

MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2025 COMMUNICATION

1. Opening: Pike's Peak Lodge No. 5 was opened in due form at 1045 hours, at 513 N Prospect Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, by Worshipful Master Nelson Pierce, who greeted everyone present.

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Officers	Present, Excused, or Absent	Acting
Worshipful Master Nelson Pierce	P	
Senior Warden Brandon James	P	
Junior Warden James Lamb	E	Connell Levy
Treasurer Aller Delarosa	P	
Secretary PM Demtrius Lamb	E	PM Michael Cousar
Senior Deacon Kris McGourty	P	
Junior Deacon Deandre Barksdale	P	
Senior Steward Kaleel Pernsley	A	Bro. Justin Steward
Junior Steward Brandon Bryant	A	Bro. Jonathan Handy
Chaplain Moses Guddah	A	Bro. Gertho Noel
Tyler PM Robert Jackson	P	
Marshall PM Edward Speller	A	
Financial Secretary	N/A	
Lecturer	N/A	

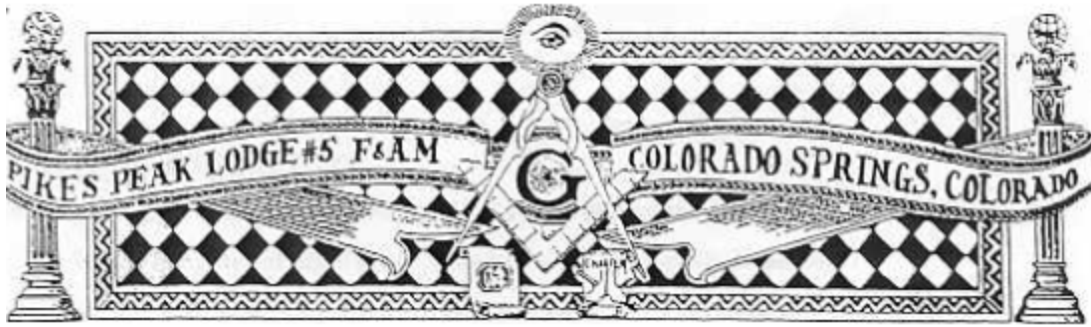
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST COMMUNICATION: Worshipful Master Nelson Pierce tabled the minutes from May 6, 2025, Communication.

4. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: SW Brandon James rendered the Sickness and Distress Report. Sickness and Distress Report was accepted by the chair.

From the Floor:

- a) SW Brandon James stated, please pray for RWGJW Stanley Brooks #26 and PM Anthony Parks #26.
- b) PM Robert Jackson stated to keep his Family in Prayers as his Brother-in-law broke his hip, and PM Jackson reported to the craft that his sister, Elizabeth Smith, passed away.

Acting Chaplain Gertho Noel rendered a prayer for Sickness and Distress.



5. READING AND REFERRING OF PETITIONS: NONE

6. READING OF APPLICATIONS AND BALLOTING:

Acting Secretary PM Michael Cousar, read the Demit for Brother Justin Steward from Eureka Lodge No. 3, MWPHGL of NC. It was moved by PM Michael Cousar and 2nd by AJW Connell Levy that the Demit for Brother Steward be accepted and the ballot box be spread for vote on membership. MC

The Worshipful Master instructed the Senior Deacon to prepare the ballot box, addressed the Wardens, and asked how they found the ballot box. Answer: Prepared. All those entitled to vote, cast their vote. The Worshipful Master finds the ballot clear and states, Brothers, you have elected Bro Justin Steward by your action as a member of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer PM Aller Delarosa rendered the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by SW Brandon James and 2nd by AJW Connell Levy that the report be received, made a part of the records, and made available for Audit. MC **(Report Attached)**

8. PROFICIENCY: NONE

Class proficiency on the 1st degree will be held on June 17, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

9. COMMUNICATION AND BILLS:

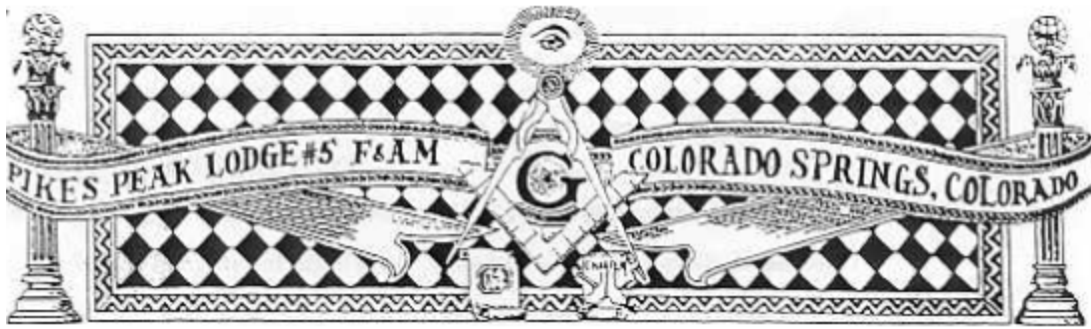
a. Correspondence from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado on Proclamations 2025-005 St. Johns Day and 2025-006 Grand Lodge Session was reread to the craft as directed.

e. A bill from Colorado Springs Utilities for lodge utilities is \$252.85.

g. The following correspondence was read by WM Nelson Pierce, received by Worshipful Master Nelson Pierce, and made available to the Craft: Correspondence from Magnolia Chapter #14 on Queen Esther Day **(Correspondence Attached)**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PM Michael Cousar rendered a Trustee Report/ Resolution to Amend Article IX- Dues & Fees of the Lodge By-Laws. At 1:15 pm, WM Nelson Pierce opened the floor for discussion. All brothers in attendance asked important questions and spoke on the importance of this action. PM Robert Jackson spoke on the history of this lodge and how important this Resolution would be and how he would support voluntary support it. At 2:15 pm, WM Nelson Pierce called for the question. It was moved by SW



