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



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GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

"Where there is no vision, the people perish. But he that keepeth the law, happy is he. A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer. Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him. He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have become his son at the length." **Proverbs 29 VS 18-21**

Greetings,

Happy New Year! As we move into 2015 let us remember the accomplishment of last year as we continue "Building a Stronger Future Together". December was a busy month for the jurisdiction, Elections and installation of the Lodges & Chapters officers, congratulation to all the newly elected and appointed officers; I look forward to working with you this year. I was invited to fellowship and give a presentation on Prince Hall to the Brothers of Pueblo Lodge #17 Dec 8th, thanks to all the Brothers who attended. Christmas baskets was distributed to needy families, Christmas parties and gifts given to the homeless and seniors in nursing homes and other worthy charities within our community, this is what being a Mason and an Eastern Star is all about; good job! Our booth at the Kwanzaa Celebration went really well! So many questions were asked about our Founder Prince Hall and we were delighted to share how he helped shaped African American history.

The 7 Principals of Kwanzaa—(1) Umoja (Unity), (2) Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), (3) Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), (4) Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), (5) Nia (Purpose), (6) Kuumba (Creativity) and (7) Imani (Faith). We celebrated one of the Patrons of Freemasonry in December Saint John the Evangelist, please see the photo section for all of December activities.

One of the most dangerous phrases in American language is, we always done it this way! Let's go into this New Year Fearless, all we need is a little motivation...please watch this 5min video http://youtu.be/ http://youtu.be/ https://youtu.be/ <a href=

I wish I could say we are doing well on getting signatures for the Prince Hall Stamp initiative, but we are not! If you are assisting in this initiative please send in your sheet by Jan 8, 2015 to RW Grand Lecturer Gary B. Thomas, thank you. The Colorado Life Insurance Gifting Plan is rolling out soon, check emails from the Grand Information Officer and your mail box. We will be updating our website next month, and will be soliciting photos of head of houses and Concordant Bodies history or a link. Reminder, if you would like to submit articles, pictures or information for the newsletter they are **due the 20th of each month**.





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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

Thank you for your service in this Great Work!

Terence Jackson Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything"

George Bernard Shaw

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.

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 adminstrative proceedures 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 mooregrand@comcast.net 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
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F	Forward all funds and registration to: Edward J.A. Moore 16044 E Loyola Dr. Aurora, CO 80013				
ΓΟ: 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.					
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In accordance with my authority as the Most Worship ful Grand Master Terence Jackson do hereby	oful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah I, Most Worship-				
	ers, Worshipful Masters, and Wardens to assemble at The International Brotherhood of Electrical plorado Springs, CO 80904 at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2015. All MWPGM'S, PGM'S, PM'S and l.				
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sion and information from Grand Lodge Staff. Pre-Re	e information from the standing committees, reports referred from the 138 th Grand Lodge Ses- gistration \$20.00 – <i>After February 8, 2015 at the door registration \$30.00</i> . Lunch is included in erence; this directive is to be read at all lodge meetings leading up to February 21, 2015.				
The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Keith L. Weston is the point of contact for this conference kweston172@aol.com or (303) 257-2542. Please communicate the names of your members that will be attending the Mid-Year Conference. Should you have any questions pertaining to the conference, contact the R.W. Senior Grand Warden.					
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Terence Jackson Most Worshipful Grand Master	Gregory Wilson Sr. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary				

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

Mid-Year Conference IBOEW – Local # 113

2150 Naegele Road Colorado Springs, CO 80904 Date: February 21, 2015, time 10:00AM

Registration \$20.00 – deadline 8 February After 8 February, registration - \$30.00

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THE COMMON TRAITS OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

DO YOU HAVE A ROUTINE FOR FOCUS AND A FEELING OF CONNECTEDNESS IN YOUR WORK? THESE GREAT INNOVATORS HAD THESE TRAITS IN COMMON. BY VIVIAN GIANG

What makes someone ordinary become extraordinary? Is it their intellect or good luck? Is it their charisma and leadership qualities? There's no definite formula, but there's also no denying that there are common traits that make successful people stand apart from everyone else. There are ways of doing things and thinking about the world that people at top just do differently.

