



A-U-2 Review



SEPTEMBER

2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Sisters and Brothers,

I really do not talk about my mother very much. Currently, she is living at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, PA. She is 102 and up until three weeks ago, she lived in the family home by herself. She is a remarkable lady and she is very wise. As I was growing up, she would always give me little pearls of wisdom. She was the one who always waited up for me until I was safely in the house. She also was the one I cried to whenever something went wrong at school or with one of my friends. She was the one who told me someone will marry me some day, after I lost my first love. But as some of you know, she usually made me take my sister wherever I would go. I was not permitted to go on a date without my sister. At my 25th Class reunion my Dad would not let me have his car and since I flew to Pennsylvania, I asked my sister to be my date and she drove. My classmates thought she was me and when they realized I was me, they could not believe that I still had to bring my sister to my reunion. Sisters and Brothers, one of the best pearls of wisdom I received from Mom was "Where there is a will, there is a way." When I was younger, I can tell you, I did not like it when she told me this because basically she was telling me I needed to find the will to get the project for school or whatever I was trying to do.

I do, however, feel this is appropriate for the situation Grand Chapter is looking at currently. We

(Con't Page 2 Beth)



DEAR Sisters and Brothers,

It is hard to believe that as of the writing of this article, there is only 23 days until (no not Christmas), but instead, the start of the "Kindness IS The Key" Grand Chapter Session. It is hard for me to believe that the past 4 years have passed so quickly. It has been quite the journey with thousands of miles of travel, meeting lots of new friends, sharing tons of laughter and a few tears, there have been bumps along the way – but nevertheless, the journey has been incredible. Thank you Beth, for walking beside me as we climbed the hill. Our Grand Chapter Session will be like Christmas. There will be surprises around every corner and I am counting the days to having all of our hard work come to fruition. Whether you think of it as Christmas or a great big bowl of strawberry icecream (my favorite), Grand Session will be wonderful. Please go online to register and make your banquet reservations. You can also send your registration and banquet form to the Grand Secretary by snail mail. Either way, they must be in no later than September 1. We look forward to seeing all of you at Grand Chapter.

Important things to think about when planning your hotel room nights:

Thursday morning:

Ritualistic Opening

(Cont' Page 2 Gary)

need the will to find whatever we all need to do to bring in new members and find ways to make our Order put more dollars into the coffers. I know we all, in each of our Chapters, have ideas. Give your ideas to the Board. You do not know which one they may think is a good idea for the whole Order. I know we will find the way.

I cannot wait to see you all at Grand Chapter. I missed you all as soon as I left your Chapter. Remember we will be voting on all legislation on Friday afternoon. If you need a note from me for work, to ask for Friday afternoon off, please let me know. Remember "You never need to apologize for being Kind". Beth

**Be Kind whenever possible,
because it is always
possible to be Kind.**

(Con't Gary)

Introductions: Grand Pages, Grand Guards
Honor Stations – Martha & Chaplain
2022-2023 Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons
2022-2023 District Lecturers
General Arrangements Committees

Thursday Afternoon:

Cavalcade of Flags –
ALL Grand Representatives

Introductions:
ALL In State and Out of State
Grand Representatives

Friday Morning:

ALL Formal Introductions of Dignitaries
Memorial Ceremony

Friday Afternoon:

Introductions of 50 Year Members
Voting on ALL Legislation

Saturday Morning:

Elections
Any unfinished legislation
Presentation of Honor Chapter Awards
Presentation of Stuffie Frog or Cow Winners

And I am understanding that the Escorts will have some interesting entertainment throughout the Session.

Of course, Saturday evening will be the Installation of a new corp of Grand Officers at 6:00.

To paraphrase our Installation Ceremony – Some must rule and others should obey, however all rulers will return to the ranks. Beth and I will soon be returning to the ranks. We hope we served Colorado Grand Chapter to the expectation of our members. We did our best and hope that we shared at least, a little bit of kindness wherever we went, like the kindness that we received. This will be a bittersweet time for me. On one hand, I will miss seeing all of you as I have visited your chapter annually for several years. But on the other hand, my car gas consumption will be cut by 80%. Haha And I will get to sleep in my own bed every weekend instead of at a hotel.

On August 12th, the Grand Family had the honor to participate in an Affiliation for Metro #157 into AREME #124. I was a sad time to loose one more chapter, but we are happy that AREME members welcomed Metro with open arms and hearts.

As we close out August, the Grand Family would like to thank Dawn #125 for providing lunch for us prior to our Grand Chapter Session Practice.

If you haven't attended Mt. Zion #133's pancake breakfast, you really should try to go. The Grand Family gathered at 10:00 on August 28 to enjoy a hefty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage links, 2 pancakes, and cheesy hashbrowns. YUM YUM!! All for only \$8.00. Then at 11:00, the Grand Representative's Club honored the Grand Family at their annual summer meeting. What a day filled with laughter and fellowship.

