Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado P.H.A.



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GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

"Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, Present your requests to God. And the PEACE of God, Which transcends all understanding, Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4 VS 5-7

Greetings,

Happy Holidays, On behalf of myself and the Grand Lodge staff we wish you the best during the Holiday season and a very prosperous New Year; see you in January 2015! December is election time for the majority of our lodges and chapters; please choose your leaders wisely, once in office we need to aid and support them! Being elected to an office is not a popularity contest, but who best can serve and who best can agree.

I would like to close out the year with a recap of activities in 2014: Installation of lodge officers, Western Star #6 MLK banquet, Southern & Northern Colorado Town Hall Meetings, Masters, Wardens, Secretary & Treasures Workshop, Mid-Year Conference. El Paso Board of County Commissioners presented a Proclamation on behalf of Samuel C. Hunter Jr.; Four Corners Conference in New Mexico, Brother Alfred Mosley Pikes Peak Lodge #5, age 95 joined us during Grand Master's visitation, the first Colorado AEAONMS Prince Hall Shriners Gala Days, pilgrimage to the home of the Mother Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts for the 8th Biennial Re-Opening of African Lodge #459, the first Joint Masonic Workshop, the first Colorado PHA Table Lodge hosted by Centennial Lodge #4. Denver Commanders of the Rite Annual Banquet and new inductees GIG James English and the FIRST female inductee Freddie C. Whitney, Past Loyal Lady Ruler; Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons & Patrons in Jackson Mississippi, The United Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction (USC) 133rd Annual Session held in Cincinnati, Ohio the class was named after Samuel C. Hunter Jr. new Deputy of the Orient SGIG Lionell Cummings and Overseer SGIG Van Harvey and the only widow of the USC Northern Jurisdiction Marie Greenwood turned 101; Deion Hardy graduated from the USAFA & PM Foster Western Star Lodge #6 turned 90; Returning Home to Missouri's Jurisdiction, Companion William C. Hardy Jr., Heroine Tami L. Benifield-Mampoya and Earline L. Hardy returned to Missouri Jurisdiction after 15 years.

Twenty-eight brothers marched in full Masonic regalia for the Juneteenth Parade in Five Points, Denver on June 14th; Brother Kenzie Hull from Eureka Lodge #2 turned 90; The Prince Hall Stamp Initiative; the Dedication of Syrian Temple #49 and Syrian Court #40 Curio Cabinet at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. MWPGM Sylvester Smith inducted into the 2014 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Oct 28th as a member of Colorado Springs Brown Bombers Baseball Team, Legendary All-Black Baseball Team won City Titles in 1948 & 1949; Colorado Insurance Gifting Program open enrollment dates will be for 90 days Jan-Mar 2015 and Colorado Prince Hall Foundation first gospel concert. We also lost 20 of our Brothers & Sisters this year may we remember them in all our supplication to Deity.





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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

We are embarking on a quest to petition the US Postal Service to establish a Prince Hall Stamp; at the Conference of Grand Masters we agreed this was a worthy cause to pursue and each Grand Lodge is task to obtain a minimum 5,000

signatures.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER TERENCE JACKSON (CONT.)

The Grand Master Classes brought 59 new Master Masons into our order, let continue to teach and mold them into perfect ashlars. Most of us have mixed emotions on the results of the St. Louis County Grand Jury I am asking for your support in a movement sponsored by the NAACP Journey for Justice by signing the online petition at: http://action.naacp.org/write-the-DOJ-now This does NOT mean a crime was not committed when Michael Brown was shot — it means we must keep fighting for justice.

We are embarking on a quest to petition the US Postal Service to establish a Prince Hall Stamp; at the Conference of Grand Masters we agreed this was a worthy cause to pursue and each Grand Lodge is task to obtain a minimum 5,000 signatures. Our point of contact for this jurisdiction is RW Grand Lecturer Gary B. Thomas; I ask each of you to sign this petition, you do not have to be a Brother or Sister to sign, we will also be soliciting our communities. If you would like to assist in this endeavor please contact me. (See picture below) Kwanzaa Celebration will be held in December across the jurisdiction and we will be rolling out the Colorado Life Insurance Plan January 1, 2015, the open enrollment dates will be for 90 days (Jan-Mar); more information will be forthcoming. We will be updating our website next month, If your lodge or chapter has a web site please send us your link, we would like to connect with you; reminder if you would like to submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter they are **due the 20th of each month**.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior this month please remember the reason for the season and reach out to someone less fortunate then we are. From my family to yours, may you continue to be blessed, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Terence Lackson

Most Worshipful Grand Master



FROM THE DESK OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL **MASTER TERENCE JACKSON (CONT.)** GRAND

PROCLAMATION NO. 2014-07

October 1, 2014

TO: All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Concordant Bodies of Masonry Owning Allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM, Colorado and its Jurisdiction, Inc., Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, Columbine Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star PHA.

