

M.W.P.H.G.L. of Colorado and Jurisdiction



Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado

From the desk of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Arturo De Los Reyes

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,
January 2012

“Strengthening Our Foundations”

Hoping that this News letter find you all in Good Health and Happiness. This is an article of activities that took place in our Jurisdiction during the month of December. Enjoy. God Bless you all. Happy New Years...

Mission Vision:

Strengthening Our Foundations as dedicated and productive members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and its Jurisdictions.

Membership Reinstatement Incentive

As part of our regaining members who have been suspended for non payment of dues. I will grant a waiver for the Grand Lodge Reinstatement fees on your second and sequent members that reinstate for the following periods.

***Third Quarter January –
March and Fourth Quarter
April - June***

Worshipful Masters, Wardens,
Secretary and Treasurer Work
Shop.

SE YMCA 2190 Jet Wing Drive
Colorado Springs, Co 80916.

Date: January 21, 2012,

The Start time will be 9 am.

Pre Registration \$15.00 - dead
line January 11. 2012

After January 11, 2012 and Door
Registration \$ 20.00

Dress Casual or GL Officers
Purple Polo and Black Pants.

Lodge No. _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to
MWPHGL of Colorado

Please forward all funds and
registrations to:

Keith L. Weston

14311 E. Pensacola Drive

Denver Colorado 80239

PROCLAMATION NO. 2010

-03 ADLR, Period of Mourning

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All Jewels and Masonic Lodge items as described in Section XV11 Burial Ceremony we will be draped in Black crepe. Black Arm bands will be worn on left arm above elbow.

MWPGM Raymond H. Black Sr. was born 30 December 1935 and died 20 December 2011. He was the 57th Most Worshipful Grand Master of

Colorado and Jurisdiction and served during the years 2001-2003

Given under my hand as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, this 31st day of December 2011, and to which I have caused to be affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Colorado by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,

Arturo V. De Los Reyes

ARTURO V. DE LOS REYES

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Attested:

John Q. Bennett

JOHN Q. BENNETT

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Most Worshipful Grand Masters Travels

Mountain Post Military Lodge No. 26 Elections

On 10 December I conducted the Elections of Mountain Post Military Lodge # 26. The weather was great and there were many Visitors from different Jurisdictions to include Denver and Aurora Lodges. The Lodge was packed with standing room only. The cement of Brotherly Love was spread thick and the repast was full of finger licking good food. There result of the election Davonja Steward Worshipful Master. SW Roosevelt Cooper, JW Ansel De La Cruz, Treasurer PM Calvin Thornton, Secretary PM Samuel Perry, Chaplain Charles Turner, Financial Secretary Brian Wellman, SD Hasaan Bilal Jr.,

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From the desk of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Arturo De Los Reyes (Cont.)

JD Dexter McCall, SS Russell Watts, JS Nelson De La Cruz, Marshal Odell Yaris, Tyler Salim Williams.

Saint John's Day

On 18 December I attended Saints Johns Day at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Fountain, Colorado. The Host Lodge was Mountain Post Military Lodge # 26 and also in attendance were members of Pikes Peak Lodge # 5 and Magnolia Chapter # 14 Order of the Eastern Stars.

Joint Installation Pikes Peak # 5 and Mountain Post Military Lodge # 26

On 18 December I conducted the Joint Installation of Pikes Peak Lodge # 5 and Mountain Post Military Lodge # 26. It was held at 513 North Prospect Street Colorado Springs, Co. We had a great attendance, over 65 Sisters, Brothers, Family Members and quest. It was a full Lodge and a memorable event. The repast was one to remember as all they Cooks and Helpers did a great job.

New Years Eve

On 31 December 2011, my wife and I attended the New Years Eve celebration that was held at the Crown Plaza hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The sponsors were Kadesia Temple # 135 and Kadesia Court 162. The hospitality room was filled with all the usually goodies and the gold star goes to Past Potentate Odie Young for his famous melts in your mouth Pigs feet. There were over 165 people that dance the night away with music from DJ Al Billington, 719-229-0929.

