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



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#### **GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS**

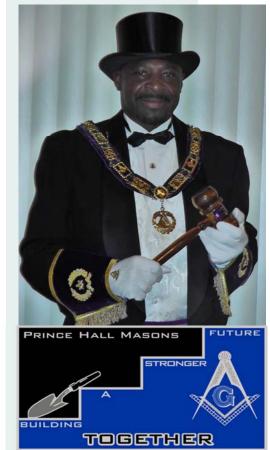
"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold a beam is in thine own eye? "ST. Matthew 7 VS 1-4

Greetings,

The year will soon come to a close and we have accomplished so much throughout this year! Please don't forget to thank those who have contributed to the success of your Lodge, Chapter, Consistory, Temple, Court, Assembly and Commandery. I just want to thank you all for what you do in the Jurisdiction! Mid-Year Elections are here -- **please** exercise you right to **VOTE**! The 99<sup>th</sup> Council of Deliberation was held Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Denver; Congratulations to Deputy of the Orient Lionell Cummings on a great session.

New officers: First Lieutenant Commander GIG Loran Smith, Second Lieutenant Commander GIG Jesse Buckmon, Minister of State GIG Tommie Lewis, Secretary GIG Edward J.A. Moore and Treasurer GIG Keith L. Weston. Congratulations to the new Sublime Princes from Pikes Peak Consistory #81, Stanley Brooks, Tariq Collins and Ennies DuBose.

I had the honor to give a presentation on our founder, Prince Hall, to Liberty Lodge #134 AF & AM, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at their Table Lodge. Thank you to all the Prince Hall Brothers who attended from Centennial MPML #26 and DCJ #27; it was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship. We have 12 new Sir Knights in the jurisdiction; Welcome to Knighthood! I attended People's United Methodist Church Laity Sunday 2014 Celebration where Past Master (Deacon) Thomas J. Powell was the guest speaker.



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

As stated in last month's newsletter, we have sold our Grand Lodge Building thanks to the superb work of our Grand Trustees. We will be forming a Grand Lodge Building Exploratory Team to assess our needs for a new Grand Lodge home (space/ design, location & cost).

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

Lodge #4, His subject was Disciples Called to Action: Engaging Small Groups. Excellent job Deacon Powell! Rocky Mountain Lodge #1 hosted a Masonic Interest Program (MIP) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October that went very well. Thanks for allowing me to participate and I encourage all Lodges to send out invites to the jurisdiction to attend MIPs. The Colorado Prince Hall Grand Commandery held its 20<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave in Denver Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the elected officers; Most Eminent Grand Commander Stefon Atmore, Very Eminent Grand Deputy Gary B. Thomas, Very Eminent Generalissimo Bruce Williams, Very Eminent Grand Captain General William Hardy and Very Eminent Grand Prelate William Turner. And what a time we had Monday evening Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at the raising hosted by Centennial Lodge #4! Good job WM Mays and his officers. Congratulations to our newest Master Masons--Michael Burnett and Corey Richardson, and special thank you to PM Edward McLaughlin for the fantastic oration on the Masters Carpet.

A special congratulation goes out to MWPGM Sylvester Smith for being inducted into the 2014 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Oct 28<sup>th</sup> as a member of Colorado Springs Brown Bombers Baseball Team, Legendary All-Black Baseball Team, who won City Titles in 1948 & 1949 and Challenged Racism & Segregation. Please read their story on the link below.

http://gazette.com/brown-bombers-being-inducted-into-colorado-springs-sports-hall-of-fame/article/1540257

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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.

We will be rolling out the Colorado Insurance Gifting Program January 1, 2015, the open enrollment dates will be for 90 days (Jan-Mar); more information will be forthcoming. **Veterans Day is Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** I encourage all of us to attend and/or participate in an event in our community to recognize our brave Men & Women who have served and defended this Great Country and those who are serving today. We should all continue to pray for them and our Nation.

