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Grand Master Acceptance Speech (2025–2026)

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By Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffery O Alexander

To: Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Worshipful Master, Past Master, Honored Guests, Brethren, and Visitors of the 149th Grand Lodge Session, annual communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Its Jurisdiction, Inc.

With deep humility and sincere gratitude, I accept the honor of serving as Grand Master for the 2025–2026 term. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, and I promise to carry out the duties of this sacred office with integrity, vision, and love for the Craft.

First, I want to thank the Great Architect of the universe, the brothers of Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. Military Lodge #27 and the Grand Masters who came before me. Their hard work and steady leadership have helped bring us to where we are today. I am grateful for the path they have set and the lessons I learned from their time in the office.

As we begin this new chapter together, I want to focus, first and foremost, on unity and growth. In order to turn our vision of unity and growth into reality, I call upon each of you to take actionable steps in the coming year. Let us strengthen our bonds by committing ourselves to mentorship—where every brother is guided, inspired, and nurtured along his journey in the Craft. Let us work together to grow our lodges, not just in numbers but in quality, setting a goal to increase membership by 15% to 20%, and creating opportunities for every brother to feel engaged and valued. In Masonry, unity is the glue that binds members together in a spirit of brotherhood, shared values, and mutual respect. It allows for diversity of thought and background, but calls all Masons to act with harmony, selflessness, and a commitment to higher principles. True unity in the Craft requires setting aside ego and personal ambition and looking outward within the jurisdiction to see where one can be helpful to others, always striving to uplift the fraternity and make a positive impact in the community.

It is my vision that we, as a jurisdiction, return to being one strong, united body — where every brother is respected, where harmony is our foundation, and where we conduct ourselves in the spirit and tradition that Freemasonry was always meant to uphold. It means standing together, helping one another, and making sure no brother is left behind. We are not just members of a lodge—we are a family. When we stay connected, we grow stronger.

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We will work under the trowel — smoothing over division, misunderstanding, and ego lying

the mortar of brotherly love with intention and care. We will not simply wear the square and compass; we will live by them. When President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal Highway Act of 1956, he envisioned a connected nation — where one could drive from New York to California on roads that crisscrossed the land, poured with concrete and held together by a shared vision. That's the kind of love and unity I want us to build: a Masonic highway of brotherhood, where every lodge and every brother are connected with purpose, and our cement is the bond of fraternal affection.

Let us remember these words from the Book of Matthew, chapter 12, verse 50: "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." This scripture reminds us that family is not only by blood, it's by how we love, serve, and care for one another.

Let us also be prepared when one of our brothers is called home. I encourage the use of the short form of the funeral service created by MWPGM Arturo V. De Los Reyes — a respectful and meaningful way to honor our departed Brothers, especially when time or resources are limited. I know it is not part of our official Code of Laws, but it only takes three Brothers to stand together and say farewell.

Edict No. 51. Section 251.02

It shall be the prerogative of the MWGM or any Worshipful Master to waive the official dress requirement if a Master Mason has a logical excuse. The one exception where a waiver is not acceptable is at a funeral and the Lodge of Sorrow, where the white or Lambskin apron shall be worn as official regalia. Subordinate Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and Grand Lodge Officers are authorized to wear the Jewel of their respective offices. During the funeral service, the jewels will be draped in black.

Let us greet each other as "Brothers" because there is no sweeter sound to a Mason's ears than to be called Brother. Let us not forget our older brothers, whom we don't see on a regular basis. Let's pick up the phone and say, "Hello, we miss you."

We will establish a Grand Master's Council, drawing on the wisdom and experience, our seasoned Brethren carry. Let us also extend our highest respect and unwavering support to our Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star. They walk beside us in both light and labor, and they deserve our appreciation, partnership, and full recognition as an essential part of our Masonic family. I encourage each of you to set aside time to be with your children, your wives, your significant others. Spend time listening, learning, and laughing with those who are closest to you. These moments of connection and love nurture the very principles of brotherhood we hold dear. A Mason's heart is made stronger by the love and support of those he holds dearest. Let us not be so focused on our duties that we neglect the love that sustains us in all things.

Our children learn from us not only what we say, but what we do. Let them see us living the values of our Craft in the way we treat our families—with patience, kindness, and understanding. If we can be strong at home, we will be strong in our lodges. If we can be present with those who matter most, we will bring a deeper, more genuine presence to the work we do together as Masons. So, let us strive for balance, so that our family life is as rich and rewarding as the bond we share as Brothers.

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Let us continue to work with our A.F.& A.M. brothers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Where we can show the world that color doesn't matter. Let us stand together with unwavering solidarity—regardless of the colors of our skin, our backgrounds, or the places we come from. We are bound by the same principles of brotherhood, and through our unity, we show the world the strength and beauty of our shared purpose. In the heart of Freemasonry, there is no division—only love, respect, and the universal bond that ties us all together.

During my time as Grand Master, my staff and I promise to lead with honesty, respect, and a listening ear. We want to make sure every brother and sister feels seen, heard, and valued. Together, we will move forward—not just as a group, but as a united force for good. Let me be clear: being a Mason is not easy. It requires that we elevate our character and conduct above the standard. We are called to be more than ordinary men — to be models of discipline, honor, compassion, and truth. Not because we are better than others, but because we strive to be better every day. The world is watching us. Let them see, through our unity, through our charity, and through our light, what true Masonry looks like.

Thank you once again for the honor of serving as your Grand Master. Now, let us labor together — with peace in our hearts, purpose in our steps, and the trowel always in our hands. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant us wisdom, humility, and unity in all our laborers.

Fraternally,
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