

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc  
House of Delegates Meeting  
January 21, 2012

**Call to Order:** Tammy Oldson at 10:34.m.

**Welcome & Introductions:**

**Present:** Tammy Oldson, President; Randy Penn, Secretary; Terry Hudson; Gary Malara; Ashley Buss; Janet Nelson; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer Boex and Janet Malara, recording secretary and delegate Collins #26.

**Absent:** Lynda Wingate, Karen Karns and Rick Haskell

**Delegates and Guests:** Russell Cummings, PGP; Lesle Thomas, Trinidad #1; James Jarvis, Centennial #58; Nancy Frieberg, Unity #97 and Hope #122; Bea Varney, Areme #124 and SVV; Margot Russow, Dawn #125; Judy Morrison, Mount Zion #133; Idella Cummings, Martha #135; Bette Leck, Loyalty #145; Karen Frost, Heritage #154; Robert Harper, Fountain Valley #155 and Fountain Valley #191; Peggy Boswell, Metro #157; Lester Williams, Manitou #68; Russ Hart; Herb Carr; and Nancy Frieberg's mother.

**Invocation:** Terry Hudson

**Approval of Agenda:** There being no objections, the agenda was approved as amended.

**Approval of December 17, 2011 Minutes:** With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

**Ridgeline Management Report:** Larry Lillo

December's activities were very abundant and enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful Christmas at the Home.

Our total Home occupancy dropped this past month to 86% which is lower than liked but not bad. We had five move-outs (including Ruby Roberts and Milton Schachterle who passed away) and one move-in. We are anticipating two more move-ins for January month and two for February. The staff has six "hot" leads they are working on which indicates perhaps the economy is loosening up.

An unannounced Life Safety Survey was held on December 21, 2011 and the following deficiencies were cited:

Resident room smoke detectors must be relocated outside the 3 foot radius of each ceiling fan blade.

The Oxygen Room floor must now be either concrete or ceramic tile rather than linoleum so a change to ceramic tile is being made.

There must be an automatic door closure between the Dining Room and the Kitchen area to meet fire code.

As a result of the Life Safety Survey, the State will allow a “Defend in Place Strategy” for emergency evacuation so residents will not have to leave the building during fire drills. This will be good for the residents but fire drills will need to be conducted on all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts, not only the 1<sup>st</sup> shift.

More hand rails are needed in the entry, Chapel area and outside. These railings will probably have to be custom made.

This was one of the best Christmas seasons at the Home. Family and friend time is so important and each resident was made to feel very special.

### ***Pati Sawyer Boex-***

Pati had some family illness/injury and extended her appreciation to all for understanding while she was providing needed care to them. They are doing well now.

Pati placed an ad on Craig’s List again this year and received four responses for entertainment at the Home.

Rose Brink is now the oldest resident at the Home with the death of Ruby Roberts. Rose will be 98 on January 30. She is still quite active and loves to crochet. She loves red yarn if anyone is thinking of sending her a birthday surprise.

As usual, the Home is hopping with activity:

John Trainer brought his students to entertain but it happened to be during a Bronco Game. Bronco Mania was strong at the Home so the attendance wasn’t as good as expected.

The Residents enjoyed Chair Massages – shoulder and neck.

The LaPetite Academy came and sang

Kim Walker entertained on her piano

Rainbow did a carnival

Countdown to New Years was held at noon on New Years

A van was taken to Milton’s funeral

Pati’s daughter’s Daisy Troop came and made picture frames with the residents

They are going to Target

A Karate group will be visiting next week

Gary took some of the residents on a drive which included a drive-through at McDonalds. Pati is ordering McDonalds again for the residents next week. They love this “treat”.

Men’s Club is going to lunch at the Black-Eyed Pea on 1/30 at 11:30

Denver #5 is coming

A Marine group is coming @/11:00 on 2/11 and Kari, a Marine MP, will talk about her recent WW11 book “36 Days on Hiroshima”.

A Ground Hog Day hunt is again planned and the residents will go to the zoo on Ground Hog’s Day.

