

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

From the Office of the Most
Worshipful Grand Master

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,
November 2011

First giving thanks to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who makes all things possible, it is indeed an Honor and Pleasure to serve you as the 64th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado and its Jurisdictions.

"Strengthening Our Foundations",

Hoping that this News letter find you all in Good Health and Happiness. This is an article of what happened in Our Jurisdiction during the month of October. Enjoy.

Brothers and Sisters in this modern day of computers we need to move forward and also add restrictions to adapt to this form of communication. The whole world is watching and we do not want to show a bad example like a Brother or Sister misbehave while displaying Masonic emblems or Masonic banners while consuming alcoholic beverages, displaying Masonic or gang signs or wearing inappropriate or limited clothing. Read the whole Edit listed below. Therefore, I have issued the following Edit. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

EDICT 2011-03 – THE MISUSE OF SOCIAL NETWORK WEBSITES:

In order to protect the Image of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Colorado and its Jurisdictions, Inc. and its members from the current plague of unauthorized and harmful uses of social networking through websites that present an unfavorable portrayal that bring shame upon our Masonic Fraternity and when used without discretion by members of our Prince Hall family. Our Character as Prince

Hall Masons must remain unsullied and reflect upon the honored reputation of the whole Masonic society of the Institution; I find it necessary to issue the following **EDICT** associated with the Misuse of Social Network Websites.

The rationale for this edit is to eliminate reproach, dishonor, and disgrace on our beloved Masonic Family due to some indignant and immoral acts being placed on those sights **UNDER THE NAME OF** our Lodges, Chapters, Courts, etc. How can us say that we teach morality, and truth when what is being displayed under the name of the Grand Lodge, it's subordinate Lodges and other Masonic Bodies is Immoral?

Effective immediately, any Social Networking Website bearing the name of any Masonic body beholdng to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Colorado and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., is to be discontinued. This includes Lodges, HRAM Chapters, KT Commanderies, Consistories, HOJ Courts, OES Chapters, Assemblies and or any appendant and or concordant bodies associated with fore-mention Houses. This also includes **any individual social network site** that has inappropriate pictures or displays that bring reproach upon the aforementioned bodies. Some examples are displaying Masonic emblems or Masonic banners while consuming alcoholic beverages, displaying Masonic or gang signs or wearing inappropriate or limited clothing. Social Networking in this context is defined as any web-based service that allows individuals to (1) construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounding system, (2) articulate a list of other users with whom they share a connection, and (3) view and transverse their list of Connection may vary from site to site.

Include but are not limited to: FACE-

BOOK, TWITTER, MYSPACE, LINKEDIN, NING, RAGGED, CLASSMATE, HI5, MYEARBOOK, BEBO, MYLIFE, FRIENDSTER, MYHERITAGE, MULTIPLY AND ORKUT

Most Worshipful Grand

Masters Travels

AM & FM Visitation

On 7 October the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge was invited to attend Worshipful Brother John Egan's, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado Masons A.F. & A.M. annual Visitation to Highland Lodge # 86 AF & AM that was held at the Highlands Masonic Center on Federal Blvd, Denver, Colorado.

A presentation was given by Past Master Wayne G. Arner about Past Grand Master Reverend John Milton Chivington titled the Man, The Mason and the Methodist. Reverend John Milton Chivington was the First Grand Master of Colorado Masons and took an active and prominent part in shaping the history of Colorado AF&AM Masonry.

In 1860, Revered Chivington was sent to the Rocky Mountain Region in the Gold Mining districts in the then Kansas Territory, along the front range of the Rocky Mountains where he founded several Churches through the Pikes Peak Region.

In February 1861 the territory enclosed by the boundaries for the present state of Colorado were set aside by the government in Washington and they named it the territory of Colorado. In August 1861, representatives from five Lodges that were operating in Colorado under Charters from the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska organized the first Grand Lodge of Masons in Colorado.

Worshipful Brother John Chivington was elected and installed as the first Grand Master and sixty-one Brothers as members of the Craft.

Special points of interest:

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Reverend John Milton Chivington died October 4, 1894.

One Hundred years later the Grand Lodge of Colorado in August, 1961 the membership grew to 47,098 members and 170 Lodges.

It is with great interest to note that on January 17, 1876 the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado was formed by three Lodges that received their warrants from the National Compact System of Kansas (PHA).

The Prince Hall delegation in attendance consist of MWGM Arturo V. De Los Reyes and his wife Rose, MWPGM Sylvester Smith, RWGSM Charlie Flowers, RWGJW Keith Weston, RWGT Calvin Thornton and his wife Shelia, RWGL Edward Moore, WB Hendrix Lewis, WB Tommy Lewis and Brother Eric Nelson. This historical event was celebrated by over 60 Brothers and their family members.