I hope that each of you will continue to spread the kindness you all have within yourself. Do one small kind gesture a day and like the Star fish, that kind gesture might just change the life of someone today. God Bless you all.

Gary



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Although Colorado 2 does not meet in July and August, the time is spent planning for next year, installation of new officers, finishing programs, committee assignments and fundraising adjustments.

Sister Pat McCollum, next year's District Lecturer, attended the District Lecturer School of Instruction, as did Sister Myrna Salberg and Brother Jim Evans, in their appointments for next year's Grand Esther and Grand Warder, respectively.

The chapter started the new year with a sumptuous summer picnic hosted by George and Betty Benson at their home on August 27. Sister Betty, WM – elect outlined her plans and goals for the year. There will be a LOT of MUSIC!!!

COLORADO CHAPTER #2

*Cordially invites you to attend the
Installation of officers for 2023-24*

Sunday, September 17, 2023 2:00 PM

Masonic Hall – 619 Harrison Avenue

Leadville, CO 80461

*A light meal will be served
following installation*

Please RSVP to Judy Epperson

806 681-7087 or

eppersonjudy51@gmail.com

by September 9, 2023

Please join us at our regular meeting on September 5th as we say farewell to "The 3 C's Of Life" Officers and extend blessings of a great year to the "Traveling Stars of Friendship" Officers. Sister Maude – WM elect and Brother Gary – WP elect have some great ideas for a fun and exciting year.

Installation of Officers will be Saturday, September 9 – please see the invitation. We hope to see you there.

Our AM elect, Amethyst Nagy's first fundraising event will be the sale of Krautburgers. We will start taking orders on September 5th – October 17. The krautburgers will be baked on October 23-26, with pickup on the 26th. If you would like to place an order, we can freeze your krautburgers and you can pick them up at our Official Visit on Saturday, November 4th. Options: Plain \$5.50 cheese \$5.75 Jalepeno cheese \$6.00

Our Annual Food booth at the Arts Picnic was another sell out year. We even made up more sloppy joes that last year and still sold out by 12:20 pm. But thank goodness, we had another roaster full, ready to go. And we sold ½ of that one. We had to cook another 20 lbs of hamburger Sunday morning before we started the day. It was awesome. Our pie sales were great as well. 16 rhubarb, 8 cherry, 6 strawberry rhubarb, 6 pecan, 6 peach, 2 pumpkin, 1 sweet potato, 6 apple, 3 triple berry and 1 blueberry. We sold them by the slice or whole. Cookies were flying off the trays, they were going so fast. What a great weekend.



In the health and wellness department, it seems that our members have been doing really well. Brother Larry Moody is doing as good as to be expected. Still some balance issues, but at last we saw him, he looked wonderful. Spunky, as usual.

Sister Pam Park will have another scan done to confirm that the cancer has not increased. She feels great, except for the getting older aches and pains. No other infirmities have been reported.



Just a reminder that since school has started in many of our cities, please watch out for those kiddos in the school zone area. In all their excitement, the little ones forget to look both ways before crossing the street.

May you all have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend. We look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Chapter Session.

We are so proud of our very own Brother Gary Lindblad, WGP and Sister Maude O'Connell, our WM-elect, for a great year. Best wishes.



The Members of Garden City #3
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend
the Open Installation of Officers
on
Saturday, September 9, 2023
at
1:30 pm
Century Masonic Hall
2532 9th Avenue; Greeley, CO

Light refreshments to follow

Maude O'Connell
Worthy Matron - elect

Gary Lindblad
Worthy Patron - elect

Zanna Thurow
Secretary - elect

PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO
Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



Say Hello to a New
OES Year of
"Friendship and
Love" with Pueblo
Chapter 7

Please join us for the Closed Installation of officers
Pueblo Chapter 7, OES 2023-2024

