

M.W.P.H.G.L. Newsletter

From the Desk of The Most Worshipful Grand Master

Special points of interest:

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters

January ended with a Big Bang. On January 27th my wife and I attended the Grand Master's Banquet in honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master Charlie Johnson of the Colorado Grand Lodge AF&AM.

The following day members of our Grand Lodge attended the opening ceremony and portions of their Grand Lodge Session.

I was given an opportunity to address their session and all of our members were introduced.

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On February 3rd 19 brothers from Colorado and Wyoming journeyed to Salt Lake City to participate in the Grand Lodge of Utah F&AM Grand Master's Banquet.

We attended a very good dinner and was welcomed by Grand Master Chapman. On February 4 we were received and introduced at the opening ceremony of their Grand Lodge. I brought greeting from the

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado.

On Friday afternoon we were taken to lunch by District Deputy Grand Master Cooper and the Worshipful Masters and members of High Marine Lodge No. 12 and Mount Ogden Lodge No. 20.

To be able to fellowship with their members during the meal was a great sight to behold. After lunch the Grand Lodge staff conducted the annual Worshipful Masters/Wardens workshop. Many questions were asked and answers were given.

An open forum was conducted to clear up any concerns that the two lodges may have had. On that evening we were treated to a hospitality put on by both lodges. The food was outstanding and it was plenty for all.

I dare to tell you what we had because I do not want you to become jealous of the food we were given. Most Worshipful Past Grand



Lionell Cummings, MWPHGM

Master Joseph Nicholas of the jurisdiction of California had promised me that when I came to Utah for my visitation, he would prepare some "GUMBO" for the Staff and I. MWPGM Nicolas made good of his promise and feed us some of the best gumbo that I have had. Thanks to you Sir.

The Staff conducted an inspection of the books of both lodges on Saturday morning and found both to be doing a good job with little variations that were corrected prior to our departure.



As you can see, the past 30 days has been very busy and in so many cases, very rewarding.



From the Desk of The Most Worshipful Grand Master (cont.)

I was pleased to have 3 Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters making the trip with us, MWPGM's Hunter, Smith and Black. This marks the first time that all elected Grand Lodge Officers made the Grand Master's visitation and I say thanks to all of you and to all of the Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Thanks also go out to Brother Tony Tucker who also made the trip. Brother Tucker said it was a wonderful experience and he was delighted to be a part of the members making the trip.

Sunday February 6 was a day of rest for the staff. We were back on the road on Monday headed to Pueblo for the Grand Master's visitation at Eureka Lodge No. 2. We were privileged to have dinner with the Grand Worthy Matron Mary Jane Neal and some of the Eastern Stars.

All books and officer stations were checked and found that Eureka was in accordance with all guidelines from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado. The meal and fellowship was outstanding. Upon returning to Denver, we ran into a very rough snowstorm. Visibility was very bad and the roads were slick but with the help of God we made it home.

Wednesday night, February 9th, my wife and I attended a dinner at the Masonic Retirement Home. Some members of the Colorado

Grand Lodge AF&AM were present and brought greetings from their Grand Master. I brought greeting from our Grand Lodge and had a great dinner and fellowship with the Masons and Eastern Stars present.

Saturday February 12th my wife and I attended a Sweetheart Dinner sponsored by Mount Evans Lodge No. 7. Many of their members were present and introduced their sweethearts. Some of their Widows were also guest of the lodge. I was very impressed with the program and the number of people attending. It was a fun night for all who attended.

On February 15th the Grand Lodge Staff was on the road again. We visited Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5 for their annual Grand Master's visitation. We had a wonderful meal and conversations during dinner.

Pikes Peak Lodge had a meal prepared that titillated the taste buds of all. Special care was given to the principle officers and we thank for it. A check of the books and stations were done by the Staff and found most things in order and identified those that were not.

Overall, we found the lodge working in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado.

February 19, 2011 the Grand Lodge conducted it annual Mid Year Conference. There were close to 60 members registered. Topics discussed were; Prince Hall Foundation, Grand Lodge

Awards, Grand Lodge Scholarships, Grand Lodge Building, Budget, Secretary Reports, Treasurer Reports, Open Forum (questions and answers), Grand Trustee Reports and Ways & Means .

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented a suggestion concerning the annual fund raiser where tickets are given to each lodge to sell and send the proceeds to the Grand Lodge. He said it is their committee's hope that this year we will have a 100% participation. PGM Van Harvey also presented a new program that he and his committee are working on. The new program will be called the Prince Hall Fiesta. Each Lodge, Chapter, Temple, Court, Consistory, Assembly and Comandry will be asked to join in with this jurisdictional fund raiser.

More information will be coming out on this program. It was good participation from the members with many questions and good suggestions. Thanks go out to the Staff for an outstanding job.

The night of February 19th was also a very busy one. RW Grand Senior Warden Jackson, MWPGM Black and his wife Clara, My wife Rita and I attended the 150th year anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM held at the Brown Palace. It was a wonderful affair with lost of pageantry. The function was held in conjunction with their Grand Master's Conference.

From the Desk of The Most Worshipful Grand Master (cont.)

I had the opportunity to meet and converse with Grand Masters from many states and other countries.

Sunday February 20th was a day of rest. On Monday February 21st the Staff and I were on another visitation. We visited Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 1. After having problems finding a parking space, the evening became very pleasant.

Worshipful Master Micah Moore and his staff had a wonderful meal prepared. The Staff checked the books and stations of the lodge and found Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 1 in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado. PM Russel Smith was presented a plaque for the outstanding work he has done with the Newsletter.

Saturday February 26 I had the pleasure of accompanying the Illustrious Potentate of Syrian Temple No. 49, PP Willie Winfield and PP Jerry Fisher to Colorado Springs to attend Kadesia Temple No. 135 Creation. Five new Nobles were created. Lost of fun was had by all.

As you can see, the past 30 days has been very busy and in so many cases, very rewarding. Please join in with us during the month of March and enjoy the friendship and brotherly love that the brother share during the meetings. Our next visitation will be on March 10, 2011 at Mount Evans Lodge No. 7 and then March 12, 2011 at Mountain Post Lodge No. 26 in Colorado Springs.

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From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron

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Grand Worthy Matron

We have been enjoying
the thawing of this end-
less snow.

4 Corners is quickly
approaching. Still have
lots of tickets for the
50/50 4 Corners raffle.

Get in touch with me if
you are interested in
more tickets. If you are
in need of a ride from
the airport to the hotel
in Los Vegas, arrange-
ments are being consid-
ered at this time.

Make your reservations
ASAP. Do not delay.

Just a reminder, If you
are doing volunteer
work in your communi-
ties. Please share this
information with the
Worthy Matron of your
Chapter.

This information will
be included in her Wor-
thy Matron report at
Grand Chapter. This
information will illus-
trate our community
outreach.

Eastern Stars are doing
a lot of volunteering in

our various communi-
ties. Assisting mem-
bers to and from Doc-
tors Appointments are
also noteworthy.

“Perseverance allows
you to get back on track
when you hit a detour”.

Mary Jane Neal
Grand Worthy Matron