GREETINGS: SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

In accordance with the established customs and traditions, Know ye, that I, TERENCE JACKSON,

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the States of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah do hereby proclaim the 28th day of December 2014, Saint John the Evangelist Day and direct all lodges to celebrate on or near the above date in a church, lodge or other suitable public place. All Lodges will notify their Sister Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star of the time and place of the local ceremonies. The enclosed proclamation shall be read at all lodge communications leading up to this date and during the ceremony to commemorate Saint John the Evangelist.

"Saint John the Evangelist"

Whereas, in agreement with established Masonic customs and traditions that Prince Hall Lodges in the State of Colorado and its Jurisdiction honor and pay tribute to Saint John the Evangelist, and; Whereas, John, the Evangelist and Apostle of Jesus was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, a son of Zebedee and Salome, the fisherman who became the beloved disciple, and; Whereas, John the Apostle of Love, the man whom Jesus Loved and who distinguished himself by his gentleness and humility and; Whereas, John wrote the Gospel and the three epistles bearing his name, and also the Book of Revelations, and; Whereas, John the Evangelist is one of Freemasonry's Patron Saint's, Therefore be it resolved, that Prince Hall Masons in the States of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah celebrate our Patron, Saint John the Evangelist, I now Proclaim, Saturday the 27th day of December 2014 Saint John the Evangelist Day.

Given under my hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and its Jurisdiction, affixed hereto, on this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord A. L. 6014 A. D. 2014.

Fraternally,

Terence Lackson

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Gregory Wilson Sr.

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

November 15, 2014

TO: The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Treasures, Secretaries and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and its Jurisdictions

DIRECTIVE 2014-10: Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Treasures and Secretary Workshop

GREETINGS.

In accordance with my authority as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. I, Most Worshipful Grand Master Terence Jackson, do hereby Summon all Worshipful Masters and Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries of all Lodges of this Grand Lodge (excluding Utah) to assemble at the American Legion Post #87 1427 Elmira St. Aurora, CO 80010 on January 24, 2015. The Start time will be 9 am. Pre-Registration \$20.00 - After January 18, 2014 at the door registration \$ 30.00. Lunch is included in registration. 3

FROM THE DESK OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER TERENCE JACKSON (CONT.)

Dress: Grand Lodge Purple Polo and Black Slack officers or Lodge Polo or Casual. (No shorts, sports attire etc.)

The purpose of this workshop is to educate our newly elected lodge officers, set administrative procedures and answer any questions that may need to be addressed with the Grand Lodge Officers. Any Master Mason may attend this workshop; this directive is to be read at all lodge meetings leading up to January 24, 2014.

The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Edward J. A. Moore is the point of contact for this workshop <u>mooregrand@comcast.net</u> or (720) 633-5449. A registration form is attached to this directive. Should you have any questions pretaining to the workshop, please feel free to contact the R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly!!!

Fraternally,

Terence Jackson

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Gregory Wilson Sr.

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Lodge Officers Workshop

American Legion Post # 87 1427 Elmira Street Aurora, CO 80010

Date: January 24, 2015 time 9:00AM

Registration \$20.00 – deadline 18 January 2015

After 18 January 2015, registration - \$30.00

Dress: Grand Lodge Purple Polo and Black Slack officers or Lodge Polo or Casual. (No shorts, sports attire etc.)

NAME:
TITLE/POSITION:
LODGE NAME & NUMBER:
ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, and ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER: (AREA CODE)
EMAIL ADDRESS:
MOUNT ENGLOSED.

Make check or money order payable to MWPHGL of Colorado

Forward all funds and registration to:

Edward J.A. Moore 16044 E Loyola Dr.

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Aurora, CO 80013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRSP Students, Parents, and Affiliates & ELD Program Participants

On Behalf Of Educating Children of Color we share the following notice.

For more information about the 2015 ECOC Summit, please go to our website: http://educatingchildrenofcolor.org/

The deadline to register is December 15, 2014

"You cannot change anything in your life with intention alone, which can become a watered-down occasional hope that you'll get to tomorrow. Intention without action is useless." -Caroline Myss

In keeping with that sentiment, and with the theme of the 2015 Summit, ACT NOW FOR YOUTH, everyone will be required to develop an action plan during breakout session 4 of the Summit.

Professionals will be divided by district when possible.

Parents will choose from the following options or attend their district's planning session:

- Financial Aid;
- Financial Aid for Spanish Speaking Students/Parents;
- Getting Engaged with your Child's School: How to hold your child and the education system accountable.

