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Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM

300 Wilcox St. Castle Rock 80104

Nov/Dec 2015

## FROM THE EAST

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in the officer line for our lodge. I have very much enjoyed my time and the work we have competed together. I look forward to passing the gavel of authority to our incoming Master for 2016 and hope we have a good turnout for our annual elections which will be held during our meeting on 19Nov. I appreciate the efforts of our 2015 officer line and membership as a whole as we presented all three degrees multiple times. Combine this effort with the growing ledger of candidates and I believe our lodge is in a good place going forward.

Our Temple Board leaders have been successful in securing a new tenant for 307. I am sure we will all breathe easier knowing that this vital stream of revenue will be turned back on. I am confident that this will free up our 2016 officers to further the important work on our historic building.

I would like to close with a sincere Thank You to our SW Walt Lord for his many years of ever increasing service to the lodge, our Secretary WB Lyle Wilkes and Treasurer Richard Anderton for their work in keeping our lodge running smoothly and to my Masonic mentor WB Wally Cooley for inspiring us to keep our collective energy and passion fully engaged.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Magoffin  
Worshipful Master

## 2015 OFFICERS

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<i>Senior Deacon</i>	Todd Thompson
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	Michael Hagans
<i>Senior Steward</i>	Lee Alexander
<i>Junior Steward</i>	Bruce Ekins
<i>Chaplain</i>	Sean Hicks
<i>Marshal</i>	
<i>Tyler</i>	



## FROM THE WEST

My brothers, I'm sitting here in the lodge on a Monday night. This is usually a regular meeting night for the High Plains DeMolay Chapter (sponsored by you – Brothers of Douglas #153!). However, this is a night that the Chapter Master Councilor decided to take a break from the usual tedium of a meeting and decided that he wanted

to get the Chapter together and have a Games Night. So there are about twenty DeMolay members, young Squires (age 10 – 12), prospects, and adult Advisors having a great time playing board games, video games, chess, and bonding over pizza and other refreshments. Sound good? It is! Most of you know about the DeMolay Chapter sponsored by your Lodge. But how many of you have seen this young men's fraternity in action? There have been a number of Lodge brethren that have attended and taken part in DeMolay events – from pancake breakfasts to

full blown officer Installations. Those of you who have seen the young men in action, know that this is the future, of both our fraternity and our country. If you want to see a fantastic group of young adults, doing the things that we all sometimes say are missing from the youth of today, just stop by 300 Wilcox St. 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Monday of any month. You'll come away with a renewed hope for the future. Or at least a smile on your face! These is a great group of young men.

Fraternally,  
Walter Lord  
Senior Warden



## FROM THE SOUTH,

As the year draws nigh and we take these last few months to reflect on the past year, give thanks for those we love, and engage in the spiritual season of our various faiths; do not forget about those less fortunate. In the first degree we learn the most valuable lesson of Charity. It is time to look at our own abilities and to pass along to others what is within our means. I would like to see the brethren of Douglas Lodge #153 collect canned and boxed goods at our second meeting in November for the benefit of a local food bank. We live in a blessed area of the metro area, however, there are still families in need. I would also encourage each of you to consider a donation to an organization who collects toys for children or to adopt a family via an angle tree. It is through these acts of kindness and charity that we fulfill our true calling in life and the tenants of our fraternity of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Only you will know what you contribute and that is what matters most. Here is to a very Happy Holidays to each and every one of you.

Fraternally,  
William Schwartz  
Junior Warden



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...

Brethren first of all I would like to thank everyone for the support that you have given me during my family crisis. Without you to lean on during this time with my newborn grandson, it truly would have been difficult for me to move forward each day. And I must say that the out pour in support from my Son's home lodge in Lafayette, Indiana, was just as amazing. This can only reinforce one thing; Masonry is a Band of Brothers no matter what state you are from, and we all have that common goal, "Friendship, and Brotherly Love." On behalf of my entire family, thank you my Brothers.

Now on to Lodge business. As October is winding down, our yearly Dues Notices will be coming out by snail mail. Dues are still \$64.00 and GL Per Capita this year is set at \$56.00 making it a total of \$120.00.