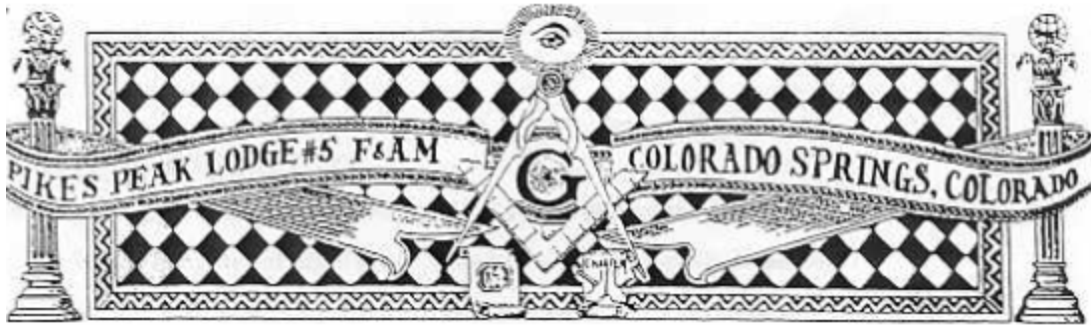
Brandon James and 2nd by AJW Connell Levy that the report be accepted, made part of the record, lay on the table for 30 days, and the resolution be voted on at the next stated communication. MC
(Report Attached)

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. PM Michael Cousar Submit a receipt for \$450 for reimbursement for Lodge Photos and items for Grand Master Visitation. PM Michael Cousar requested that reimbursement be given as a lodge credit to his account. It was moved by AJW Connell Levy and 2nd by Bro. Jonathan Handy said that the Lodge reimbursed PM Michael Cousar with a credit of \$450 to his Grandveiw account. MC
- b. PM Michael Cousar Spoke on Lodge Fundraisers and asked questions about officers attending the Grand Lodge session and challenged the lodge Past Master to sponsor one new Master Mason by paying for a registration for them to the Grand lodge session.
- c. WM Nelson Pierce spoke on the upcoming grand lodge session, and the lodge will be covering the cost of the Worshipful Master and PM Robert Jackson. It was moved by SW Brandon James 2nd by AJW Connell Levy, that the lodge covers the cost of registration and hotel for WM Peirce and PM Jackson. MC

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. WM Nelson Pierce talked on the subject of lodge fundraiser, thinking outside the box, coming up with new and exciting ideas to help with the lodge income, these items can include but not limited to:
 - Lodge pop-up shops with brothers being able to sale their goods.
 - Gigi's Blue Rose Etsy Shop...lodge can receive kickback on items purchased as long also the cost are covered.
 - Sell to other groups and organization outside of masonry, such as business, military units and government.
- b. MW Nelson Pierce talked about the Grand Masters Testimonial that will be heled on July 25-26 that will be hosted by Pikes Peak Lodge #5, to mark it on your calendar, and he will be looking for participation from the brother of the lodge.
 - PM Lamb will be in charge of the souvenir journal book and would like every member to purchase an ad or sell an ad to a business or group they know. Pikes Peak Lodge will be receiving part of the profits form the ad, so the more you sell the more we make.



c. PM Michael Cousar stated that he will be releasing White and black Lodge Dress shirt and polo shirts, and \$5 from each shirt will be donated to the lodge. And will be donated fully costumed Jacket valued at \$300 to the Brother who sells the most ads for the Grand Master Testimonial.

d. Upcoming dates:

June 17, 2025 / Tuesday Night 7:30 PM (Dispensation Approved)

-Voting on Resolution to Amend Article IX- Dues & Fees

-EA Degree Proficiency

-FC Degree

July 29th, 2025 / Tuesday Night 7:00 (Dispensation Approved)

-Master Mason Degree

13. CONFERRING OF DEGREES: None

Fellow Craft Degree will be held at the lodge on June 17, 2025 at 7:30pm.

14. LECTURE:

SW Brandon James gave a lecture on Twelve Original Points of Freemasonry.

15. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. SW Brandon James talked about meeting at the Purple Onion at 3:30pm for departing Bro. Erik Veloz. Congrats to Justin Steward for becoming a member of Pike's Peak Lodge No.5.

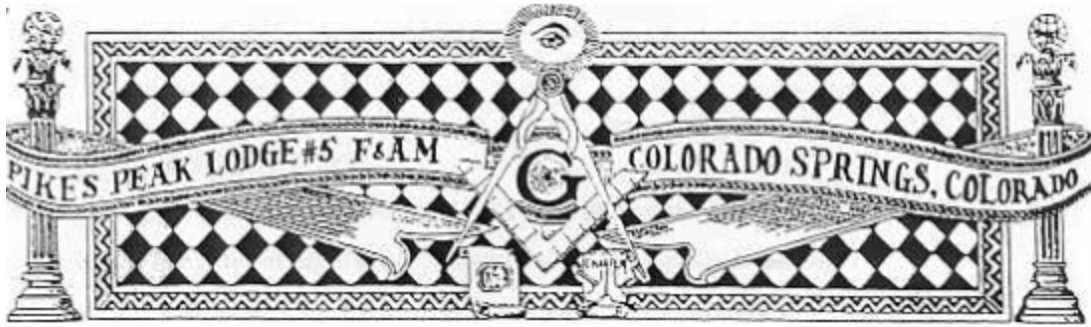
b. WM Nelson Pierce, talked about brother taking personal responsibility for the decision they have to make in their masonic life, understanding why you became a mason and why you are doing this. Congrats to the newest member of the lodge Bro. Justin Steward. WM Pierce spoke about pushing forward and coming together, and gave some uplifting words on his love for this lodge.

