Dear Masonic Student,

Last week’s question was:

The Commissioner of Patents In 1872 ruled that the Masonic Square and Compasses emblem could not be used in any trademark or trade name for commercial purposes. Prior to this ruling the Square and Compass was registered in Montana and is still in use but not by a lodge. How is it being used?

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The Answer is:

The first registered livestock brand in Montana was the Square and Compasses dating back to before May 25, 1872 by the Poindexter and Orr Ranch when brands were first registered.

The Koch Industries (sub Matador Cattle Company's Beaverhead Ranch), which still uses this brand, has donated one of their branding irons to the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Fraternally,
Brother Shawn Carrick