Utah AM & FM Compact with MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado

DDGM Ulysses Cooper (PGM) reports that all is well in Utah.

The historic signing of the Compact was on March 8, 1997 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Compact was signed and sealed by Most Worshipful Grand Master William Wooden PHA and Worshipful Brother Dave Nelson Grand Master of Utah Masons AF&AM.

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Town Hall Meeting, Colorado Springs & Pueblo Areas.

Highlights

The foundation of a successful fraternity is its strong membership that comes together and shares

their knowledge and expertise and in being committed and dedicated to the betterment of our beloved fraternity.

The Town Hall Meeting was hosted by Pikes Peak Lodge # 5. There were 35 concerned Sisters and Brothers plus 1 wife and 2 children in attendance.

Many valuable ideas and suggestions were presented. I thank each attendee for their input and their dedication and commitment to their Masonic Body and our Grand Lodge.

Giving back to the Community.

Grand Lodge/Lodge

Fundraising.

It seems that we only sell tickets or ads to members of our fraternity. We should be looking outside of our fraternity and in the community for support and sponsorship of our events.

Encourage certain stores and business to join up and partnership with us at sponsoring a community program. Send written request for sponsorship to Wal-Mart, Sears, Super markets or whatever store before January or (whenever they make their next year's budget) with your program detailing what items you need (50 Turkeys) and how they will be used in the community program. Ask them to be a community sponsor.

An example would be selling Souvenir Journals Ad's to the business that you frequent: markets, cleaners, realtors and church. MWPGM James Sauls comments, "If your car has a decal on the rear of your vehicle from the Dealership you bought it from, then you are providing free advertisement for Last Minute Louie car lot.

Go see Louie and get his advertisement and sponsorship". Enlist stores to support and donate items for your Thanksgiving Basket give away, Coat drives give away, Needy Children's toys give away at Christmas time and back to school supplies give away, just to name a few. Corporations like Coke Cola, Budweiser etc. are ideal sponsors.

Planting Seeds for future membership. Community Involvement.

- A. Grand Lodge/ Lodges should start a Child Identification finger printing program.
- B. Grand Lodge/ Lodges should start an adopt a park cleanup program monthly in your area.
- C. Brothers and Sisters should attend different churches on rotating bases at least quarterly. **Worshipful Master's must request a Dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master to be Regaled, 30 days prior to the event. See Edit 23 for details.**
- D. Masonic visibility at Community celebrations, Wear items that have Masonic emblems on them @ Jubilee Day, MLK Day, Kwanzaa week, Juneteenth, Black History month and Cinco De Mayo celebrations. Remember that as a Mason we are the Role Models of our community and Our actions will plant seeds for the future.

Taking Care of our Members, York Rite Bodies

- A. The Knights Templar's have been the escorting the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the Grand Lodge sessions for many years and should be Congratulated and recognized for their hard work. Thank You Sir Knights.
- B. The York Rite should be given equal consideration during the Grand Lodge Sessions.

Membership, Suggestions to promote increase of Members

- A. Grand Lodge should waiver reinstatement fees for a certain time frame.
- B. Grand Lodge should give Incentives to the Lodges who excel at bring in new Members for a certain time frame.
- C. Suggest that Lodges can get permission from the Military to go to the Military bases to welcome new military personnel to the community.

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

D. Conduct a Grand Master's class during the year and possibly one at the Grand Lodge session.

No conflicting activities on the same day, Grand Lodge's Masonic Calendar

You may contact PM Matthews at 303-329-8948 or E mail n2mat.the@blm.gov. I am requesting that each Head of House provide a Calendar of Events for your respective organization to the Office of the R.W. Grand Junior Warden Keith Weston no later than **20 December 2011**.

The R.W. Grand Junior Warden will chair a meeting to finalize the calendar of events. It is suggested that each Head of House attend or send a designated representative with your activity calendar to this meeting.

Tentatively we have scheduled this meeting to be held at the Grand East 2801 Columbine Street Denver, Colorado on **(Change to) 28 January 2012 at 2:00 p. m.** Once all the administrative data has been compiled we will publish a unified Masonic calendar across the Jurisdiction.

Mission Vision:

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

Trustee Meeting

On 15 October the trustee meeting was held at the Grand East.

MWPGM Torrence Neal was elected as President and MWPGM Ray Black as Secretary of the Trustee board. Sister, Tami Benifield-Mampoya PhD of Evergreen Chapter # 3 OES gave a presentation on an Early Literacy Reading Program. She let her light shine for the Grand Lodge to follow and gave us different ideas of how we can Strengthen our Foundations".