SICK AND DISTRESS

Death

MWPGM Raymond H. Black Sr. died 20 Dec 2011, Daniel "Chappie" James Lodge No. 27

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Colorado Prince Hall Foundation in memory of Raymond Black: P.O. Box 25327, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80936.

Sister Lee Bertha Boatner died 26 Dec 2011, Queen of The South Chapter No.11, cards may be sent to Ms Maple Clemings 3600 Ivanhoe St Denver, Colorado 80207.

Sick

Please keep PM Robert (Bob) Andrews and PGM Oliver Tillman of Eureka Lodge #2 in your prayers.

Bob is at home shut in due to several health problem.

Robert Andrews

2619 Ridgewood Lane

Pueblo, CO 81005

PGM Oliver Tillman is in ST. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo room 2500 undergoing test.

Oliver Tillman

1817 Englewood Drive

Pueblo, CO 81005

RWDGM Terence Jackson had a operation on his right foot.

RWGC Hank Brown was hospitalized at Colorado University Hospital.

Brother Last Minute Louie too sick to notify us.

Until next Month, God Bless

Fraternally,

ARTURO V. DE LOS REYES

MWGM

EDICT 2011-04 ADLR: Compact with A.F. & A.M. Colorado

The Compact between MWPGL of Colorado with A.F. & A.M. of Colorado was approved on 3 August 1995 and Approved by Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Claude Gray, Sr and By Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. Colorado James W. Aycock.

The rationale for this edit is to inform you that the purpose of the Compact is to provide for successful coexistence. On February 22, 2002 a Fraternal Relations meeting was held, the commission adopted a resolution pertaining to dual and plural symbolic membership. This resolution prohibits lodge membership between members of the MWPGL and MWGL of Colorado. And it further prohibits members of the two bodies from moving memberships of the MWPGL and the MWGL Colorado AF&AM to another without the expressed consent of the membership of the Grand Lodge in his jurisdiction.

A Fraternal Relation Committee meeting was requested by MWGM Arturo V. De Los Reyes. On 7 Dec 2011 a Fraternal Relation Committee meeting was held with between the PHA and AF&AM Fraternal relation committees. MWPGM Garland Osborne and WGPM David Munssinger, AF&AM as Chairmen's. The Compact was revisited and it was recommended that we maintain our fraternal relations but we will not be able to join each other's bodies.

I am Grandfathering any Prince Hall Master Mason who at this time is a member in good standing of any body of Colorado AF&AM. Be Known that as of January 2, 2012. Any Master Mason that violates this Edit will be subject to charges of un-Masonic conduct and if found guilty will be subject to punishment accordingly. If the offences occur in an Appendant or Concordant Body, the Most Worshipful Grand Master reserves the right to assume jurisdiction over the matter. Any member of the Order of the Eastern Stars that violates this edit will be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of Columbine Grand Chapter.

This **EDICT 2011-04 ADLR** is issued under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge this 2nd day of January 2012, in the Grand East of Colorado Springs, Colorado and you are each and every-one directed to take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

From the desk of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary John Q. Bennett

Greeting Worshipful Masters;

Let me first congratulate you on your election to the Office of Worshipful Master for your respective lodge.

I look forward to working with you and your administration for the ensuring year. One of the first major task that must be completed by your very young and NEW Administration is the quarterly taxes. Your lodge quarterly taxes are due as follows:

QUARTER Period Covered-
Date Due

First Quarter July - September
October 10th

Second Quarter Oct. - Dec.
January 10th

Third Quarter January - March
April 10th

Fourth Quarter April - June
July 10th

Special Note - The MWGM Del Reyes has directed that lodges LATE paying QUARTERLY TAXES will be assessed \$25.00. Late is deemed as not being received in the P.O. Box on are before the Date Due.

Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary Workshop:

A majority of the outgoing failed to pay the registration fee for the upcoming workshop. The Grand Junior Warden Keith Weston is the Grand Lodge Officer that is the point of contact for this event. The Grand Master stated to ALL outgoing Worshipful Masters via email that it was mandatory for WM, Sr & Jr Warden, Treasurer and Secretary to attend. Please get your registration completed and to the RWGJW Weston email kweston172@aol.com.

EDICTS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Please review ALL edicts and proclamations. Lots of information - 90% of your questions will be addressed or answered.

DISPENSATIONS:

All request for dispensation should be sent to the Grand Master and Cc to this Office.

RELIEF BENEFITS:

In order to received death benefits from the Grand Lodge. Please ensure that you provide the necessary required documents.

- Letter of Good Standing from Worshipful Master and Attested by the Lodge Secretary
- Copy of Death Certificate
- Mailing Address and name of person receiving benefits.

MID YEAR CONFERENCE:

Coming Soon - 18 February 2012 @ Daniel "Chappy" James Military Lodge # 27. More information to follow

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS & DUES CARDS:

All lodges except 12 & 20 have received official proceeding and Dues Cards. We are in the process of printing more dues cards expect to have them by the end of this week and mailed out by the weekend.

25 YEAR & 50 YEAR PIN/LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Worshipful Masters & Secretaries - It is your responsibility to tell the Office of the Grand Secretary who should be getting any of the above recognition from the Grand Lodge. ONLY at the sitting of the Grand Lodge can Lifetime membership be conferred. Your Lodge records are far superior than those at the Grand Lodge we are in the process of improving those records. So please work with me.....

GRAND MASTER VISITATION:

The Lodge inspection sheet has been revised for the upcoming year. The RWDGM is the POC for this documents if you should have questions please direct them to his office for clarification.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

In order for this Office to properly respond to ALL the request from the local lodges, individual members and the Grand Lodge Staff. Two Past Masters have been assigned specified areas of responsibility.

Past Master Hendrix Lewis has Assistant Grand Secretary Duties for the following lodges: (email address lewis4life@msn.com)

Rocky Mtn Lodge No. 1

Centennial Lodge No. 4

Western Star Lodge No. 6

Mt. Evans Lodge No. 7

Daniel "Chappie" James No. 27

Past Master Michael Hubbard Sr. has Assistant Grand Secretary Duties for the following lodges: (email address mikehubbardsr@comcast.net)

Eureka Lodge No. 2

Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5

High Marine Lodge No. 12

Mt. Ogden Lodge No. 20

Mtn Post Military Lodge No. 26

This does not prevent you from contacting me directly these Past Masters are here to assist and get your needs addressed quickly with very limited wait time. Please use these gentlemen they are willing and ready to assist you now.

Lastly, we have a lot that will occur in the next 150 days. Watch your email accounts this is our main means of communication **other than phone and USPS.**

From the office of the Grand Worthy Patron J Douglass Vaughn-Harris: M.U.A., PhD

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Columbine Grand Chapter O.E.S., PHA

The Grand Worthy Matron and I are looking forward to working with the newly elected officers of all the subordinate Chapters, we greet both the news officers and returning officers with the challenge to make your respective Chapter even better this year than it has ever been before and if there is anything there we can do to help you accomplish this goal please do not hesitate to call upon us. There are two documents that you should study very hard that will help guide you this year: our Supplement and of course the Ritual; please read them carefully making notes, underline, flagging, highlighting or whatever form best suits you to be ready to govern your Chapter. I like to refer to page twenty-eight (28) section "C" first this has always helped me.

Please understand that nothing is ever perfect and that we are living in an ever changing world that affects us both in our private life as well as our Masonic life so we must be some what flexible, but the main foundation of our Masonic Order is very well cemented. Our order has been tried and proven true we need only be sincere, having no hidden agendas makes everything flow so very smooth for you. Remember that the God we serve sits high and looks low and knows our hearts and watches our deeds as well as misdeeds.