Robert Greene, best-selling author of <u>The 48 Laws of Power</u> spends a lot of time researching and interviewing the most successful people. In his most recent book <u>Mastery</u>, he analyzed the lives of those he called "masters" to pinpoint their secret to greatness. Below Greene shares common things he thinks successful people do differently.

THEY ARE EMOTIONALLY COMMITTED

When looking at the most successful people throughout history, Greene found that it's an emotional quality, not an intellectual one, that separates them from everyone else.

"We live in a culture that tends to really emphasize intellect and going to the greatest schools and all that," Greene tells *Fast Company*, but success is really more dependent on "a resiliency and a love of what you're doing."

Since intellect isn't the core driving force for success, Greene says that successful people won't always show signs of great potential in their early years. In *Mastery*, Greene points to <u>Charles Darwin</u> who, as a youth, was always in the shadows of his cousin who had a much higher IQ.

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"Darwin was a bit of a loser. His father thought he wouldn't end up amounting to much," says Greene. "He kind of wandered around and took this job on a boat sailing around the world and it ended up Darwin became perhaps one of the greatest scientists who ever lived. But at an early age, if you looked at him, you would say, 'I don't see it there.'"

If you don't feel emotionally connected to your work, Greene suggests looking within yourself. Keep a journal and think about the experiences that really excited you. What do they have in common?

"If you can't look at what you like, what you don't like, then it's pretty hopeless," he says. "But I think most people generally have up until the age of 50 and can go back and do this process."

THEY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THEM

If you're going to follow your passion and put all of your <u>energy</u> into your work, you can't care too much about what others think of you. So successful people don't.

"Overall, you have to have some level of connection to yourself," says Greene. "You have to know what makes you different. What you love, what you don't love."

"Some people have a hard time with that. They listen so much to other people. They're on Facebook all the time. They're so concerned with what other people are thinking that they have no relationship to themselves and what they really love."

But successful people revere their individuality. If you look at the ones at the top, "they're one of a kind," says Greene. "Their business reflects their weirdness, they're uniqueness."

THEY DON'T LET THEIR BRAIN GET RIGID

The worst thing you can do to your career—and your life—is to allow your brain to get stale, says Greene. This is when you start thinking about and doing your work in a way that doesn't spark creativity or inspire innovation. There are ways you can loosen up the rigidity that happens, especially when you get older. Greene advises developing an interest in a study of science or literature.

"Spend some free time delving into this new field that interests you but is not directly related to what you do," he says. "That will kind of give you ideas and give you perspective that you don't normally get from reading the *Wall Street Journal* and listening to your colleagues. You need outside sources of information."

In almost all fields, the greatest innovators are those who came from outside of the industry they transformed because they're able to think differently and aren't tied down by "conventions and dogmas," says Greene.

THEY KNOW WHEN TO TURN OFF THEIR PHONE

With everything that's fighting for our attention every minute of every day, the ones who get things done are the people who can focus. One of the biggest distractions that keep our attention is our phone, says Greene, so successful people separate themselves from their phones. "I have noticed that a lot of the people I've interviewed are able to not get too distracted. In other words, they're able to focus more than others," he explains. "They know how to turn off their smartphones."

"I remember that I was interviewing Paul Graham, founder of Y Combinator in Silicon Valley, he didn't even have a <u>smartphone</u>. I've found a couple of other people who are like that. So they're not people who get lost in all of the information glut."

THEY HAVE A FOCUS ROUTINE

Steve Jobs once said that the only thing that separates him from other people is the ability to focus.

"He would close his door and not let other people in," says Greene. That was his focus routine. How he was able to shut out the rest of the world. Anyone who wants to accomplish something great, needs to be able to do the same.