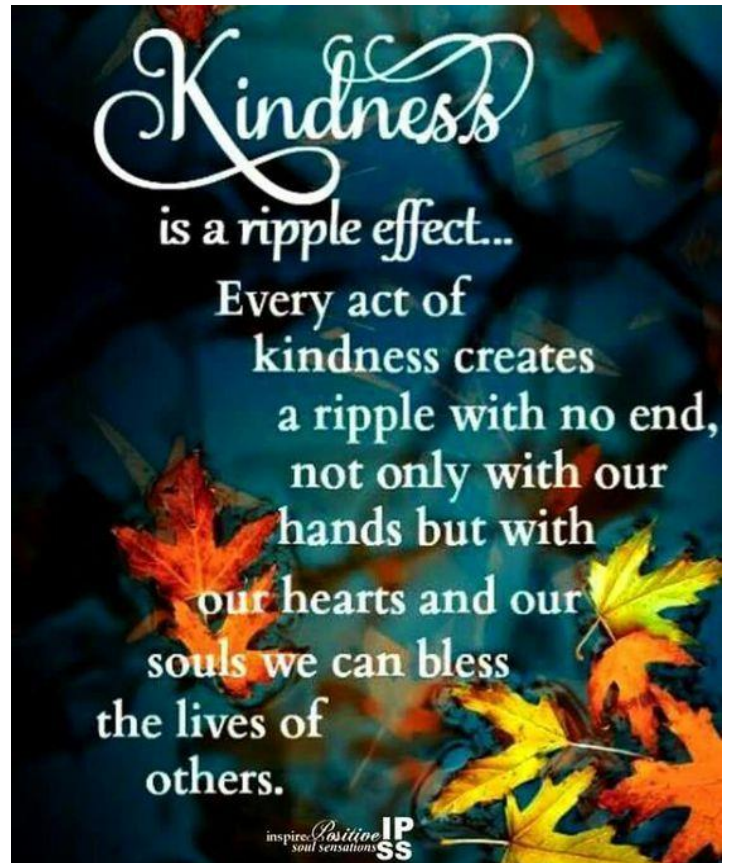
Tuesday, 9/12/2023

Regular meeting starts at 7 pm, then Installation of New
officers at approximately 8 pm.

See you at the Pueblo Masonic Center

126 Broadway, Pueblo, CO

Refreshments to follow.



COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Sarilyn Stine, WM - Reporter

Collins Chapter has been enjoying the summer. Several of our members have taken advantage of this time to travel. A visit to the cabin, a week at the lake, seeing family and reconnecting are only a sample of our summer fun. We are looking forward to our annual Chapter Picnic at the end of August. It is always well attended, and nobody goes home hungry.

Come join us at our Installation of officers on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 1 pm. Our two new members will be Star Point officers this coming year and they are looking forward to learning more about our Order.

Have a great September.

You are cordially invited to

Collins Chapter #26
Order of the Eastern Star

Installation of Officers

Worthy Matron Elect, Sarilyn Stine, PM
Worthy Patron Elect, Gary Stine, PP
and
Our 2023 – 2024 Officers

Sunday, September 17, 2023
1:00 pm

Fort Collins Masonic Temple
225 W Oak Street
Fort Collins, CO

Refreshments to follow

Bee A Ray



Of Sunshine



WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

Summer is getting close to being over, and we are looking forward to many Chapter Installations coming up.

Sister Sharon Parrish & Brother Ken Ashwood had good attendance at their Schools of Instruction, that took place in June & July. The DL's, WM's, Secy's & Conductresses were given packets with complete instructions, for a wonderful and seamless year coming up. And our DL's look like they will be ready to go with the tasks at hand. Numerous attendees were able to enjoy the sites at Colorado National Monument west of Grand Junction, after the DL school.



Some of our members went to Rainbow Grand Assembly in June. It was a fun time, and some appropriate pranks were enjoyed by all. The girls always have such an enjoyable time. Also, our 65-year

member, Sister Marian Ashwood enjoyed time with her twin greatgranddaughters! They held on tight while she showed them all of her flowers blooming in her yard. And as we were all leaving, there was a doe with twin fawns in her neighborhood. What a great site.

Three of our members attended Wyoming's Grand Chapter. What a welcoming bunch they are! We had wonderful meals, and fun entertainment. Many friendships were renewed, and several new ones made.

After that, four of us were able to attend Texas's Grand Chapter, and like the WY members, many friendships were renewed and new ones made. At both Grand Chapters, our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester was present and even joined in the festivities by dancing to the music put on. She looked really great on the floor, and especially appeared to be having a good time, when she line danced with our AGP, Ken & Escort, Kathy.

Now, we are looking forward to our Grand Chapter happening. We also are having wonderful anticipation feelings for the Installation of our new Grand Officers happening. We would like to invite all of our friends and family in our Eastern Star and other organizations to be there! It's happening on Saturday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm at the DTC DoubleTree on I-25 and Orchard. Please stay safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.





SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

As summer comes to an end and we look forward to being back in Chapter, we find ourselves excited to see everyone again! In case you are in the area, our installation is September 16th at 2 pm and of course, you are always welcome to attend our meetings the first and third Thursday's of each month. Ashley and Scott Krebs will be installed as first-time WM & WP with a full slate of officers.

The highlight of our summer was our huge, in-door yard sale. With 100* temperatures outside, it was a perfect venue for shopping for treasures. Again, we were surprised how many men came by themselves! Who said men don't like to shop!?! I think we still have a piano and an organ to give away if anyone is interested.

We extend our Sincere Congratulations to Bill and Mary Ellen Harris as they celebrated their 70th Wedding anniversary on August 9th! Both of them are doing well for being 94 and 89 years young!



Amber Holley's two oldest children have moved to Montana where they are attending school. That leaves Amber and Jazzy "home alone"! They are considering moving in with Mom and Dad in Ridgway to help out as both Mary and Randy Melton are dealing with health issues.

We were saddened to learn that our 101+ year old member, Delphine Mead passed away on August 4th. She was Dahlgren Andrew's twin sister and a very special lady. We extend many thanks to Lawrence Martin and his family as they cared for her these past few years.