MW Nelson Pierce spoke about the upcoming "Walk with Autism" which will be held on Saturday June 21, 2025 and what this event means to him, please come out and support if you can.

16. VISITING / DEPARTING BROTHERS: None

17. EDICT OF THE DAY:

Senior Warden read Edict # 39, Section 239, Relief Fund Fees of Members Sub-Section 239.01



18. RECEIPTS OF THE DAY:

a. Acting Secretary PM Michael Cousar gave the receipts of the day:

Initiation	\$0.00
Dues	\$0.00
Building Fund (Electronic)	\$25.00
Raffle Tickets	\$0.00
Fraternal Assistance	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$25.00

b. It was moved by AJW Connell Levy and 2nd by JS Jonathan Handy that the receipts of \$25.00 be accepted and turned over to the Treasurer for banking. MC

19. AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENT:

VOUCHER/

CHECK#	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
25-20	Michael Diaz	GM Visit Reimbursement	\$495.11
		TOTAL:	\$495.11

20. Closing: Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5 was closed in ritualistic form at 1500 hours by Worshipful Master Nelson Pierce.

Fraternally Submitted,

Attested By:

Worshipful Master

Secretary

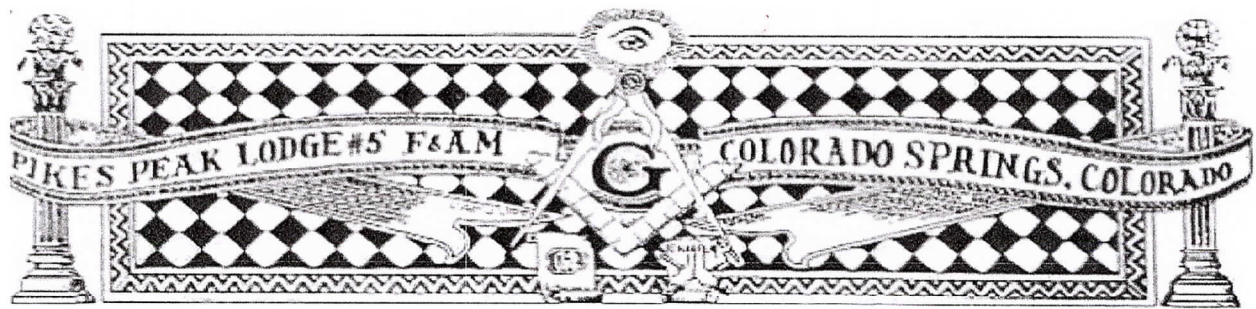
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LODGE #5

PRINCE HALL

ATTACHMENTS



May 17, 2025


To: Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, Past Masters, and Brethren
From: PM Aller Delarosa, Treasurer
Subject: Treasurer Report for 19 April 2025 thru 16 May 2025

Greetings,

I humbly submit to you the treasury report of Pike's Peak Lodge #5 beginning 19 April 2025 to 16 May 2025. Below is the summary of bank accounts with Security Services Federal Credit Union. Attachment 1 is the detailed transactions for each account, and attachment 2 is the bank statement.

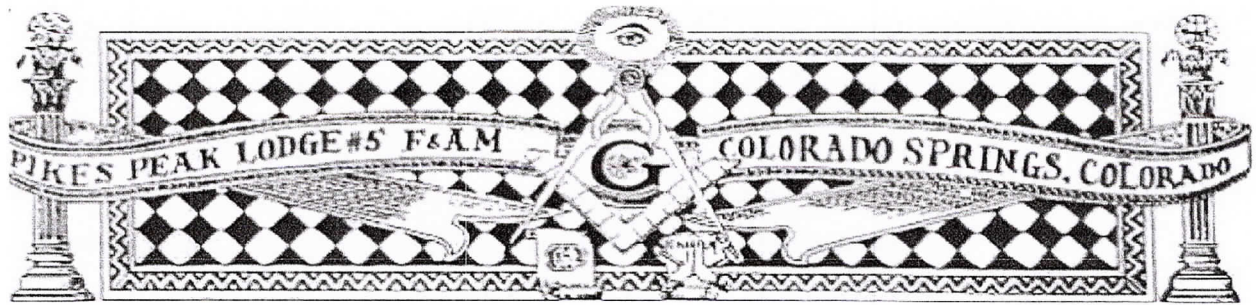
Account Name	Account Number	Current Balance	Available Funds
Business Savings	71000 (Gen Fund)	\$732.22	\$732.22
Business Savings	72000 (Bldg. Fund)	\$5.35	\$5.35
Business Savings	91000 (Raffle)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Non-Profit Business Checking	71071 (Gen. fund)	\$2,048.71	\$1914.71
Non-Profit Business Checking	72071 (Bldg. Fund)	\$1,264.27	\$1,264.27
Non-Profit Business Checking	91071 (Raffle)	\$1,233.72	\$1,233.72
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025		\$5,289.27	\$5,155.27
Total Income		\$596.87	
Total Disbursements		\$2,546.82	

Fraternally Submitted,


 PM Aller Delarosa, Treasurer
 Pike's Peak Lodge #5

Attachments:

1. Detailed breakdown of each bank accounts
2. Bank Statement, Account #71071



PIKES PEAK LODGE No. 5 F&AM

Treasurer Report 19 Apr -16 May 2025

Attachment 1: Bank accounts breakdown

Business Savings (Gen Funds) - Account 71000

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 2025 \$732.19

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
30 Apr 25	IOD Interest Paid		.03
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$732.22

Business Savings (Bldg. Funds) -Account 72000

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 2025 \$5.35

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
	NO TRANSACTIONS		
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$5.35

Business Savings (Raffle Funds) -Account 91000

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 25 \$5.00

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
	NO TRANSACTIONS		
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$5.00

