

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
December 17, 2011

Call to Order: Tammy Oldson, President at 10:30a.m. with a quorum.

Welcome & Introductions:

Present: Tammy Oldson, President; Karen Karns, Vice President; Lynda Wingate, Treasurer; Gary Malara; Terry Hudson; Rick Haskell; Janet Nelson; Ashley Buss; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer-Boex and Janet Malara, Recording Secretary and delegate Collins #26.

Delegates and Guests: MaryAnn Gold-Weidler, Worthy Grand Matron; Lynne Brown-Jones, Grand Royal Matron, delegate Golden Queen #17 and Excelsior #66; David Ramsay, Grand Royal Patron, delegate Ute Pass # 188; Robin Terry, PGM; Donna Haas, Grand Secretary Emeritus, delegate Manzanita #85; Lesle Thomas, Trinidad #1; Millicent Ramsay, Ruxton #10; Nancy Swope, Columbine #11; Jim Jarvis, Centennial #58; Elsie Lark, Oriental #98; Bea Varney, Areme #124 and SVV; Margot Rossow, Dawn #125; Judy Morrison, Mount Zion #133; Bette Leck, Loyalty #145; Robert Harper, Fountain Valley #155; Peggy Boswell, Metro #157; Lester Williams, Manitou #68; Tom Keffler, Estes Park #183; Robert Harper, Fountain Valley #191; Jeff Brothers and Sunny Hewitt.

Absent: Randy Penn

Invocation offered by Lester Williams

Approval of Agenda: With no additions/corrections, approved by Tammy Oldson.

Approval of September 21, 2011 Annual Meeting: Minutes approved as corrected

Ridgeline Management Report – Larry Lillo

The Center continues to do very well operating at 90% occupancy. (49% from the Masonic Family)

November found the Staff preparing the Home for the winter and also for the Christmas holidays. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for the residents with about 1/3 spending time with their families – some families even having their Thanksgiving meal with their loved one at the Center.

Pati Sawyer-Boex

What a wonderful time of Thanksgiving at the Home. There were no birthdays in November but a Special Party for the 90's group was held. Susan Downing now 90 joined Milton Schahterie, 93; Ruby Roberts, 98 and Rose Brink, 97 in this elite group.

Milton passed away this week so it was nice he could enjoy this celebration. Shirley Woodward made corsages/boutonnieres for the four honorees. Bethel #40 entertained and joined in the celebration.

The Home is all decorated and looking very festive. Thanks to all who helped including the Rainbow girls and Scribes and Keys. One of the trees has an ornament for each resident with their name on it.

The Grand Line Officer Christmas party, the Staff Christmas party and the Resident Christmas party have all been held and enjoyed by all in attendance. The Home has again been adopted by Royal Arch Masons, two Lodges and Knights of St. Andrews so the residents will all enjoy personal gifts from their wish lists again this year.

The residents went on a Light Tour of the City which was a highlight of the month.

Money from Helping Hands paid for each resident to have their hair and makeup done after which Pati had individual portraits done in front of a Christmas tree for them to give to their families. The residents will be having massages on Tuesday for free. It is nice they can be pampered!

Suffering from an abusive situation, a new resident recently moved in without any possessions. She was adopted by a family who provided her with clothes, boots and a hairdryer.

Golden Queen is planning on having a meeting at the Home on the 3rd Tuesday of March.

Committee Reports:

Financial Committee – Lynda Wingate

Financials:

Income \$183,031	Expenses \$157,686	Net Operating Income	\$25,345
(102% of budget)	(101% of budget)	(180% of budget)	

Balance of Investments as of November 30, 2011 was \$5,888,849.48

Wedbush Securities: Paper loss 0.81% for the month of October on our investments:
Compared to losses of 0.51% S&P, 2.39% NASDAQ and gain 0.76% DOW

Donations: \$75.00 Total

Fraternal Relations/Volunteer Committee- Terry Hudson

Meeting will be next month.

We had very good attendance at the HOD meeting and a good discussion was held on the duties of delegates; how the Board can help make the meetings more useful; how to achieve better communication; etc. It was decided that the committee would work to

have an education program after the March 17th meeting. Rick Haskell moved that we would have lunch on March 17 (which would require RSVPs) to entice more participation; Lynda Wingate seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Long Range Planning Committee – Terry Hudson

A meeting will be held in January. Attendance at the HOD meetings is encouraged in the upcoming months as the committee makes and communicates decisions concerning the future of the Center. Our Center only has about a building life of 10-12 years but the population life is less with the lack of bathrooms, etc. which makes it less desirable for new tenants. Any projects being considered will be self-financed and the Board will not go to the Lodges/Chapters for money.

Discussion was held with the delegates. The delegates are the link between the Lodges/Chapters and the Board and it is important they communicate well and bring back any questions or concerns to the Board. Of course, all Lodge/Chapter members are welcome to attend the HOD meetings.

By-laws Committee – Terry Hudson

It is the goal of the By-laws Committee to have the By-laws finalized and presented by next meeting after which they must lay over for 30 days before a vote on them can take place. Pati will put the By-laws on the Website so they can be viewed; the new changes will later appear there also.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Announcements:

Our next meeting will be January 21, 2012

Note the highlights of the minutes below. This is to help for the delegate's report that should be given under Good of the Order in Chapter meetings. Of course, it is good to use your own words. Please don't just read the minutes!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Malara, Recording Secretary

Highlights of the meeting December 17, 2011:

The Center is all decorated for the Holidays and the Staff and Residents are ready for a busy and enjoyable season. The Home is doing very well with the staff continuing to operate in a cost efficient manner without compromising the quality of care each resident receives. We are at 90% occupancy with 49% from the Fraternal Families. One of the highlights of the month was each resident had their hair and makeup done with money from Helping Hands. Pati then had individual portraits done in front of a Christmas tree for them to give to their families. The residents will again receive a gift from their own wish list and have a special Christmas thanks to the generosity of two Lodges, Royal Arch Masons and Knights of St. Andrews. The Long Range Planning Committee will be meeting in January and discussing their future plans at the HOD meetings soon. Please send any questions or comments with your delegate to the Board of Trustees or come to the meeting at the Home on January 21. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones from the Board of Trustees.