If you would like to purchase Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter photos please contact Bro James Beverly @ <u>onefo-cuspro@live.com</u> or 720-249-8688. Please see copy in photo section.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**.

Jerence Jackson

Most Worshipful Grand Master

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus is pleased to inform you about the Grand Opening of the Mary Barry Building on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm-5pm with the symbolic ribbon cutting at 3:30pm.

#### **VETERANS APPRECIATION**

#### FREE BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2014, 0900-1100 COMMUNITY ROOM A/B

SOUTHEAST & ARMED SERVICES YMCA

2190 JET WING DRIVE, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80916

#### "LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE"

REGISTRATION PERIOD 14 OCT - 6 NOV 2014

PLEASE CALL 719-622-9622 TO RSVP

#### ATTEND

THE VETERAN'S FEDERAL HIRING SEMINAR

Denver Federal Center, GSA Bldg #41 Remington Arms Rm, 14 Nov 2014, 8:30 am-12:30 pm Please RSVP your attendance at <u>https://VeteransFederalJobsSeminar.eventbrite.com</u> Must be registered in Connecting Colorado, self-register at <u>www.connectingcolorado.com</u> Must bring ID to enter federal property Print and bring your free Eventbrite Ticket or bring a canned good for donation Go to <u>www.rtd-denver.com</u> for bus transportation DRESS TO IMPRESS!

#### **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,

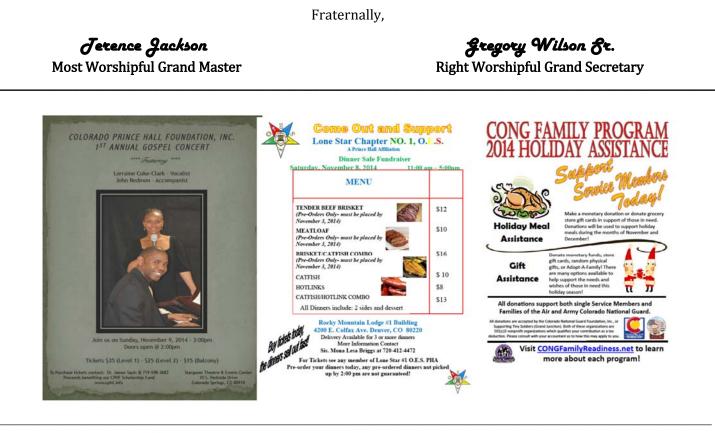
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the States of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah do hereby proclaim the 28th day of December 2014, Saint John the Evangelist Day and direct all lodges to celebrate on or near the above date in a church, lodge or other suitable public place. All Lodges will 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### "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.





### ARTICLE

### 6 Decisions You'll Never Regret Making

We have a lot of decisions to make in our lives: Where to live, what job to pursue, what flavor coffee to drink. Some are obviously more serious than others, but regardless of the frivolity of some choices, we still are constantly making selections on a daily basis. And when we're unsure, it's hard to feel confident that we've made the right one. Research suggests that when we're always making decisions, we may suffer from what is known as decision fatigue, <u>the New York Times reported in 2011</u>. The more decisions you make throughout the day, the more mentally exhausted your brain becomes.

However, there are some choices that are just simply worth it. Below are six decisions you won't regret making, whether it's at the beginning of the day or the end of your evening.

#### Choosing to be happy.

We spend countless hours in the pursuit of happiness, whether it's chasing our dreams or chasing the latest clothing trend. But the good news is it may not be all that complicated: Studies suggest that <u>happiness is a choice</u> that we have control over. In other words, our joy doesn't always lie within our jobs or material possessions (in fact, research shows <u>money doesn't buy happiness over the longterm</u>).

#### Opting to unplug.

In today's world, having our phones with us is about as natural as breathing (and when we don't have them, <u>panic</u> <u>sets in</u>). But trust us on this one: You'll never regret taking a little digital timeout every now and then. When we disconnect from our screens, <u>we're improving our well-being</u>. Additionally, too much tech can <u>make you feel lone-</u><u>ly</u>, <u>affect your sleep</u> and even lead to physical symptoms, like <u>headaches</u>.

