through Firefly Salon and Spa (See attached) and also Brush Crazy (See attached) for a cost of \$125.00 (**limit 20 persons**) and \$30.00 (**limit 25 persons**) respectively. As noted on the itinerary, events noted with an "Open to All" means just so... wives, children, etc. are welcome to participate.

(Note: The Conference and meals will all be held at the Great Falls Masonic Temple, Lodging is set at Holiday Inn – Great Falls / O'Haire Motor Inn – Great Falls and the Gibson Boutique Hotel – Great Falls, and the Women's events / programs will be at Firefly Salon & Spa / Brush Crazy).



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**\*Lodging:** Lodging has been arranged at three (3) local hotels for Big Sky Masonic-Con 2024 for the dates April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>; the Holiday Inn, O’Haire Motor Inn and The Gibson Hotel. Please bear in mind that you are responsible for making your own reservations.

- A block of five (5) rooms has been blocked at The Gibson Hotel. Room rate is \$150.00 + Tax / per night. The “group” name is “Big Sky Masonic-Con”. Cut-off date for said rooms is April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Gibson Hotel  
621 Central Ave.  
Great Falls, MT 59401  
(406) 604-0430

- Accommodations have been reserved the O’Haire Motor Inn. Room rate is \$95.00 + Tax. (Please note; the O’Haire only has single rooms – single queen beds - available for said dates). The group name is “Big Sky Masonic”. There is no cut-off date, however, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

O’Haire Motor Inn  
17 7<sup>th</sup> St. South  
Great Falls, MT 59401  
(406) 454-2141





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- A block of 15 rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn – Great Falls. Room rate is \$114.00 + Tax. Cut-off date is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Holiday Inn

1100 5<sup>th</sup> St. South

Great Falls, MT 59405

(406) 727-7200

Group Name: Mason Block

Dates: April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Ladies of Masonic-Con

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Brush Crazy

315 Central Ave.

Great Falls, MT 59401

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per person\*

(Although you can upgrade any project for an additional fee dependent on said upgrade at your own expense.)

Limit: 25 persons!

As this is a private party / event, you will be allowed to bring any food / snacks and drinks / alcohol.