Business Checking (Gen Funds) -Account 71071

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 2025

\$3,998.66

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
19 Apr-16 May	Income		\$596.87
19 Apr-16 May	Lodge Operations	Auto Pay	-\$921.62
19 Apr-16 May	Grand Lodge Taxes (\$2,240)	Reflected in 18 April report	-\$0.00
19 Apr-16 May	Official Expenses	EA Aprons	-\$130.09
19 Apr-16 May	Social Events	Cookout and GM Visitation	-\$1495.11
19 Apr-16 May	Charity		\$0.00
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$2,048.71
Legend			
Income – Dues, rent, etc. received via checks, cash, or money transfer apps			
Lodge Operations – Utilities, trash, internet, insurance, website/email maintenance fees, etc.			
Grand Lodge Taxes – Quarterly			
Official Expense – Officers travel, registration, lodging, or other expense directed by Worshipful Master			
Social Events – Masonic celebration, and any other events directed by the Worshipful Master			
Charity – Monitory Contribution to charitable institution, masonic family or member			

Business Checking (Bldg. Funds) -Account 72071

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 2025

\$1264.27

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
	NO TRANSACTIONS		
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$1,264.27

Business Checking (Raffle Funds) -Account 91071

Beginning Balance as of 18 April 2025

\$1233.72

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	Amount
	NO TRANSACTIONS		
ENDING BALANCE 16 May 2025			\$1233.72



Account Details

Your Current Balance includes deposits made on the previous business day and any amounts on hold. Checking Account transactions are available online for at least 60 days. To view transactions beyond 60 days, go to **View Statements**. To view check images, click on Check number links.

[Back to Account Summary](#)

Account Snapshot

Account:

NON PROFIT BUSINESS CHECKING ***71071

Options:

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NON PROFIT BUSINESS CHECKING ***71071	—
Dividends Paid Current Year:	\$0.00
Dividends Paid Prior Year:	\$0.00
Current Balance:	\$2,048.71
Amount on Hold:	\$134.00
Available Balance:	\$1,914.71

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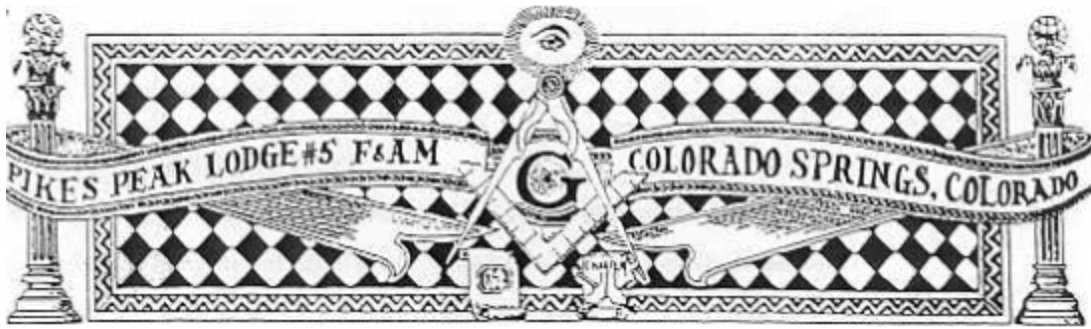
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Date	Description	Amount	Balance
05/16	PENDING-05/15 USPS PO BOXES ON	-\$134.00	\$1,914.71
05/14	05/14 NNT CNA Surety	-\$187.00	\$2,048.71
05/12	STATE FARM RO 27	-\$296.75	\$2,235.71
05/08	CHECK 2107 INCLEARING CK	-\$495.11	\$2,532.46
05/08	Cash App Pikes Peak 025128004778152	\$300.00	\$3,027.57
05/07	LumenCenturyLink	-\$65.00	\$2,727.57
05/07	DEPOSIT	\$96.00	\$2,792.57
05/05	PAYPAL TRANSFER 025125007398174	\$200.87	\$2,696.57
05/02	WASTE CONNECTION	-\$54.12	\$2,495.70
04/30	ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE CHARGE	-\$14.00	\$2,549.82
04/30	CHECK 2104 INCLEARING CK	-\$1,000.00	\$2,563.82
04/28	CHECK 2099 INCLEARING CK	-\$1,711.50	\$3,563.82
04/28	CHECK 2101 INCLEARING CK	-\$261.00	\$5,275.32
04/28	CHECK 2098 INCLEARING CK	-\$180.50	\$5,536.32
04/28	CHECK 2102 INCLEARING CK	-\$87.00	\$5,716.82
04/28	PAYPAL	-\$2.05	\$5,803.82
04/28	04/27 LOOMLY	-\$35.00	\$5,805.87
04/24	Colo Spgs Utilit	-\$267.70	\$5,840.87
04/22	CHECK 2103 INCLEARING CK	-\$130.09	\$6,108.57

View Statements to view transactions beyond 60 days.





May 17, 2025

To the Esteemed Brothers of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5

Greetings Brethren,

We come to you not just as your Brothers, but as the Trustee Committee of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5—a collective that genuinely believes in the legacy of our Lodge. We're closing in on 150 years—an accomplishment few can claim. But with that legacy comes a harsh reality: our building is falling apart, and ignoring it any longer is simply not an option.