Students must choose from the following sessions:

- Resume Writing
- The Secrets of ACT Testing
- Scholarship Essay Writing
- Completing Your College Application
- Social Activism: Mobilizing Your Community

For Freshmen and Sophomores:

Planning your High School Career to Maximize Success

For Juniors:

- Looking for your college or career
- Studying Skills

Legal Clinic:

Expunging Records or Correcting School Discipline Records before applying for college.







ARTICLE

What do you picture when you think of an introvert?

Many people associate the personality type with being shy or aloof, when really they just tend to reflect inwardly. In fact, introverts <u>can just easily be social butterflies like</u> their extroverted counterparts, they just approach it differently. But that's not all that makes up an introvert: They also are extremely <u>detail oriented</u>, tend to be <u>old souls</u> and <u>make the most of downtime</u>. But if you just don't identify with any of these characteristics (and don't understand how anyone else does, either), fear not. Artist <u>Roman Jones</u> has created a handy guide that details everything you need to know about the "quiet type." Read on to discover what introverts *really* think on a daily basis. Who knows? You may be able to relate to the personality type more than you thought.

5 APPS TO GET YOU THROUGH A HECTIC WORK DAY!

Meditation and, more broadly, mindfulness have of late been linked to everything from increased creativity to stress reduction. But who has time to pause and assume lotus position amid back-to-back conference calls and an overstuffed inbox?

You may not realize it, but the smartphone that you're currently using to flip through emails could be the ticket to workday zen. Each of these five mobile apps, either free or cheap, guide you in channeling some inner peace (even if it's in only five-minute snatches between a board meeting and coffee).

1. HEADSPACE

What it Does: Tap into this app to learn how to meditate in just 10 minutes a day. It will guide you via podcast through modern meditations on how to get to sleep quickly and easily, how to make your daily crazed commute stress-free, how to take the time to really appreciate your food, and more.

Why I Love It: Headspace makes it easy to set reminders to keep yourself on track and even offers a dashboard to evaluate your progress. Plus, the guided meditation tracks are voiced by Headspace founder and former Buddhist monk Andy Puddicombe, whose British lilt is the perfect antidote to a hectic workday.

2. Buddhify

What it Does: Buddhify provides guided meditation tracks for 14 different activities, from eating and traveling to walking in the city and even working online. Like a gym membership for your brain, Buddhify is specifically designed for busy people who still want to prioritize the health of their minds.

Why I Love It: Designed by a data artist, Buddhify is one of the most beautiful (and easy to use) mindfulness apps on the market. I also like the app's "solo" mode, which lets you take 10 timed guidance-free minutes to yourself to clear your brain and reset.

3. GPS for the Soul

What it Does: This app, presented by *Huffington Post*, bLife, and HeartMath, uses your phone's camera lens to measure your stress levels, then invites you to course-correct through music, poetry, breathing exercises, pictures of your loved ones, and more.

Why I Love It: Anything with Arianna Huffington's stamp of approval gets my buy-in. In addition, the app's "breathing pacer" helps regulate your breathing during each meditation, and each guide's beautiful, relaxing visuals are a nice companion to the written content-especially for visual thinkers like me. Because it's a Huffington Post-sponsored app, GPS for the Soul also includes access to interesting articles on topics like indecision, embracing quiet, remaining in the present, and more.

4. Happier

What it Does: More of a "social gratitude journal" than a pocket yogi, Happier helps you cultivate those little nuggets throughout your day that make you smile and share them with the wider community to spread the love. You can freely share any happy moment and add it to a collection, whether it's "getting stuff done," "being outside," "learning new things," "meeting awesome people," or any category you create.

Why I Love It: Within Happier's social network, you can "smile" at people's happy moments in your feed, reshare them to your followers, and glean inspiration from users across the globe. My New Year's resolution a few years ago was to write down one thing I was grateful for every day from January 1-December 31, and while I made it through the journey, I would have loved to use an app like Happier to record and share my thoughts. Being held somewhat accountable by the built-in app community might encourage you to keep recognition of happy moments front-of-mind.

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5. STOP, BREATHE & THINK

What it Does: Created by Tools For Peace, a Pasadena-based organization focused on cultivating compassion and kindness primarily in students, this app prompts you to check in with how you're feeling-mentally, physically, and emotionally-then dishes up recommended meditations geared toward your current mindset.

Why I Love It: You can track your progress through virtual stickers and learn about how meditation works and why it's good for you. Plus, the meditation topics to choose from are wide-ranging: being present, gratitude, dealing with change, kindness, equanimity, compassion, and more.

Positive thinking and an earnest approach to managing modern stress can seriously do wonders for your workday productivity and flow. Give it a go!

SICK AND DISTRESS

Please send prayers to MWPGM Fredrick Blue and Brother Michael Washington for a speedy recovery from their illness.