We are thrilled to have PGM Marcia and PGP Bill Carlson moving back to our little community. The "downsize" was quite an event for them but they are here and happy to be here. Marcia also donated her digital piano to our chapter and it was gratefully accepted! We had such a time keeping our little piano in tune with the temperature fluctuations in our lodge room. Of course, we are hoping she will play it for us as well! Welcome Home Kids!

PGP Keith and Shelley Hoey are in Alaska on their cruise, celebrating their 50th Anniversary. It was touch and go for a while after Shelley did a complete face-plant and broke her front teeth, her glasses and sprained her left wrist. She is a trooper though and fortunately knows a good dentist. Permanent repairs will be completed after their trip.

We are also happy to report that the Garnet Chapter #39 Past Matron picture book and minutes have been donated to the Delta Library. They are very interesting and historical (*hysterical might be more appropriate*) as each Past Matron has

a brief write-up of her life. For instance, PM Leona Conrad shared living near the Mohave Desert when her boys were young. They brought home turtles on which they painted bright diamonds and then turned them loose. And of course, there were snakes. All of this was in a house with no running water. They carried water in a garbage can from the service station. She related that "it was as close to hell than she ever wanted to be!" They lived there rent-free and agreed to fix up the house. She said the Census Taker was astonished that anyone would be living in these conditions in 1960!

We are looking forward to getting back to Chapter meetings and of course, Grand Chapter. Where did the year go? I leave you with this thought: *Think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense!* Happy Autumn everyone! God Bless!

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Hello! Happy September and Installations! Sunshine Chapter #53 is gearing up for a great year with Niccole Grey and Harry Clark at the helm! It's been a few years since we've a first-time Worthy Matron and we are so excited to see her ideas! Their Installation is September 10.

But before that....we will be initiating a new member at Nancy and Willis' last meeting on September 5. There will be a potluck prior to the meeting with a Mexican Theme at 6:30 so come if you can.

Our leaders, Nancy Eriksen and Willis Grundvig have been down but certainly not out! Willis was in VA hospital due to a fall but is home. Nancy ended up in ER due to falls but went home the same day. Still seeing doctors and pt. Getting old isn't for sissies!

Sharon is getting ready for her year in the Grand East. We wish her and Ken Ashwood the best year EVER!

Back a Looooonnnnnnggggg time ago when I was in Rainbow, we had a Father-Daughter dinner and I had to recite this. I just have done okay because Mom Joyce Audin seemed happy.

The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bearing down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewey lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

September (1886)

Helen Hunt Jackson

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

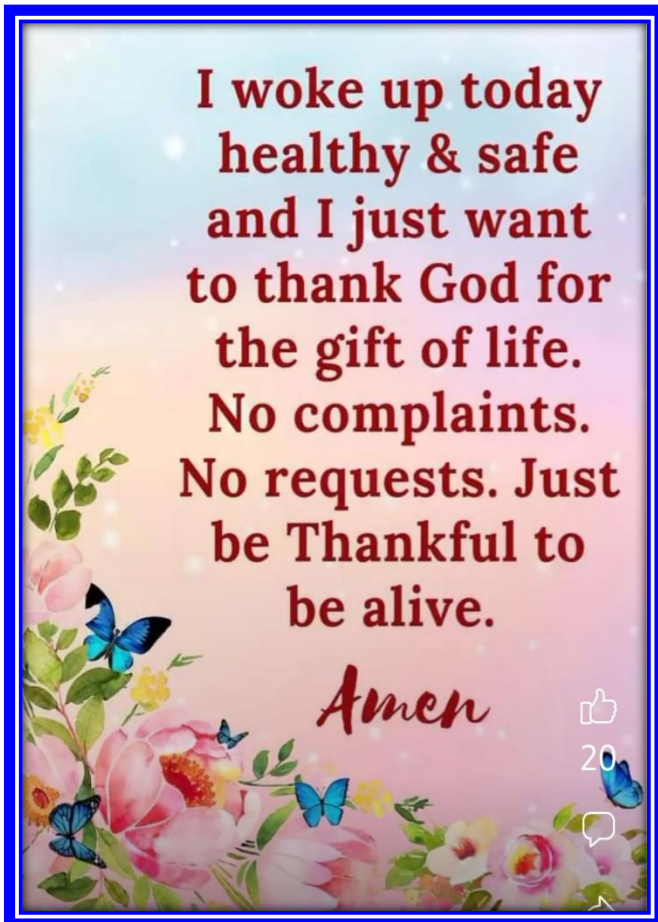
But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.

'T is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget.

Good luck to all the new officers and have a wonderful year!