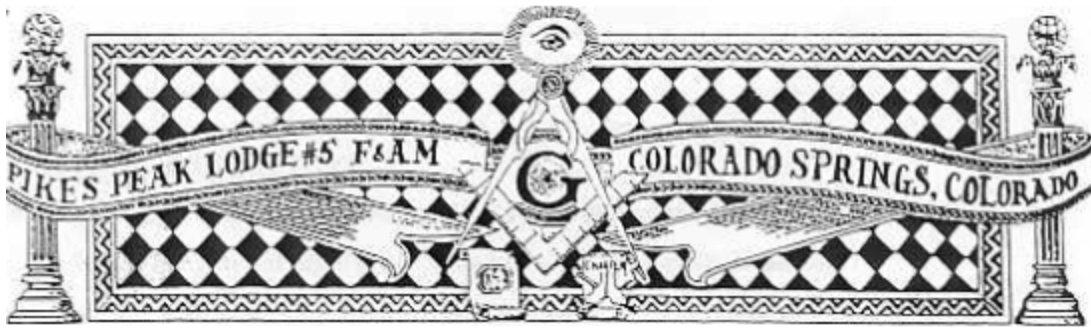
Our lodge, built over a century ago, has seen the test of time—but the years have not been kind. The cracks aren't just physical; they're symbolic of neglect we can no longer afford. We're not alone in this. Countless organizations are fighting for preservation dollars, and the competition is fierce. Grants and nonprofit funding are drying up, and we can't sit around waiting for a miracle.

Here's the truth: our Endowment Fund sits at less than \$500. That's it. And that's not even close to what's needed to make the critical repairs required to keep our doors open and secure our financial future.

After careful discussion, the decision was made to propose a one-time member assessment of \$1,500, spread over five years—\$300 a year. We know it's not a small ask. We know dues were just raised. But we are asking you to see this not as another bill—but as an investment. An investment in our legacy, in our future, and in the continued strength of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5. An investment that goes beyond just building repairs, but also strengthens our savings and investments for years to come.

Understand this: this building doesn't belong to any one of us—it belongs to all of us. Every Brother who's walked through those doors shares in the responsibility of keeping it standing. This isn't about dues—it's about survival. Without these repairs and financial stability, we're looking at some hard decisions, including the possibility of selling our building. We don't want that, and we know you don't either.

We're not sitting idle. We're pursuing grants, donations, and community partnerships—but those things take time, and time is not on our side. Fundraising isn't as reliable as it used to be, and competition for nonprofit dollars is fierce.



We also want to be clear: this Endowment Fund Assessment will apply to all new members raised, demitted, or reinstated into Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5, ensuring that every Brother who joins shares in the commitment to our legacy and financial future.

Additionally, any Brother who has been assessed and is suspended for non-payment must fulfill their Endowment Fund obligation in full before reinstatement. This ensures fairness and accountability for all members contributing to this critical initiative.

Think about what this Lodge has meant to you: the memories, the Brotherhood, the lessons learned. Now think about what it would mean to lose it. Without action, that's exactly where we're headed.

It's time to step up. Not just in words, but in action. Let's preserve our Masonic home—not just for us, but for the Brothers who come after us.

Fraternally,

Connell Levy

Peter Anderson

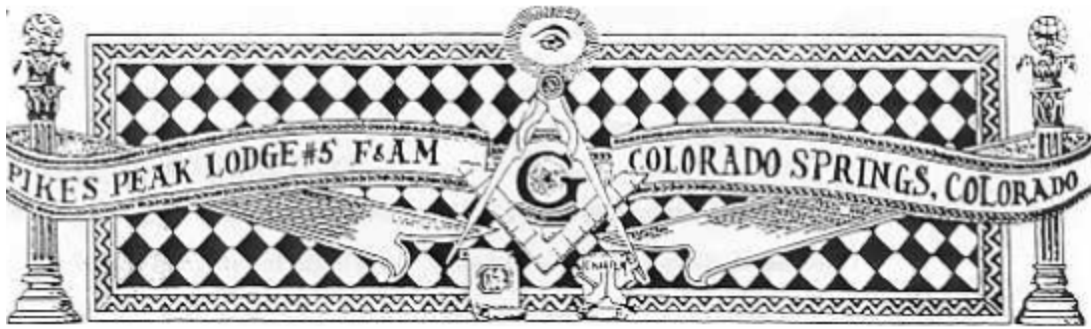
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PM Michael Cousar

WM Nelson Pierce

Sec PM Demetrius Lamb

The Trustee Committee of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5



May 17, 2025

TO: Most Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5

SUBJECT: Resolution to Amend Article IX – Dues & Fees of the Lodge Bylaws

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5 recognizes the historical significance and legacy of our Lodge as we approach the 150th Anniversary in 2028; and

WHEREAS, our Lodge building, constructed over a century ago, requires substantial repairs and restoration to maintain its structural integrity and continue serving as the cornerstone of our Masonic journey; and

WHEREAS, the current Building Fund balance of less than \$1500.00 is insufficient to address the critical repairs needed, and relying solely on grants and nonprofit funding is not feasible given the competitive landscape for preservation dollars; and

WHEREAS, the financial stability and preservation of our Lodge building are paramount to ensuring its legacy endures for future generations of Brothers;

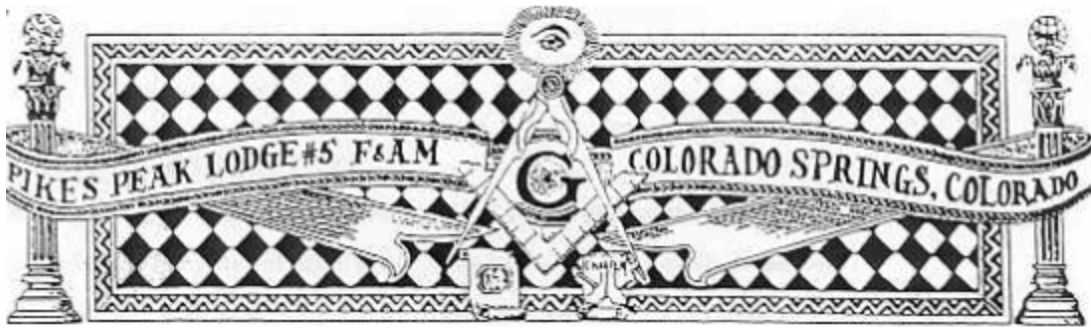
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article IX – Dues & Fees of the Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5 Bylaws be amended to include the following:

SECTION 9.04 BUILDING FUND ASSESSMENT

9.04.01 Building Fund Assessment: To secure the necessary funds for critical building repairs, savings, and investments, a one-time assessment of \$1,500.00 shall be levied on each member of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5, payable over a five-year period (\$300.00 per year).