For Greene, the author focuses by meditating 30 minutes every morning. He's been doing it for over four years and says it's "the greatest thing" he could recommend to anyone.

"Basically, it slows everything down. You find that you don't react to everything that goes on around you," says Greene. "It's very calming and in the heat of the moment while other people are getting excited, I don't know why, but somehow, it changes something in your brain where you're not so reactive to everything."

Greene says he's able to look at situations in front of him with "a bit of a distance" and has an easier time knowing what matters and what doesn't. His trick is to to empty his mind to get rid of useless distractions, but meditation itself is "not easy and is a struggle every single day when you sit down to do it."

"You only have so much energy in life, <u>mental energy</u>. If all of these things in your day-to-day affairs are weighing you down, bothering you, creating anxiety, and making you insecure, it's draining a lot of that valuable time that could be spent for creative focus," he explains.

THEY DON'T LIVE IN THEIR PAST SUCCESSES

Once you start getting used to your successes, you'll start taking it for granted. You want to stay in a familiar, comfortable place instead of push yourself when you feel that frustration that often comes before the brink of greatness.

"I find a lot of writers, their books tend to resemble one another," says Greene. "They're not challenging themselves. I don't like that attitude. I don't want to live in my past success. I want my next book to be even more successful."

To continuously challenge himself, Greene says he starts every new book with "the

assumption that [he] can easily fail and no one will read this book." That fear allows him to work "like a fiend to make it successful."

No one was born an expert or a master of something. You may be the smartest person in the world, but if you don't know what drives you or can't seem to focus, you won't get anything done. According to Greene, the most important thing for success is finding something that you feel emotionally committed to. The most successful people are usually not chasing money when they decide on their craft because "money isn't the greatest motivator in the world," he says.

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Magnolia Chapter #14, OES, PHA recently heard about a single, junior enlisted soldier who was in need of help. Ms. Natasha Hood was recently informed that her 1 and 2-year old nephews and 4-year old niece were going to be placed into the foster system. She immediately took on the responsibility of raising her nephews and niece without hesitation, but not without a cost. Ms. Hood was already in the process of separating from the Army in the next three months and is currently struggling to provide adequate care for her new family. Magnolia immediately reached out to provide assistance.

Mountain Post Military Lodge #26 also reached out to Ms. Hood and provided her with all for the fixings and trimmings for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Members of this Chapter reached out to the Colorado Springs Police Department Explorers, placing the children's names into their Annual Gift Drive where cadets delivered gifts to them a few days prior to Christmas. We also donated a Christmas tree with decorations and the children were very instrumental in putting it up and helping to decorate it from top to bottom. Numerous clothing items, to include winter coats, a bed for the children donated by WMPGM Blue, were also provided to help this family in need. Finally, PM Juanita Davis coordinated with Toys for Tots to ensure this was a very memorable Christmas for this family. On Christmas Eve, members of Magnolia delivered all of the donated gifts and clothing items. To see the smile on each child's face was totally worth the time, effort and compassion felt by each member of Magnolia Chapter #14.



This is a picture of the 2014 competition cheerleaders. We won 3rd place this year but next year we will get the number 1 spot.



Mr. Darnell Steel-Tyler & Mr. Leonard Steel-Tyler are the twin sons of Alison Steel and Beveridge Brown and seniors at East High School. They are recipients of the Juanita Gray Community Service Award, members of Kappa League, Kappa League All Star Step Team; have received an award for the National Security Service of Washington D.C. President and Vice President of the youth usher board at Central Baptist Church. They also play lacrosse and plan on becoming computer engineering students at Texas Tech University. As well as moving forward in joining the US military. Yazmine MacNeal was Darnell's escort; Saqera Jones was Leonard escort.



