

**Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**  
**December 18, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Terry Hudson, President at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum.

**Welcome & Introductions:**

**Present:** Terry Hudson, President; Karen Karns, Vice President; Lynda Wingate, Secretary; Tammy Oldson, Treasurer; Margaret Benton; Gary Malara; Randy Penn; Robin Terry, Worthy Grand Matron; Mary Ann Gold-Weidler, Associate Grand Matron; Charles Anderson, Associate Grand Patron; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer-Boex, Fraternal Relations and Janet Malara, recording secretary.

**Absent:** Rick Haskell and Art Moore

**Delegates and Guests:** ; Millicent Ramsay, Ruxton #10; Donna Haas, Manzanita #85; Alice Breashears, Hayden #99; Nancy Freiberg, Hope #122; Bea Varney, Areme #124 and SVV; LaNora Lance, Dawn #125; Judy Morrison, Mount Zion #133; Idella Cummings, Martha #135; Gary Neiswonger, Lakewood #139; Mandy Sawyer, Heritage #154; Peggy Boswell, Metro #157; Rick Brown-Jones, Union #7; Lester Williams, Manitou #68, David Ramsay, Ute Pass #188. Guests: Bob Weidler, Mary Ellen Thoren, Lynn Brown-Jones, Carol Neiswonger, Jeff Brothers, Tom Keffeler, resident and George Miller, resident.

**Introductions:** Robin Terry, Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star; Mary Ann Gold-Weidler, Associate Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star; Charles Anderson, Associate Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star; Lynn Brown-Jones, Grand Associate Matron, Amaranth, David Ramsey, Grand Associate Patron, Amaranth. Regrets from Lloyd Hannah, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Agenda:** Motion by Tammy Oldson to approve agenda as amended, second by Lester Williams - Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2010:** Motion to approve minutes as printed by Lynn Brown-Jones, seconded by Rick Brown-Jones - Motion approved.

**Ridgeline Management Report - Larry Lillo:**

Welcome given by Larry and thank you for the active role which everyone takes in the Home.

Staff is continued to collect rents, work with Medicaid and operate the home within budget. Angel works well with the State Medicaid Program for the 50% of our residents participating and keeps our payments coming in on time and at full payment. She is also

beginning to set up vendor files and other new information that must be in place by January 1st.

The Home is at 95% occupancy with one new move-in and 2 additional deposits being held. By the end of December the assisted living should be full with three vacancies in the Village. Good referrals are being received from outside sources.

Amelia continues to hold care plan conferences with residents and their families to make sure everyone is on the same page as to the care being provided to each resident in the assisted living program.

Jerry and his staff provided a variety of meals this month to the residents of the assisted living program, as well as providing the Star Vista Village residents with a special Thanksgiving dinner and a breakfast buffet. The staff also hosted 10 families for Thanksgiving for those residents that could not go home for the day.

Gary and his staff are continuing to prepare for the winter season. The plows are ready to go for the first significant snow storm we have. 110 work requests were handled in the community in November keeping the maintenance department busy.

The snack stations have been installed and Larry encouraged the delegates to take a look at them. Fifty pieces of custom- made furniture for seniors have been ordered and when they are all received, they will be put in place. Hopefully, this will happen in January and ready for all to see in February along with the new wall décor. Two work stations for the kitchen will be arriving soon, including a new sandwich station. Fifty new chairs are in place in the Chapel and the Chapel is being used for many more activities. The Grand Family used the Chapel for their Christmas Party with the residents last weekend and this was enjoyed by all.

***Activities: Pati Sawyer Boex***

Commented on how nice and festive the Home looks. There are several trees throughout the Home and are appreciated and enjoyed. There is a new one this year which was donated by Colorado Chapter #2, OES in Leadville. Each resident has an ornament with their name on this tree and a resident tree trimming party was held to decorate this tree. It was a fun night and sadly one resident passed away that night after the party so it was especially nice to have had the festivities that day.

90's Club had a birthday party with seven attending. Shirley Woodward made 6 corsages and one boutonniere for the residents for the party. Pati extended a special thanks to Shirley.

Many have donated their time and talents to the residents and it is much appreciated!! Included in these activities have been a Grinch Party at the Home, hosted by Mary Ellen Thoren, complete with wine and cheese (the Grinch even stole the gifts but did return them); playing scrabble and doing special projects with the residents; Angel's Craft Corner for a holiday crafts; playing the piano and the violin; singing; Jeff Brothers played

piano for one of the wine and cheese parties (the residents love the wine and cheese parties); a Boy Scout group came to make gingerbread houses one Saturday; all making the residents feel special and loved. This is all appreciated by the residents and staff.