MWGM Arturo V. De Los Reyes presented "Warrant's of Office", to the Elected Officers. On November 19, 2011, at 10 AM, "Warrant's of Office", will be issued to the Appointed Officers at the Corner Stone Laying Practice at the Grand East Building, 2801 Columbine Street Denver, Colorado.

Worshipful Grand Photographer Michael Hubbard presented the RW Grand Secretary John Bennett with the Chain of Command 8x10 Pictures. They will be mailed to each Lodge on 17 October. Please display the pictures in your Lodge Building.

Black and White Ball

Colorado Springs:

On 22 October 2011, My Wife Rose and I attended the Black and White Ball

That was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Honorees were Worth Matron Denise's Davis, Magnolia Chapter # 14 Order of the Eastern Star, Worshipful Master Edward Speller Pike Peak Lodge #5 Worshipful Master, Ethan Lamb who made History by being the youngest WM of Mountain Post Military Lodge # 26.

The quest Speaker was Rosemary Harris Lyle President, Colorado Springs Branch NAACP who presented a very inspirational speech on, " Servant Leaders". I brought greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and presented a Historical speech titled, " From... Whence...We Came... Our Story". I thank the Lodges and Chapter for inviting my wife Rose and I, we enjoyed ourselves.

Until next Month, God Bless

Fraternally,

ARTURO V. DE LOS REYES

MWGM

From the Desk of the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

The Masonic year is upon us and the schedule of events have been lay out. I encourage everybody to be a part of the plan as much as possible. Events such as the principles Officers, Secretary and Treasurer workshop and the mid- year conference is just around the corner in January.

Also the 4 corner's conference will be here in February. As you can see, even without the scheduled visitations, there are things right away to get involved in.

Those of you that are planning to go to Utah for the visitation in February should have reservations by now, it not get on it right away so we can have a great showing there.

It is not to early to start thinking about the annual Grand Lodge Session which will also be held in Utah. So you see we are looking forward to a great Masonic year and I hope that you can be a part of it.

See you there.

Charlie L. Flowers

RWSGW

INFORMATION SHEET

NAME:

LODGE/CHAPTER:

BUSINESS/SERVICE CATEGORY: (i.e., Plumbing, Accounting, Cleaning, Auto Mechanic)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BUSINESS/SERVICES DESCRIPTION: (MAX 150 WORDS - Add an separate sheet if needed)

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NOTE: This information is voluntary. The information placed in the directory is **not** an endorsement of your services by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado and it's Jurisdiction, Inc.

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From: The Office of the Grand Worthy Matron Mary Jane Neal

November News Article 2011

Greetings:

If you realize that the dream you're pursuing does not line up with God's plan for your life, change courses. Your dream will fade, but God's plans always succeed.

I received an invitation an attended a Banquet, honoring, Worthy Matron Denise Davis (Queen of Columbine Grand Chapter 2011-2012), Worshipful Master Edward Speller, #5, and Worshipful Master Ethan A. Lamb, #26. These young honorees are the quality of leadership that will insure the bright future of Colorado Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Columbine Grand Chapter.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Rosemary Harris Lytle, President of the Colorado Springs Branch of the NAACP was a very dynamic speaker at the evening's affair.

The Grand Associate Matron, Sis. Celestine Cherry will be my representative on the 4 Corners Committee. Grand Associate Patron, Bro. Robert Putney and WM Shonnetta Cooper will be the alternates.

Happy Thanksgiving

*Mary Jane Neal
Grand Worthy Matron*

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

Queen of the Chapter No. 11
OES, PHA (Denver, Co)

Will host it's annual Black History Program on Saturday February 25, 2012 from 11:00 to 2:00 at Park Hill Lodge (corner of Montview & Eudora (4819 Montview Blvd). This will be the 15th year that Queen of The South Chapter has put on this event which has in the past proven to be both enlightening as well as entertaining.

Historical events as they relate to the Black community of Denver and the world are highlighted and each year there is a youth and adult fashion show for your enjoyment.

Local groups will perform and at the close of the program a soulful luncheon is provided all for the cost of \$12.00 per person.

There will be a prize awarded to the person who is deemed dressed in the best/most colorful African attire so start now planning what you will wear to this event, but if you choose not to come in African attire that is all right too.

Please contact PGM Ardella Iker at 303/355-4352 or PGM Annette Harris at 303/373-4570 for tickets.

If you are interested in being on the program and know of a youth or youth group that would like to be a part of this years program please contact a member of Queen of the South for information or directions regarding the program.

Sister Joyce Price is the Worthy Matron of Queen of The South Chapter No.11 and our own GWP J Douglass Vaughn-Harris is the Worthy Patron they both are looking forward to making this years event the biggest and

best Black History program that Queen of The South has ever had.

*J Douglass Vaughn-Harris;
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