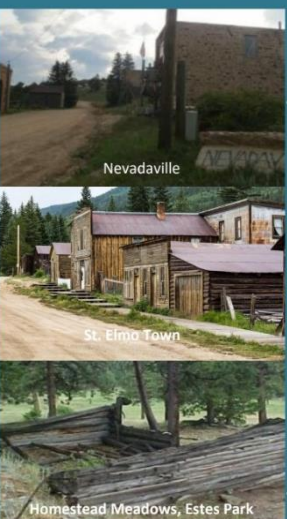
EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE



You are invited to Excelsior Chapter's
"Colorado Ghost Towns"
Installation
Sunday, September 17th at 5:00pm
Masonic Hall - 630 W Oak Street - Lafayette
(For additional parking use the Library at the West of the Lodge)

Worthy Matron elect ~ Jenna MacGregor
Worthy Patron elect~ Mike Jones

Light refreshments will be served following the Installation
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



2023 Excelsior Picnic

Lots of great food, fun and fellowship!
Jenga, Horseshoes, awesome burgers & hot dogs and great side
dishes made a wonderful day happen!



MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Before I even get started, if you think that all Manzanita does during the summer is eat, you wouldn't be far off the mark. Of course, our Associate Matron Kim Carr is busy finalizing plans for the next year. The secretary, Larry Wullbrandt, PGP, is busy compiling and printing the Chapter's roster. The Associate Patron, Herb Carr, well who knows what he is up to—I'm sure helping finalize plans for the ensuing year. The officers are reviewing and memorizing their parts for next year. But as far as I'm concerned food and socializing are our top endeavors in the summer.



On Saturday, July 29th, we had the Chapter picnic at the home of our Associate Conductress Angela Tolar. The day was hot and dry. We



all opted to stay in the air conditioning in her beautiful home and

not even go out in the yard. The food was scrumptious. Angela likes to cook, and her husband likes to barbecue—truly a match made in heaven which we all benefitted from. The sides and desserts were potluck—abundant and so good.



August 27th found the 3M's gathering at On the Border at Highlands Ranch for Merry Mischief Making (remember what 3M's means?).

The group was smaller but much socializing and good food. Attending were; Kathy Sullivan (the coordinator of the group), PGM Jane and PGP Larry Wullbrandt, PGM Joanne Martin (Utah), and Tom and Mary Robyn.

The Lodge is doing some renovations, so the Chapter was not able to practice during the month of August like we usually do. We will practice the first Thursday in September though.

Open Installation will be on Sunday, September 17th at 2 p.m. We hope to see many of you there as we start a new year. We will be having a dessert bar after installation with a special request for pie.

AREME #124 - DENVER



On August 12th, the "Kindness IS The Key" Grand Family assisted in the Affiliation Ceremony of Metro #157 into AREME #124. After a warm welcome was given by Marian Rogers, WM of AREME, she invited the WGM & WGP to preside during the ceremony. Metro Members were escorted inside the labyrinth to cause a circle around the Altar. AREME members were escorted as well, but formed a circle just outside the labyrinth. Finally, the Grand Family was escorted to form a third circle. As the ceremony progressed, Metro was asked to join the circle of AREME and then the Grand Family, representing all the members of Colorado, move into the circle forming one huge family circle. The Grand Star points offered words of welcome and everyone stood for the singing of "Blessed Be The Ties That Bind". Sisters Marian and Gladine Dracon, WM of Metro gave warm final remarks, as did WP of AREME, Ric Rogers. The empty chair in the front row was left open for Brother John Warren, WP of Metro. He was absent due to the fact that he is in the VA rehab recovering from heart issues, but we know he was there in spirit.

After witnessing the ceremony, Sister Lynn Brown-Jones had this to say:

"It is a sad time when a Chapter finds itself at a point when enough members find that they can no longer travel safely at night and Chapters do not have the members that are able to attend a meeting at an earlier hour so affiliation with another chapter becomes necessary. Please remember that sometimes if folks could attend an afternoon meeting there might be more folks there. It is true that we still have many working folks and it would be hard for them to leave work early. Look at the other options too. It was an interesting afternoon on August 12 when many members gathered at Radiant Temple to witness an affiliation ceremony of Metro Chapter #157 into Areme Chapter #124. This was a different affiliation than those done in the past and this writer felt that it had far more meaningful and had more feeling of a melting, so as to say, into one Chapter. It seemed to me that there was adhesiveness to this particular ceremony. Sure hope if this has to be done again that this ceremony is used not the one of years past. Thank you Kindness is the Key Grand Family for using this ceremony. It was appreciated."

AREME will hold their Installation of Officers on Friday, September 15 after their regular stated meeting.

DAWN #125 - AURORA
Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Dawn Chapter will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m., At this meeting we will highlight the show, "Gypsy" and after some reports and other business, PGP Bill Young and I will turn the gavel over to the Installing Team, who will install PM Janice Jacobovitz and PP Steve Davis and their other Officers for the 2023-2024 year. (See attached invitation). We certainly hope many of you will attend and hear

what the next year at Dawn holds for us!

PGP Bill and I held an Ice Cream Social on Aug. 22 at my house, and from the attached picture(s), you can see how much fun we had....who doesn't love ice cream??