9.04.02 Payment Options: Members may fulfill the assessment in the following manners:

- One-time payment of \$1,500.00;
- Annual payment of \$300.00, due by December 31st of each year;
- Quarterly payments of \$75.00; or
- Monthly payments of \$25.00.



9.04.03 Delinquency Policy: Members who do not meet the annual \$300.00 obligation by the December 31st deadline shall be classified as delinquent, subject to the same penalties and notifications outlined in Section 9.01 of the Bylaws.

9.04.04 Transparency and Tracking: Payments towards the Building Fund Assessment shall be tracked and recorded separately from regular dues to ensure clarity and accountability. Members will have access to their individual balances and may request status updates at any time from the Lodge Secretary.

9.04.05 Exemptions: The assessment shall not apply to:

- Dual members with Pikes Peak Lodge being their secondary Lodge
- Lodge Life Members
- Grand Lodge Life Members
- Members granted financial waiver status under Section 9.02 of the Bylaws

9.04.06 New Member and Reinstatement Assessment: All members newly raised or demitting into Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5, as well as those seeking reinstatement, shall be subject to the same Endowment Fund Assessment with the same 5-year timescale and payment options as existing members.

9.04.07 Reinstatement Requirement: Any member who was assessed and subsequently suspended must repay the remaining balance of the Endowment Fund Assessment in full before being reinstated into Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment to Article IX – Dues & Fees shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Craft and all Grand Lodge Requirements with the first assessment payment due by December 31, 2025.

We trust that all members will recognize the importance of this assessment in preserving the legacy of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5, ensuring that our Masonic home remains strong and enduring for future generations.

Fraternally Submitted,

Fraternally,

Connell Levy, Peter Anderson, PM James Cates, PM Michael Cousar

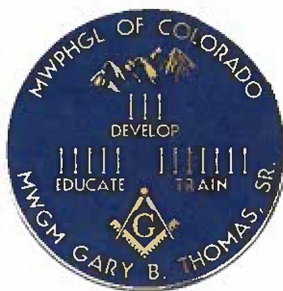
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The Trustee Committee of Pikes Peak Lodge No. 5

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PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-005 Saint John The Baptist Day

April 25, 2025

TO: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey Alexander., Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Felix Barbain Sr., Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Stanley Brooks, Jr. , Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, Sister Charlene Perry, Grand Worthy Matron, Worthy Brother Robert Philips, Grand Worthy Patron, Brethren and all Affiliated and Adopted Bodies owing allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction.

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-005 Saint John the Baptist Day

Greetings,

In accordance with Edict Number 29, Section 229.01 of the Code of Law of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and its Jurisdiction, and the established Masonic customs and traditions, Know ye that I, Gary B. Thomas, Sr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the State of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, do hereby proclaim the 22nd day of June 2025 as Saint John the Baptist Day and direct all lodges to celebrate no later than this date in a church, lodge, or another suitable public place.

In addition to such celebration, the same day shall be known and observed as Widow's and Orphan's DAY as a thanks offering to Almighty God for the health, prosperity, mercy and peace that have been vouchsafed to them during the year.

All Lodges will notify their Sister Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star of the time, and place of the local ceremonies.

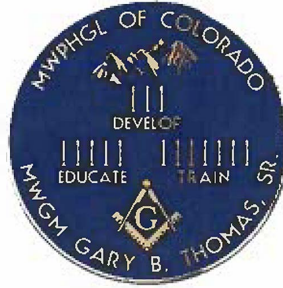
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The enclosed proclamation shall be read at all lodge communications leading up to this date and during the ceremony to commemorate Saint John the Baptist.

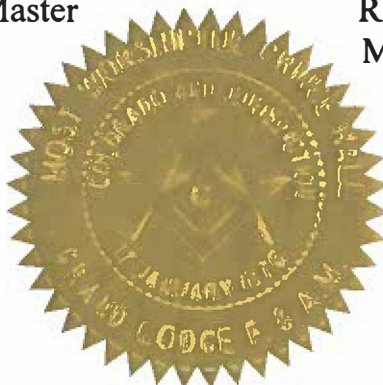
Given under my hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, affixed hereto, on this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord Anno Lucis 6025, Anno Domini 2025

Fraternally,


Gary B. Thomas
Most Worshipful Grand Master
MWP HGL of Colorado

Attest:


Michael Cousar
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
MWP HGL of Colorado



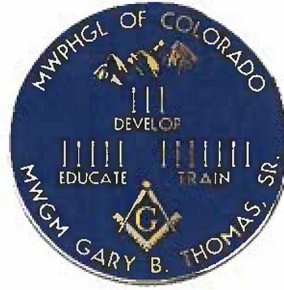
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Proclamation

Whereas, in accordance with our Constitution, and 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 our Patron Saint, Saint John the Baptist and;

Whereas, it is the duty of all Freemasons to assemble and by solemn invocation cement the ties that bind the present fraternity with that of the past and;

Whereas, Saint John the Baptist, the son of the Jewish Priest Zechariah and Elizabeth, was the energetic forerunner of Jesus the Christ, who accepted his divine commission and went forth into the country about the Jordan preaching repentance for the remission of sins, and;


Whereas, Saint John the Baptist, accepted his divine commission and went forth into the country about the Jordan preaching repentance for the remission of sins and directing their attention to the coming of the Messiah who was soon to him follow him;

Whereas, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized by Saint John the Baptist, fulfilling the prophecy that began with the appearance of the angel Gabriel,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Prince Hall Masons owing allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in the State of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, celebrate our Patron Saint, I now, Proclaim, Sunday the 22nd day of June 2025, Saint John the Baptist Day.