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SICK AND DISTRESS

- MWPGM Fred Blue is hospitalized at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. His wife, Francis is there with him. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- PC Evelyn Gwyn the mother of PC Denise Davis and mother-in-law of Assistant Rabban Ed Davis is in Memorial Hospital. Her medical status is unknown at this time. Please ask for prayers for her.
- Noble Mike Washington is at home, address is 5666 Appalachian View. To schedule visits call his son, Frank Washington at 717-515-3181. He is encouraging visits and more especially your prayers.

DEATHS

CORRECTION FROM DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: RWSGW Keith L. Weston Mother Juanita Weston from Chicago past away in November.

Sis Elzena Lyons passed away. Please keep PM Verona Reddic, PM Sandra Lyons Pickfor, GAP Sandy Reddic (All of Evergreen #3) and their families in your prayers. Cards may be sent to 3055 Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80207.

Funeral arrangements for Electa Chapter #16 Sis. Elzena Lyons: Wake on Monday, January 5, 2015 from 4 pm-9 pm. Order of the Eastern Star Burial on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7 pm. (Regale) Location for both is Pipkin Braswell Funeral Home & Cremation, 6601 E. Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80220

Funeral Services on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 11 am. (Not regale) Location is St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 3125 Humboldt St, Denver, CO 80205

Bro Edward Denmon, Funeral arrangements have been set for Friday December 19th @ 10:00 at Pipkin Mortuary. The Wake will be on Thursday December 18th @ 4pm. The family is requesting a Masonic service. Please keep the Denmon family in prayer.

The Golden Chain of Lone Star #1 OES PHA has been broken. Honorary Past Matron Mary Dixon has passed and her funeral will be Friday, December 26, 2014 at Scott United Methodist Church located at 2800 Madison St, Denver, CO 80205 at 11 a.m. There will not be an Eastern Star service.

MWPGM James Saul's sister-in-law Mary Sauls passed services will be Fri 2 Jan 2015 Address - Metropolitan AME Church 1101 East Tenth St Austin, TX 78702. Please keep the family in prayer.

P.M. Albert Cherry of Mount Evans Lodge No. 7 passed today January 1, 2015. PM Cherry is the husband of P.W.M. Celestine Cherry of Queen of the South Chapter No. 11. arrangements are pending. Cards can be sent to:

Celestine Cherry, 5085 Blackhawk Way, Denver, Co 80239

MWPHGL CALENDAR

January 3, 2015	Installation 1,4,7,27	DCJ #27,1675 Florence Street Aurora, CO 80010	Masonic Dress
January 17, 2015	Trustee Meeting	SE YMCA, Colorado Sprgs.	Casual
January 17, 2015	Town Hall Meeting, Southern Colorado	Pikes Peak Lodge #5, Colorado Springs 3:00pm	Business Casual
January 18, 2015	MLK Banquet Western Lodge #6	Holiday Inn 204 W. Fox Farm Rd. Cheyenne, WY	Masonic Semi-Formal
January 19, 2015	MLK Celebration	Jurisdiction	TBD
January 23, 2015	154 th Colorado AF&AM Grand Lodge Session	Pueblo Convention Center 9:00am.	Masonic Dress
January 24, 2015	WM, Wardens, Sec, & Treasurer Workshop	The Retire Enlisted Association (TREA) #3 1599 Dayton Street Aurora, CO 80010	Grand Lodge Purple Polo and Black Slack officers or Lodge Polo or Casual. (No shorts, sports attire etc.)
January 29-30. 2015	143th Grand Lodge of Utah F&AM	Salt Lake City, Utah	Masonic Dress
February 1, 2015	Super bowl J	Phoenix, AZ	Sporty
February 19, 2015	Grand Court Order of Amaranth AF & AM	Hotel Eleganté, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906	Masonic Dress
February 21, 2015	GL Mid-Year Conference 10am -4pm.	IBOEW – Local # 113 2150 Naegele Road Colorado Springs, CO 80904	GL suit/ Business Dress
February 26, 2015	Masonic Family App. ESMC AF&AM	2445 S. Quebec, Denver	Business
February 28, 2015	Queen of the South #11 Black History		

PHOTOS



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From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron Freddie Cooper

Happy New Year!