Then on Saturday, Aug. 26, Dawn provided lunch for the Grand Family Practice at Dawn. It was well attended and the GF



seemed to really enjoy what we served!

At this point, we are all looking forward to Grand Chapter. We are VERY proud of the way WGM



Elizabeth and WGP Gary have led Colorado Grand Chapter this year and know they will have a very successful session.



We are also happy that our Secretary, Sue Schultz has been appointed as our District Lecturer next year. We had a practice on Aug. 15 for the marches, Opening, Proving, and Closing, and

on Aug. 29 for the Installation. We're in good hands with her leadership and coaching next year!

Several members have made wonderful memories this summer: Br. Frank Hathorn spent 10 days with his grandson in Ohio, who treated him to many fun adventures. Br. Wayne and Sis. Luda Wells enjoyed their visit to Florida with relatives. Sis. Janet Godsy enjoyed a trip to Oahu with family. Sis. Gaylene Alton spent 2 ½ weeks with family in Iowa, and was happy to return home to be with her new great-grandson. Sis. Sue Schultz enjoyed attending her 50th High School Reunion (South High, in Denver).

We ask for prayers for Br. John Warren as he recovers from heart issues and is "chomping" at the bit to be able to go home. Also, that PGP Bill Young's ablation procedure (which has been postponed numerous times) is successful and gives him relief from chronic back pain. WGM Elizabeth had cataract surgery and although her right eye is doing well, she's still having some issues with her left one, so please pray that this is resolved soon and successfully!

Until next month, enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll look forward to seeing you at Grand Chapter!

You are cordially invited to attend the Closed Installation of

Dawn Chapter #125 for

Janice Jacobovitz, Worthy Matron-Elect
 Steve Davis, Worthy Patron-Elect

Tuesday, September 5th at 7:30 pm
 at the Aurora Masonic Lodge
 1615 Florence St
 Aurora, CO 80010

The Virtues of Christmas



MT. ZION #133



Mt. Zion, Chapter #133
*** September ***

Breakfast & Movie!
Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Everyone is Welcome! Bring your family & friends!

The **exhilarating story of Joseph** is about dreams and the power of forgiveness. From the fields of Canaan to the stunning palaces of Egypt, join this adventurous dreamer on a journey to discover **God's plan for his life.**

Breakfast 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

&

Movie 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

at

The Golden Masonic Center, 400 10th Street, Golden, CO.



potatoes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, cocoa,
milk & orange juice

Breakfast Donations:

Adults & Children over 12 yrs. - \$8.00 ea.

Children 8 - 12 yrs. - \$5.00 ea.

Children 5 yrs. & under - Free!

**Movie Popcorn donations of your own choice
as you join us for the movie ...**

GOLDEN



"I want to know God's thoughts ...

the rest are just details."

"The intuitive mind is a sacred gift

& the rational mind is its faithful servant.

*We have created a society that worships the
servant, and has forgotten the gift."*

— Einstein

We've had much sorrow of illness & loss at Mt. Zion these last few months. Many of us are still reeling, and probably will for a long time to come, but there has also been much Light & Wonderment helping to guide us through and carry on.
We thank the Almighty for that.



Submitted by

Lorajean Current, OES Mt. Zion #133



ROAD TRIPP'IN ACROSS THE USA

YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO THE INSTALLATION
OF MT. ZION OFFICERS 2023-2024

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
11:00 AM
GOLDEN MASONIC CENTER
GOLDEN, CO

IMOGENE MUSSO
WORTHY MATRON ELECT
DAVID BUCKINGHAM
WORTHY PATRON ELECT

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER
Krista Shaner, PM - Reporter

Not much to report this month.

Westminster Lodge hosted a Bar-B-Q for all the organizations meeting at the Temple. It was a small turn out, however, I enjoyed seeing some I knew and was happy to meet some new ones. They also had some entertainment.

Jan our Worthy Matron elect has been holding practices every Thursday night in August. We have some new members holding a station this term. Just remember if you need to make a comment to them about their memory work; be kind and offer your help and experience.

We are saddened by the loss of our Past Grand Secretary/Past Matron Carolyn DeVault. She was always ready to serve whenever and wherever she was needed.

We will be awarding some 50 year pins soon and I hope photos will be taken so I can share this wonderful achievement with all of you.