#### Selecting kindness over rudeness.

It's easy to grumble at someone on a crowded train or brush off someone in need as you pass them by, but chances are you won't regret it if you extend a little compassion. You don't have to spend hours volunteering if that's not your thing (although research suggests there are <u>serious benefits to performing charitable acts</u>). Even just a <u>small</u>, <u>generous act</u> -- like holding the door for someone -- can make a world of difference. Research shows that <u>kindness</u> <u>makes us happy</u> and happiness makes us kind in return. Sounds like a pretty positive (and powerful) cycle.

#### Deciding to treat yourself the way you treat your friends.

PSA: You are amazing. We might not always believe in ourselves, but research suggest that if we did, we'd be a whole lot better off. Accepting ourselves has been shown to <u>make us happier and healthier</u>, so maybe it's time to start seeing yourself the way you see your loved ones. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "Friendship with oneself is all-important, because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world."

#### Choosing to smile at that stranger.

Admit it: There's this sense of gratification that comes when you exchange the most human of smiles with someone. According to a 2012 study, smiling at a stranger can <u>give us a greater sense of connection</u>. Not to mention just the simple act of smiling can <u>lift our moods</u> when we're feeling a little blue. You won't regret flashing those pearly whites.

#### Opting to say "no."

We live in a culture of perpetual busyness -- and because we're always on the go, we feel strange when we're *not*. However, when you look back on your life, are you going to regret the times you gave yourself a little break? Probably not. In fact, as small business coach Margalit Ward <u>explains in a HuffPost blog</u>, we're saying *yes* to life by learning to say no a little more often. "So what does learning to say no really mean? It means committing to living a more authentic and conscious life," she wrote. "A life that I create based on honoring myself, accepting myself, and saying yes to the truth of my heart."

### **PHOTOS**

# 2014 GRAND LODGE COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



# 2014 GRAND CHAPTER COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



### **PHOTOS**



Electa Chapter #16, OES, PHA, members presented a check for school supplies on Friday, October 10, 2014 to Becky Lutz, the teacher of the Affective Needs class at East Middle School in the Aurora Public Schools district. This class contains students who are in a special education classroom due to severe behavior problems. Also present for the presentation was the East MS principal, Fred Quinonez, and Electa #16 members (from left to right) Deanna Gill, Malissa Gill, Jasmine Gill, Valerie Nesbitt, Robin Bruce, and Arabela Bruce. Deanna, Malissa, & Jasmine Gill are all East MS alumni who have spent countless hours & many years volunteering with their mother, Valerie Nesbitt, at the school.



### PHOTOS





## **SICK AND DISTRESS**

Please keep Bro. Christopher Beavers in your prayers who are currently hospitalized with a serious illness.

# DEATHS

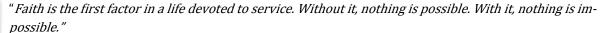
PM Sandra Lyons Pickford, OES,#3 lost her husband, Andrew. Services will be held at Pipkin-Braswell Mortuary on Wednesday, October. 15, 2014 at 2 PM Cards may be sent to 100 Dayton St Apt B-201, Aurora, Co 80010