You have until the end of December to pay for your dues so govern yourself with the holidays coming. And speaking of holidays, everyone have a very happy holiday season and please be safe.

Until we see each other in lodge....

Fraternally,  
Lyle Wilkes, PM  
Secretary

## Our Veterans



*Have Kept Us Free*

## Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 153 AF&AM Events

- **5Nov - STATED COMMUNICATION**  
**Time:** 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153 **Description:** Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner to [jw@douglas153.com](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)
- **19Nov - STATED COMMUNICATION – Annual Elections**  
**Time:** 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153 **Description:** Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner to [jw@douglas153.com](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)
- **21Nov – Star Lighting**  
**Time:** Open **Location:** Douglas Lodge  
**Description:** Annual Castle Rock Star Lighting from 1400-1900. Help us in the lodge with Hot Chocolate, Cider and such. The lodge gets very busy, the more hands the better.
- **3Dec - STATED COMMUNICATION**  
**Time:** 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153 **Description:** Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner. Special presentation by WB Ben Williams on Freemasonry in the Formation of the United States. Open meeting – friends, family and prospects are welcome
- **9Dec - Lodge Happy Hour**  
**Time:** 5:00 pm **Location:** Three Freaks Brewery 7140 County Line Road Highlands Ranch **Description:** Come raise a toast to our 2016 WM and officer line.

- **17Dec - STATED COMMUNICATION**

**Time:** 7:30 pm **Location:** Douglas Lodge 153 **Description:** Stated Communications are on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm, 2d Communication Supper commences at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner to [jw@douglas153.com](mailto:jw@douglas153.com)

- **19Dec - Officer Installation**

**Time:** TBD **Location:** Denver Consistory 1370 Grant St Denver **Description:** Join us at the Consistory and Capitol Building for the 2016 Officer Installation ceremony.

## HIGH PLAINS DEMOLAY

For more information on any of these events, please contact Walter Martin [\(303\) 810-6189](tel:3038106189)



## **2015 COMMITTEES**

*Charity*

Jeff Noakes PM,  
Chair  
Walter Lord  
Lee Alexander

*Grievance*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Jeff Noakes, PM  
Walter Martin, PM

*Finance*

Walter Lord, Chair  
Lee Alexander  
Michael Hagans

*Bylaws*

Lyle Wilkes, PM Chair  
Walter Cooley, PM  
Joseph Daugherty, PM

*Scholarship*

Walter Lord, Chair  
Brandon McElhinney  
Todd Thompson

*Sunshine*

Walter Cooley PM, Chair  
Joseph Daugherty, PM  
Lyle A. Wilkes, PM

*Publicity*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Todd Thompson  
Michael Hagans

*Refreshments*

William Schwartz, Chair  
Lee Alexander  
Bruce Ekins

*Temple Board*

Lou Kasunic, Pres.  
Michael Hagans, Sec  
William Schwartz, Tres

*Masonic Education*

Joseph Magoffin, Chair  
Walter Cooley, PM  
Michael Hagans

*Special Events*

Michael Hagans, Chair  
Bruce Ekins  
Ken LaVelle

*Youth Groups*

Todd Thompson, Chair  
Walter Martin, PM  
Walter Lord

*Director of Work*

Joseph Daugherty, PM

### **LIVING PAST MASTERS**

Joseph Magoffin.....	2015
Joseph S. Daugherty.....	2013-14
Scott Gonzales.....	2012
Jeff Courtney.....	2010
Rob L. Cheney.....	2009
Steven R. Thone.....	2008
James A. Uhrlaub.....	2007
Kenneth L. Jones.....	2006
Albert M. Crowder, Jr.....	2005
Edward C. Bynon.....	2004
Mark Demoura.....	2003
Eric A. Worley.....	2002
Ralf O. Brustad II.....	2000-01
Jay Belk.....	1999
Mark Lyon.....	1998
Gregory G. Lawrence.....	1974
Louis R. Higby, Jr.....	1954

### **HONORARY PAST MASTERS**

Walter “Wally” Cooley.....	2013
Lyle Wilkes.....	2014