That's about all I know for now except this is the incoming officers for the year 2023-24:

Worthy Matron*Jan Schneider, PM
Worthy Patron*James Heylmann, PP
Associate Matron*Jodi Muser, PM
Associate Patron*Mark Short, PP
Secretary*Lynn Brown-Jones, PM
Treasurer*Sally Skiver, PM
Conductress*Ardie Dunla, PM
Associate Conductress*Cati Hosley
Chaplain*Ann Tiff, PM
Marshal*Molly McGuire
Organist*Nancy Cayer, PM
Adah*Marlene Doyle, PM
Ruth*Mary Ann Knowski, PM
Esther*Cathy Saylor
Martha*Kari Hilverding
Electa*Carol Heagney
Warder*Charlie Tilbury
Sentinel*Laurie Haak, PM

The Wild, Wild, West

Loyalty Chapter #145

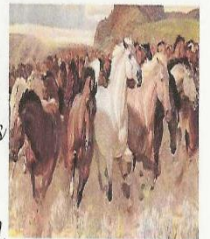
Order of the Eastern Star

Cordially invites you to attend

The Installation of the Officers

For the 2023 - 2024 Term

September 16, 2023 - 2:00 PM



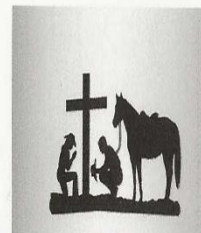
Westminster Masonic Center

8151 Bradburn Drive

Westminster, Colorado 80031-3905

Jan Schneider, PM
Worthy Matron Elect

Jodi Muser, PM
Associate Matron Elect



James Heylmann, PP
Worthy Patron Elect

Mark Short, PP
Associate Patron Elect

The Wild, Wild, West

HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

Laura Schierberg, PM - Reporter

Kids are back in school, Halloween decorations and candy are showing up on store shelves, and the nights are getting cooler. That must mean fall is just around the corner...where did the summer go?? Heritage Chapter took a break over the summer and is now gearing up for the new term and Grand Chapter at the end of the month.

Worthy Matron, Mandy and Worthy Patron, John have their final meeting on Monday September 11, and on behalf of the chapter, I extend a huge THANK YOU to them for their tireless work for the chapter this past year.

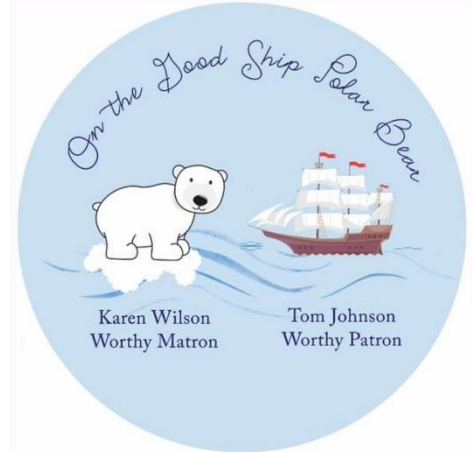
WM-elect Karen and WP-elect Tom hosted a picnic for the chapter at the Johnson house in early August. Delicious food, refreshing beverages, and cheerful companionship were on the menu. It was great to have so many members attend (22!) and see some faces we have not seen for a while.

Job's Daughters Bethel 40 held their installation of officers on August 12, where Lauren Tolar was installed as Honored Queen. Our newest member, Shari Hughes, was installed as the Bethel's Guardian Treasurer, and Shari's granddaughter, Maya, was installed as Junior Princess. HQ Lauren has a busy, fun term planned, and we look forward to supporting them any way we can.

All are welcome to attend our open installation of officers on Sunday September 17 at 1:00 pm at South Denver Lodge, followed by a reception in the dining room. If we don't see you then, we look forward to reconnecting with you at Grand Chapter!

Please join the members of
Heritage Chapter #154
South Denver Masonic Lodge
350 South Broadway, Denver
On Sunday September 17th
At 1:00 P.M.

For the Installation of 2023-2024 Officers



Worthy Matron Elect – Karen Wilson PM
Worthy Patron Elect – Tom Johnson PP
Associate Matron Elect – Lilly Johnson PM
Associate Patron Elect – Jim Miles PP
Secretary Elect – Kathy Easterday PM
Treasurer Elect – Lynn Brown-Jones PM
Conductress Elect – Laura Schierburg PM
Associate Conductress Elect – Skye Brunick PM
Chaplain – Mandy Sawyer PM
Marshal – Susan Morrison PM
Organist – Cathy Brunick PM
Adah – Drina Johnson PM
Ruth – Beth Shiplett
Esther – Karen Karns PM
Martha – Bonnie Short
Electa – Kendall Taylor
Warder – Gale Rhoades PM
Sentinel – John Warren PP

Refreshments to follow

Parking is available in the lot, on Broadway, or
across the street

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 - FOUNTAIN

Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 - Dark in July and August, as well as the second meeting in September and December.

Oh, how quickly the summer passed. We had a farewell for two of our members, Bill and Marcia Carlson who will be missed! We also had a lovely picnic hosted by the Lorimors!

We hope everyone had a safe summer and we look forward to our first meeting and the upcoming installations! Please join us for our installation on September 17th at 2 PM at the Fountain Valley Lodge.



Bill and Marcia as they head to the western slope, not goodbye, but see you later.

Many folks came to say see you later!!