## **MWPHGL CALENDAR**

November 4, 2014	Pikes Peak Lodge #5 Elections	Colorado Springs	Masonic Dress
November 9, 2014	Colorado Prince Hall Foundation Gospel	Stargazer 10 S. Parkside Dr.	Casual
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November 15, 2014	Grand Master Class	DCJ #27, 1625 Florence	Masonic Dress
N		Street, Aurora, CO 80010	
November 16, 2014	Colorado Springs COR Wine Sip	English Dockside Seafood-	Business Casual
		Grill, 1201 W Colorado Ave,	
November 22, 2014	Elks Black & White Ball COS	Colorado Springs Hotel Elegante, 2886 South	Formal Dress
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December 1, 2014	Rocky Mountain Lodge #1 Elections	Denver	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
December 4, 2014		Autora	Wasonic Dress
December 6, 2014	Eureka Lodge #2 Elections	Pueblo	Masonic Dress
December 8, 2014	Centennial Lodge #4 Elections	Aurora	Masonic Dress
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December 19, 9014	Marriet Orders #90 Elections	Laster UT	Masonic Dress
December 12, 2014	Mount Ogden #20 Elections	Layton, UT	Masonic Dress
December 12, 2014	Mountain Post Military #26 Elections	Colorado Springs	Masonic Dress
December 13, 2014			111050111C D1 C55
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
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December 31, 2014	New Year's Eve Celebration	Jurisdiction	Business
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### From the Desk of the Grand Worthy Matron Freddie Cooper





Mary McLeod Bethune

In my incoming address, I wrote "With God by our side, we have the ability to make peaks less prominent, valleys less deep, and mountains move."

I always think of the transition of a new administration as a "valley". Although we remain in a period of change, we are thankful that the mountain top is in view. I sincere thank all members of Columbine Grand Chapter for being patient and prayerful, as we continue our efforts to adjust and maintain normal operating procedures.

The cooperation of Past Grand Officers, especially Past Grand Matron Lillian Favors, Past Grand Secretary Deborah Ford-Williams, and Past Grand Secretary Agatha Davis, have enabled us to look up and to view the mountain top we seek.

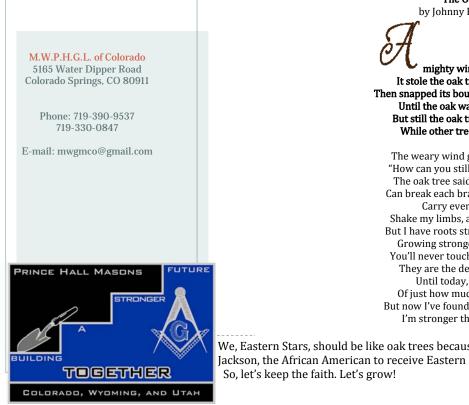
The Past Grand Officers of our Grand Chapter offered, and continue to offer, encouragement and many well wishes and they continue to demonstrate their support of our goals and efforts. Thank you for your faith and prayers that will enable us to continue your legacy.

#### Worthy Matrons of Subordinate Chapters

**1.** I am asking each of you, with the help of your secretary, to conduct a small research project. You should have received a letter from me explaining the project. Please read it, follow the guidelines, and get that information to me ASAP. However, It would be far easier for me to communicate with you by email address. Send it to fred-diecoooper1@comcast.net, if I have one.

**2.** You received a previous request regarding my visitation for next year. I am asking that you send a response following your next meeting. I am well aware that some of you will cease to be Worthy Matrons after December. Yet, you still have November and December. I strongly believe that you will continue your efforts to keep your Chapter strong and growing throughout your tenure because Chapter work must continue.

**3**. Sisters, keep me informed of past or future activities. MWGM Jackson has kindly offered space on this website for announcements of future Chapter activities. So send your notices to me before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



**"The Oak Tree"** by Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr

 mighty wind blew night and day. It stole the oak tree's leaves away,
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark Until the oak was tired and stark.
But still the oak tree held its ground While other trees fell all around.

The weary wind gave up and spoke, "How can you still be standing, Oak?" The oak tree said, "I know that you Can break each branch of mine in two, Carry every leaf away, Shake my limbs, and make me sway. But I have roots stretched in the earth, Growing stronger since my birth. You'll never touch them, for you see, They are the deepest part of me. Until today, I wasn't sure Of just how much I could endure. But now I've found, with thanks to you, I'm stronger than I ever knew."

We, Eastern Stars, should be like oak trees because of our strong roots and legacy dating back to Thornton Jackson, the African American to receive Eastern Star degrees, August 10, 1874. See how deep our roots are? So, let's keep the faith. Let's grow!