There are no "short cuts" to what we do, if you cannot perform any of the ritualistic work necessary to our Order as it should be done because of time or some other factor, do not abbreviate it; there are Sisters and Brothers who have never seen that work done and you want always to make a good first impression on them, wait until you have both the time and people to do it correctly for example your local Chapter of Sorrow, if necessary call on other members not in your Chapter to help you with this ceremony, there will always be some of us to help you.

Also never does a Sister sit in local Chapter meeting dressed in anything, but our traditional white, every Chapter hall has a place where a Sister can bring her clothes and change either before and after the meeting, only the Grand Worthy Matron can allow for such a deviation to this requirement.

Please do not wait for the Grand Worthy Matron's annual visitation to visit another Chapter meeting, make it a point to know when other Chapters in your area are meeting and go sit in and observe and continue the bond of sisterly and brotherly love; fellowshiping is the best way for us to know and learn.

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From the Office of the Grand Worthy Matron

Happy New Year

The Four Corners Grand Masters and Grand Matrons Conference will be March 24, 2012. I am requesting green suits be worn by the Sisters in this Jurisdiction. 50/50 raffle tickets will be mailed to all subordinate chapters. All monies and ticket stubs are to be returned to me by March 17, 2012. All pertinent information concerning this conference will be included in mailings. This will be the time for our "STAR" to shine, your participation, cooperation and support will make this possible.

Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters, if you have not sent your Chapter's Newly Elected Officers, names, addresses and phone numbers to the Grand Secretary, please do so.

Brothers and Sisters no matter how high the mountain of adversity in our lives may be, God who is our creator, will always see to it that you have the strength to climb over it. Where your strength may not be sufficient, He makes His available. Take advantage of it right now!

Sisterly

Mary Jane Neal
Grand Worthy Matron

Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Colorado and Jurisdiction

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From the Desk of the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Calvin Thornton

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Beautiful Colorado and Jurisdictions,

I pray that the Grand Architect has Blessed each of you and your families as we come into another great Masonic year under His loving care. Please take time to recognize and enjoy each and every Blessing that He bestows upon you.

Thank you for electing me to the position of Grand Treasurer and I look forward to serving you and the Jurisdiction. The Grand Master's theme of "Strengthening our Foundations" includes the sub -title of "strengthening our financial foundation".

As we come upon the start of the Grand Master visitations, we need to prepare our financial books to ensure we are in compliance with the Grand Lodge. To help you prepare, each administration should

review your financial records to have updated and current minutes, roster, receipt book, vouchers, code of law, works and returns, budget, bank statements, financial reports, audits, quarterly taxes, check books, trestle board, Lodge by-laws, Form 730, and Form 990.

This year, MWGM De Los Reyes has included the Secretaries and Treasurers as part of the Worshipful Master and Wardens workshop.

I challenge each and every Worshipful Master, Warden, and Secretary to familiarize themselves with the Treasurer position, and that each of the above, along with the Treasurer, provide questions and/or comments during the workshop. We can learn from each other.

On another note, we are looking forward to another strong showing as the Grand Master visits the Lodges in Utah.

Many of us have made our flight reservations and we have procured hotel accommodations. If you have not contacted me concerning a room or sharing of a room, please do so as soon as possible. Note: insert "Last Minute Louie" with Last Name.

Once again, thank you and I look forward to working with each Treasurer in the Jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge Staff.

From the office of the Grand Worthy Patron J Douglass Vaughn-Harris: M.U.A., PhD., (cont.)

Again I say welcome to a new year and contact either the Grand Worthy Matron or me when a concern comes up and if we cannot direct you to the page and passage right away that adds clarity to your concern, we will research it and get back to you as soon as humanly possible.

I am so excited and happy about this new year and all that will come our way and I want you each to be as excited as I am; We must accentuate the positives and eliminate the negatives ALWAYS.

Continue to pray for me as I continually pray for you,

J Douglass Vaughn-Harris: M.U.A., PhD

Grand Worthy Patron