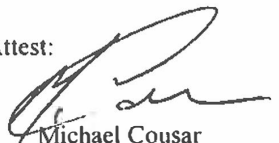
Given under my hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, affixed hereto, on this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord Anno Lucis 6025, Anno Domini 2025.

Fraternally,


Gary B. Thomas
Most Worshipful Grand Master
MWPHGL of Colorado



Attest:

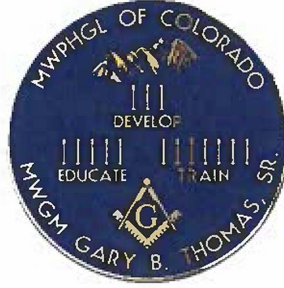

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PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-006 Annual Grand Lodge Session

April 25, 2025

TO: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Jeffery Alexander, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Felix Barbain, Sr., Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Stanley Brooks, Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, all Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction.

Subject: Proclamation 2025-006 149th Annual Grand Lodge Session

Greetings:

In accordance with Article 5, Section 105.01 of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, know ye that I, Gary B. Thomas Sr, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, do hereby declare the Annual Session shall commence on Monday, August 11th, 2025, 9:00 AM, at Red Lion Hotel Cheyenne, 204 West Fox Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007. As prescribed by Article 5, Section 105.01: "A meeting, denoted as "The Annual Communication" shall be held once each year on the second Monday in August with the Memorial Service held on Sunday proceeding the opening of Grand Lodge." The Grand Lodge of Sorrow will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. business sessions will be completed on Tuesday. Cost of Registration is \$150.00, There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

Our banquet will be Monday evening August 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., the dress will be a white dinner jacket, white shirt, black bowtie, black tuxedo pants or black slacks, black socks and shoes or black suit, white shirt, black bowtie, black socks, and black shoes.

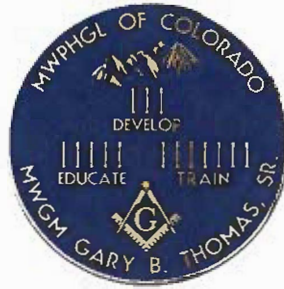
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The hotel is Red Lion Hotel Cheyenne, 204 West Fox Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007. For reservations, please call the hotel at (307) 638-4466 . Please reserve your room no later than July 23, 2025. Please complete the attached registration from and submit it by July 23, 2025. Hotel room rates for Single or Double Occupancy \$114.00 plus tax (Group Name: PRIN0809).

Other Activities and Hospitalities are being planned by the Host Lodge and Chapter.

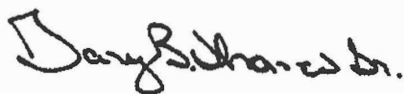
In accordance with my authority as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction. I, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary B. Thomas, Sr. do hereby summons all Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction to assemble for this Annual Session. Brethren are invited and highly encouraged to attend.

"Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly"

Given under my hand and the seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, Inc., affixed hereto, on this 25th, Day of April in the year of our Lord, Anno Lucis 6025, Anno Domini 2025.

Fraternally,

Attested:



Gary B. Thomas
Most Worshipful Grand Master

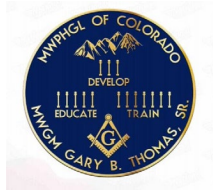


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April 15, 2025

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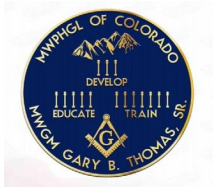
Hear ye! Hear ye! The 149th Annual Grand Lodge Session and the 102nd Annual Grand Chapter Session of the MWP HGL of Colorado and Its Jurisdictions will be held August 9th– 12th, 2025 in Cheyenne, Wyoming

Red Lion Hotel Cheyenne
204 West Fox Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007
Single or Double Occupancy \$114.00
These rates are subject to sales tax
Register under group name **Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado**
The code for the hotel on line is: **PRIN0809**
Last Day to Book: Friday July 23, 2025
Telephone: (307) 638-4466

If you are planning on attending, please register early with the hotel as soon as possible, but no later than July 23, 2025, to receive the group rate for Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado. The registration fee for the convention is **\$150.00** for all attendees. Included in the fee will be a social gathering (Saturday) and one (1) Banquet ticket along with some great items. Please send your registration form to 2025 Prince Hall Convention Committee, P. O. Box 1276, Aurora, CO., 80040-1276. **Deadline for registration is July 23, 2025.** **Please Note: Late Registration is \$185.00. There is NO On-Site registration.** No refund will be given for cancellations received after July 23, 2025. Registration time: (Saturday, August 9, 2025, starting at 10:00am to 12:00 noon, returning 3:30pm until 6:30pm) (Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 9:00am until 1:00pm then, 4:00pm to 5:00pm), (Monday, August 11, 2025, opening at 7:00am until 7:45am).

Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Fraternally,
Grand Lodge/Chapter
MWPGM Edward J. A. Moore Convention Committee Director



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**REGISTRATION FORM
AUGUST 9th – 12th, 2025**

(Please print)

NAME: Sis/Bro _____ Phone (____) _____
Email _____ Date _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Registration Fee: \$150.00 for all attendees.
Deadline for registration is July 23, 2025, **PLEASE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.** No refund will be given for cancellations received after July 23, 2025.