Sisters and Brothers of the Columbine Grand Chapter, O.E.S, PHA and Our Masonic Brothers and friends,

We are blessed by the grace of God with an opportunity to continue our work in his vineyard. The Order of the Eastern Star provides an avenue for carrying on some good works for our Lord and Savior. To realize the work of this Order, we set goals or make resolutions

Thinking along that line, I remember the times when at the close of each year, people made New Year's Resolutions. New Year's Resolutions! Today, I seldom hear of that topic. In those days, the end of the year was a time to reflect and resolve to change an aspect of our lives for the better: to make improvements to become what they thought would make them a better person by-- becoming thinner, healthier, smarter, more religious, more supportive, more generous, more thoughtful, more caring, more loving, and (or) more productive. The list could be never ending!

Nowadays, I do not hear anyone speak of resolving to make changes to better their lives. In my past, everyone in my small corner of the world made expressions of wanting to make positive changes in their lives during the New Year. Many were successful. Many were not

What is my 2015 resolution? It is about the Order of the Eastern Star. The Order of the Eastern Star, only second to my Church, is a part of my life which I want to emerge and continue as a strong vibrant part of the lives of all who are a part of this organization and those who desire to affiliate.

I think resolutions would be a potent solution, if all of our members would resolve to be a little more enthusiastic about our wonderful heritage. Just to think, millions of people had options to work in this vineyard. They resolved that it was good enough to survive for forever, even 2015. They had a choice of responding positively or negatively to the calling. No matter what happens to us in this life, God has given us an opportunity to respond positively, negatively or indifferently. Even when negativity faces us, we can choose to respond positively, negatively, or indifferently! Jesus taught us to ask God "to forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

It is not necessary to draft new rules for the entire Order or CHANGE all of our Landmarks to make it better. Doing so could cause our Order to become the Order of the Easter Star in name only. Rather, we can resolve to change our responses in a positive manner to make it a healthier, happier, and more peaceful venue in which to do God's work. Our heroines are our guides or road maps upon which we can hitch a New Year resolution to keep our STAR shining brightly for the world to see.

Can you imagine **us** causing our Order to be so tantalizing that others want to make changes in their lives and **join us**? What a grand resolution that would be! Let us keep our lights burning brightly.

Updates

My humble thanks to several Worthy Matrons and their Chapter secretaries for submitting the information I requested over the past few months. However, I am still awaiting others to send that information: (a) ages for insurance considerations, (b) membership history, and (c) dates for my visitation dates. If I do not receive your recommendations my visitation to your Chapter by January 31, 2015, I will set dates that you will be required to honor. Please submit the other requested information ASAP. I will send all future communications to the Chapter secretary, ONLY if the Chapter has not submitted a PO Box address.

I am excited to announce to all concerned that Sisters Lenora Williams and Denise Davis are delighted to have transitioned to their new administrative offices. The four of us (the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Executive Secretary and I) have established splendid rapport and working relationships. We look forward to an impressive year of service to Columbine Grand Chapter. A special thanks to outgoing officers Sisters Deborah Ford-Williams and Agatha Davis.

Sisters Bernadette and Willa Kemp, Sister Ossie Anderson and I attended True Vine Baptist Church, Kaysville, Utah to commemorate St. John the Evangelist Day Celebration with the Brothers of High Marine Lodge #12, Salt Lake City, and Mount Ogden Lodge #20, Ogden.

The members of Queen of the West #17 graciously appreciate the Brothers of Mount Ogden Lodge #12 for providing gifts to the infirmed widows of Queen of the West #17.

Masons from the Utah Grand Lodge, Mount Ogden Lodge #20, and I prepared and delivered Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless Veterans Service Center, Ogden, Utah.

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