Arapahoe Singers will come on 2/9 to present their oldies show. They are a high school musical group and are quite good.

Valentine’s Day is always special for our residents.

A Leap Year Party is being planned

April 20 - Shrine Circus

April 21 - Rainbow Assembly #5 Annual Shred-a-thon

May 19 – Annual Car Show - We are already advertising for the fun event so put it on your calendars!! We had 57 cars last year and Pati is hoping for 100 this year! We have booked the DJ and will have hot dogs again. Your Lodge/Chapter could have a craft booth if you would like. Please contact Pati. There is no cost but you would need to provide your own tent, tables, etc.

June 6 – Golf Tournament

August 11- Annual Masonic Picnic – Save this Date!! You won’t want to miss the fun and fellowship of this event! And it just gets better year to year.

### ***Committee Reports:***

#### ***Financial Committee*** – Tammy Oldson for Lynda Wingate

Financials:

Income \$182,397	Expenses \$129,378	Net Operating Income	\$53,019
(101% of budget)	(79% of budget)	(339% of budget)	

Balance of Investments as of December 31, 2011 was \$5,898,695.02

Wedbush Securities: Paper loss for the month of 0.16% on our investments:

Compared to a gain of 0.85% S&P and loss of .58% for NASDAQ

Permanent Restricted Funds	\$2,681,144.84
Temporary Restricted Funds	\$2,315,589.88
Unrestricted	\$ 901,960.30

Donations: \$12,625.00 Total

#### ***Fraternal Relations/Volunteer Committee*** – Terry Hudson

March will be a training session for the delegates. Lunch will be served. We are hoping for a good showing including those who may like to become a delegate, a future member

of the Board and anyone with fears or concerns to bring before the Board. We hope for lots of discussion. Please plan on attending!

***Long Range Planning Committee*** – Terry Hudson

January meeting was held for a review of the Performa Report by Highlands.

We are moving forward and close to making decisions; looking for a Project Manager to lead us from start to finish. We are looking for interest among the Masonic Family but we will take the person/group felt most qualified regardless of their Masonic background.

***By-laws and Board Policy/Procedures Committee*** – Randy Penn

The current By-Laws are posted on the Website. The committee did have a meeting and the proposed By-Law changes have been presented to the Board members. These changes will be presented at the February House of Delegate meeting and **will be voted on at the March meeting. Your presence is important at that meeting!**

***Comments/Questions;***

Lester Williams, Manitou #68, asked about the drilling on the Montana Property. Although we do still have the lease, the potential looks dim and no drilling is taking place.

Karen Frost, Heritage #54, reported that Past Grand Matron Beverly Sullivan's husband may not make it through the week.

***Note the Highlights of minutes to aid you in your report Lodge/Chapter reports. Please don't just read the minutes!! And few can read as fast – and with as much excitement – as Pati, so just please don't just read the calendar of events. We want your Lodge/Chapter to be as excited about the Home as we are.***

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Malara, Recording Secretary

***Highlights of the January 21, 2012 minutes:***

Our Center is always bustling with exciting events and fun things to do!! From Sit and Fit Exercises to Chair Massages to Count Down to New Year's Party at noon – our residents are always kept busy and this certainly does add to their quality of life! Go to our website [www.esmrc.com](http://www.esmrc.com) to check out our Home. On the website are posted the current By-laws. Upon the By-laws committee review, they are proposing a few changes. The new changes will be presented at the February House of Delegates meeting and voted on at the March meeting. We also will have a presentation and discussion at the March meeting concerning the duties of the delegates. Anyone who may be interested in becoming a delegate, member of the Board of Trustees or who has questions or concerns for the Board is encouraged to attend. **Lunch will be provided.** The Long Range Planning Committee is moving forward to the point of looking for a Project Manager to be on board from beginning to end. Decisions will be made in the next few months. Remember you are always welcome at our delegate meetings the third Saturday of every month at 10:30 at the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center in Denver!

Save the Dates for these future events and put them on your calendars:

- April 21 - Rainbow Assembly #5 Annual Shred-a-thon
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