Please send prayers to Vanessa Henderson and Willie Lynch in hospice (step-sister / uncle) of MWGM.

Brother Leroy James is home from the hospital in the comfort of his home with his family. We thank God for that blessing.

Continue to pray that the family of PM Patsy Ewing with the hope that they will allow the beautiful memories of their loved one to radiate in their warm their hearts and that God will continue to shower them with his love.

I am happy that PGM Mary Jane Neal is feeling well at this time.

Please keep me informed of members of our family who are ill or when loved ones pass.

Brother Otis Williams, Speedy Recovery from ankle recovery

DEATHS

Funeral Services for PC Patsy Ewing were held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 11:00 A. M., at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1044 Spruce Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

PHOTOS



CHRISTMAS WISH

"Give a person a fish, and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the internet, and they won't bother you for weeks."

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I believe that God sends special people
To help us grow in our faith...
And for me, one of those people is you.
Together we learn, discuss,
And grow in our understanding
Of how God wants us to be.
And now, as we celebrate the birth of
Christ, I want you to know how much
I appreciate that...

And how much I appreciate you.

MWPHGL CALENDAR

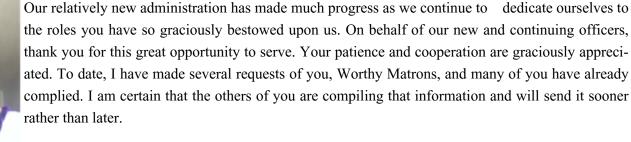
December 1, 2014	Rocky Mountain Lodge #1 Elections	Denver	Masonic Dress
December 6, 2014	Eureka Lodge #2 Elections	Pueblo	Masonic Dress
December 2, 2014	High Marine Lodge #12 Elections	Salt Lake City, UT	Masonic Dress
December 4, 2014	DCJ #27 Elections	Aurora	Masonic Dress

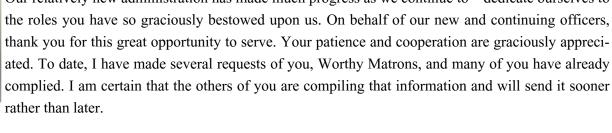
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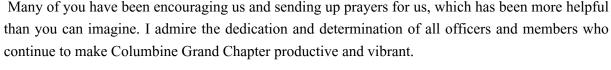
2015	EVENT	LOCATION	DRESS
December 8, 2014	Centennial Lodge #4 Elections	Aurora	Masonic Dress
December 12, 2014	Mount Ogden #20 Elections	Layton, UT	Masonic Dress
December 13, 2014	Mountain Post Military #26 Elections	Colorado Springs	Masonic Dress
December 21 2014	Public Installation #5, 14, and 26	SE YMCA, Colorado Sprgs.	Masonic Dress
December 28, 2014	St. John the Evangelist Day	Jurisdiction	Masonic Dress
December 31, 2014	New Year's Eve Celebration	Jurisdiction	Business
January 3, 2015	Installation 1,4,7,27	TBA	Masonic Dress
January 17, 2015	Trustee Meeting	SE YMCA, Colorado Sprgs.	Casual
January 17, 2015	Town Hall Meeting	Pikes Peak Lodge #5, Colorado Springs 3:00pm	Business Casual
January 18, 2015	MLK Banquet Western Lodge #6	Cheyenne, WY	Masonic Formal
January 22, 2015	154th Colorado AF&AM Grand Lodge Session	Pueblo Convention Center	Masonic Dress
January 24, 2015	WM, Wardens, Sec, & Treasurer Workshop	American Legion Post # 87 1427 Elmira Street Aurora, CO 80010	Casual
anuary 29-30. 2015	143th Grand Lodge of Utah F&AM	Salt Lake City, Utah	Masonic Dress

From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron Freddie Cooper









GWM Patricia Armstrong, Las Vegas, sent the following information regarding the Four Corners Conference.

Save the date & book your rooms March 26 2015 - March 29 2015

33rd Annual 4 - Corners Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Worthy Matrons Annual SHRINE Desert & DOI Deputies Conference

Location - Circus Circus Hotel & Casino

2880 Las Vegas Blvd S. Las Vegas NV, 89109-1138

For reservations call 866-775-7776

Group - Four Corners Conference 2015

Group Code - CW03FCC

Room Cut-off Date - March 3, 2015

Room Rates Wed & Thursday \$49, Friday & Saturday \$99

Plus daily resort fee of \$10

Registration forms coming soon.

READING

What are you reading? In addition, to reading daily scriptures, I am reading "Black Cowboys of the Old West True, Sensational, and Little-Known Stories from History" by Tricia Martineau Wagner. Of course, my Columbine Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws booklet is always somewhere nearby.



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