Look on Facebook or the Website ([www.esmrc.com](http://www.esmrc.com)) to see more of these activities. More activities are already being planned for in January, as reported December was packed with lots of activities, but they fall short in January and the residents go through a hard time, knowing that they won't see their loved ones for awhile. Please make a special effort to visit to help them through this month and visits are encouraged all year through.

The Grand Officers of Eastern Star came last Saturday for the Christmas Party and these pictures are now on Facebook. The Harmonaires came to entertain Saturday, December 18, and they also are on Facebook now. Pati expressed appreciation to Millicent Ramsay for the work she did on the Home Cheer committee last year.

Milton Schacherly, one of our Masonic residents, is a survivor of Pearl Harbor; look for him on our Facebook page. Pati answered Channel 9's "Mile Hi Mamas" and has had several calls about the home. A mother and her 5 year old are coming to make root beer floats for the residents and another wants to come visit because they have Masonic background. Delegate Comment: "Way to go, Pati!"

This year the residents will be having a Count Down to Noon on New Year's Eve so they can celebrate without breaking their bedtime. Christmas picture cards with the residents were sent out to all the Chapters, Lodges and Delegates.

On December 26 the Knight Templar are coming by with cookies. The Royal Arch Masons had the residents make a wish list of what they would like for Christmas and each will be receiving a special little gift from them for Christmas. There has already been interest shown from another Masonic lodge who would like to do this next year.

February 25<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation by the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at 1:00 p.m. all are invited to attend and enjoy this activity.

***Financial Reports: Tammy Oldson***

Our November income was \$186,846 (108 % of budget): Expenses of \$149,239 (95% of budget); resulting in a profit of \$ 37, 607. Our Wedbush Securities had a paper loss of (.34%), compared to loss of (.23%) S&P and (.37%) NASDAQ.

November donations totaled \$13,453.55.

***Fraternal Relations*** - Lynda *Wingate* - no meeting in December, will meet in January.

***Long Range Planning*** – Terry *Hudson* - no meeting in December will meet in January

***MCSA 2011 Committee: Reports by Larry Lillo and Terry Hudson.***

Speakers are being tied down, the agenda is being finalized, the golf tournament plans are well on the way and arrangements with the hotel are being done. It will be Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The children's program is being lined up with a DU professor. The golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, 6/17, Wedbush is the Title Sponsor again this year and 1<sup>st</sup> Bank will be sponsoring the luncheon and Gift Bags. Additional sponsors and volunteers will be needed.

***New Business: Terry Hudson, President***

*Board Committees Clarification:* The Committees have a lot to accomplish in limited amounts of time and are made up of small groups appointed by the Board President with the consensus of the Board. The committee meetings are only for the members of the committees and are not open meetings. No policies are set or decisions made in these committees. The committees report to the Board each month.

*Quimby Condo:* Sale was finalized on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and we are now free of property ownership.

***Unfinished Business:***

*Montana Mineral Rights:* The acceptance of an offer to sell, pending attorney review, at the November Board Meeting was rescinded after further Board discussion and there is no activity currently with the mineral rights. The Board does not expect to make a lot of money from these rights as communicated in the past; as there is no drilling being done at this time and based on the percentage of Mineral rights we hold. Karen Karns clarified what our Montana Mineral Rights are and the current status of the existing lease:

“The RRESMC has approximately a 12 ½% mineral interest in 3,865 acres in Montana. This interest is shared with several other Masonic bodies and is mineral only, not surface. There is currently a lease on 310 of the acres. The lease was dated 1/19/06 and is a five year lease. The lease was granted with a bonus of approximately \$1,500. Drilling has not occurred and the lease will expire this January 2011. The Board of Trustees received an offer to purchase the minerals for about \$10,000 retaining a small Royalty Interest. This offer has been rejected. It is the Board's belief that this offer reflects the current fair market value of the property. We hope that an increase in prices and offset drilling activities in the future will increase the value of this asset.”

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Brothers, seconded by Rick Brown Jones - Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Malara, Recording Secretary

**The next delegate meeting will be on January 15, 2011 around 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.**