 Lodge Name & No. _____ City _____ State _____

 Chapter Name & No. _____ City _____ State _____

Please select ONLY ONE OFFICE for your name tag.

Are you a? PAST GR Master ☐ GR Matron ☐ GR Patron ☐ Master ☐ Matron ☐ Patron ☐

 GRAND LODGE OFFICER: YES _____ NO _____ Office _____

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 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER: YES _____ NO _____ Office _____

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Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ AM _____ PM _____ Departure Date: _____

Banquet selection: NY Steak w/ Garlic Parmesan Chicken _____ Pasta Primavera Vegetarian Meal _____

*******ADDITIONAL TICKET INFORMATION*******

Extra Banquet Ticket Meals _____ @ \$60.00 each Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Banquet Selection: r (#) _____ NY Steak w/ Garlic Parmesan Chicken (#) _____ Pasta Primavera Vegetarian Meal

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ CHECK _____ ---MO _____ --CASH \$ _____)

Make Checks/Money Orders payable to:

2025 Prince Hall Convention Committee

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Masonry's Twelve Original Points

Ancient Masons used the "Twelve Original Points" in the form of allusion & symbolism, thus aligning them with the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Finding such symbols in a distant time lends unquestionable antiquity to our Order. The twelve points are as follows:

1. **The Opening of the Lodge** symbolizes the tribe of Reuben, as Reuben was the first born of his father Jacob, who called him, "the beginning of his strength." He has therefore been adopted as the emblem of that ceremony, which is essentially the beginning of every initiation.
2. **The Preparation of the Candidates/Brothers** symbolizes the tribe of Simeon, because Simeon prepared the instrument for the slaughter of the Schechemites & that portion of the ceremonies which related to offensive weapons was used as a token of our hatred for the cruelty exercised on those occasions.
3. **The Report of the Senior Deacon** symbolizes the tribe of Levi, because in the slaughter of the Schechemites, Levi is said to have made a signal or report to Simeon with whom he was engaged in attacking these unhappy people while they were unprepared for defense.
4. **The Entrance of the Candidate/Brother into the Lodge** symbolizes the tribe of Judah, because they were the first to cross into the river Jordan & enter the "Promise Land", thus coming from servitude & darkness of the wilderness, into the liberty & light in Canaan.
5. **The Prayer** symbolizes the tribe of Zedulun because the blessings & prayers of Jacob was given to Zedulun in reference to his brother Issachar.
6. **The Circumambulation** refers to the tribe of Issachar, because as a thriftless & indolent tribe, they needed a guide to lead them to an equal level with the other tribes.
7. **Advancing to the Altar** Symbolizes the tribe of Dan, to teach us by contrast, that we should advance to truth & holiness as rapidly as that tribe advanced to idolatry. This tribe was the first to set up a serpent to receive adoration.
8. **The Obligation** symbolizes the tribe of Gad through the allusion of the solemn vow made by Jephthah, judge in Israel who was of that tribe.
9. **The Entrusting of the Candidates/Brothers with the Mysteries** symbolizes the tribe of Asher, as he was presented with the rich fruits of Masonic knowledge, as Asher was said to be the inheritor of fatness & royal dainties.
10. **The Investiture of the Lambskin Apron** by which the candidate is declared free, symbolizes the tribe of Naphtali which was invested by Moses with a peculiar freedom

when he said, "Oh Napthali, satisfied with favor & full of the blessing of the Lord, possess thou the West & the South."

11. The Ceremony of the Northeast Corner of the Lodge is an allusion to the Joseph, because this ceremony reminds us of the most superficial part of Masonry, so the two half tribes of Ephraim & Manasseh of which the tribe of Joseph was composed. They were accounted to be more superficial than the rest, as they were descendants of the grandsons of Jacob.

12. The Closing of the Lodge symbolizes the tribe of Benjamin, who was the youngest of the son of Jacob & thus, closed his father's strength.

These Twelve Points from Ancient English Masonic literature are examples of Freemasonry's inclusions of bibliography & antiquity. It also demonstrates an example of the differences in basic studies to be found across the globe. In certain regions/countries where they have state religions or do not recognize Judaism or Christianity, differences are even more profound. Despite said differences, the intent of the Craft is the same across all religious grounds.

Magnolia Chapter No.14
Queen Esther Day

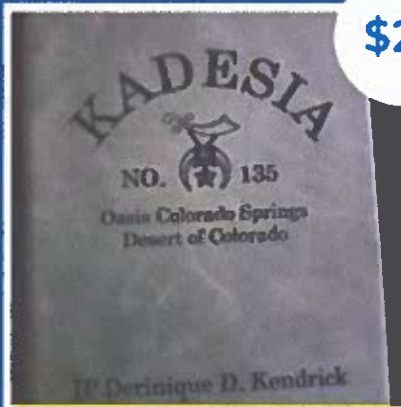


May 25th at 12 PM
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Colorado Springs CO 80903





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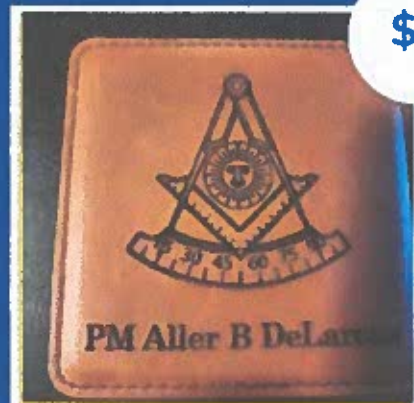
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Magnolia Chapter No. 14 is asking for the following donations:

• Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Hand warmers • Blankets • Water bottles • Shampoo • Conditioner • Comb • Brush • Deodorant • Non-perishable snacks

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Teen Drive March 30- May 30, 2025



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In Honor of
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*Magnolia Chapter No. 14 is asking for White
Socks to be donated to The Mountain View
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