Our hostess and Soon to be Associate Conductress

Enjoying fellowship and Food



A beautiful day for a picnic



Fountain Valley Chapter No. 155
Order of the Eastern Star

Cordially invites you to attend the
Open Installation of the 2023-2024
"Be a Guiding Light" Officers

When: Sunday, September 17, 2023
Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Fountain Valley Lodge
509 N. Main Street
Fountain, CO 80817

Tish Neagles, PM Worthy Matron- Elect
Bob Harper, PGP Worthy Patron-Elect

Sharon Heintzen, Secretary

* Light refreshments after the installation



Labor Day began with a parade



It's widely believed that on September 5, 1882, union leaders marched in what is now considered the very first Labor Day parade. More than

10,000 New York City workers from a wide variety of industries, such as clothing makers and railroad workers (including children), took to the streets to raise awareness over unsafe working conditions.

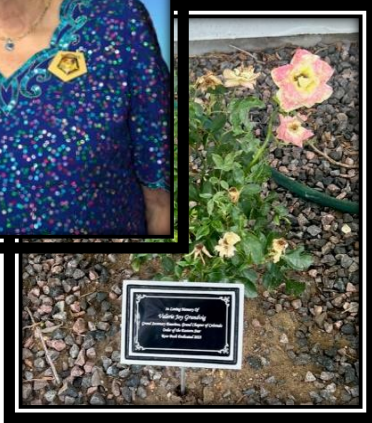
VALERIE JOY GRUNDTVIG

At the Celebration of Life service in January, 2023, it was stated that a yellow rose bush would be planted at the ESMRC as an everlasting

tribute and in memory and honor of Valerie Joy Grundvig. As spring came and the earth thawed, the maintenance department of the

ESMRC was instrumental in helping secure and plant the "Gilden Sun" yellow rose bush just outside the Grand Chapter office. This flower and memorial plaque were lovingly dedicated from the 14 different Grand Families she was a member of as a Grand Officer, Grand Escort or Grand Secretary;

1996-97 "Hearts in Harmony",
2002-03 "Dare to Dream",
2003-04 "Nature's Beauty",
2004-05 "Bridge to the Stars",
2005-06 "Angels Among Us",
2006-07 "Colorado Splendor",
2007-08 "It's A Wonderful World",
2008-09 "Highland Starlight",
2009-10 "Garden of Friendship",
2010-11 "Celebrate Life",
2011-12 "Canopy of Stars",
2012-13 "Treasured Memories",
2013-14 "Our Favorite Things" and
2014-15 "Life's Blessings".



The plaque reads:



Take a moment to smell Valerie's roses at the Grand Chapter Office and remember her in your thoughts and prayers. The following poem was used as part of the celebration of life service.

Over the Garden Wall

by Emily Selinger

*By the side of a wall in a garden gay,
A Little Rose bush grew;
In the first dear days of the Month of May
Loved by the sun and dew.*

*It gazed to the top of the wall so high
With happy longing and pride,
When it heard the children laugh and cry
As they passed on the other side.*

*And into its leaves and buds there came
A beautiful thought of God.
"I can climb to the heights of love and fame,
If my roots are in the sod."*

*Then up and over the garden-wall,
It clambered far and wide.
Shedding its sweetness for one and all
As they passed on the other side, -*

*The weary laborer, the beggar cold,
The wise man and the fool,
The mother and daughter, the grandam old
And the children going to school.*

*The breezes scattered its yellow and white
In a perfumed shower for all,
And the beautiful days of June were bright
With the Rose on the Garden-wall.*

*Our hearts are like the Roses of June,
They can live for one and all,
Giving their love as a blessed boon,
From a palace or cottage wall.*

Rambles from Gaylene

I made it to Iowa just fine and am so glad to be back home. Iowa and Nebraska is beautiful so green and so pretty the hills are so alive with color and so glad it was not HOT! I went to visit with my 97 year old sister in law and her daughter and they live close to Pisgah, Iowa where I grew up and graduated school there. We had the largest class that ever graduated from Pisgah High School with 24, we had 8 girls and 16 boys and probably about 20 of us are still running around, well maybe walking around but we are still going. I got to see a few of the old classmates and we had lunch 2 times and lots and lots of good memories.

So glad I went back but ya know I have decided that ya can't go back home, my home town is nothing but memories now, all that live there I don't know or they are children of people I once knew and it is sad. My Father's Cafe is still there but it is just a building with nothing like it was when I was a kid. We had a beautiful back bar with a soda fountain, ice cream fountains and so much and now I enjoyed working with my Dad in the Cafe and I was a darn good soda jerk and lots and lots of fun. I remember serving food in the cafe and as long as you didn't move from the chair you placed your order in I could bring your food to you and never ask who got what. Now they can't take an order of 3 and they have to ask who got what, really upsets me, I know I could not do it now but when I was a kid I prided myself in being able to do that and never had a order book to write things in. We just had pride in our work and Daddy was always there watching over us. Tips in our little place was hard to come by but a \$1.00 meant so much and we kept it and saved it and when the years or so was up I went to Omaha and got something special. Now my little town is gone and all it is but memories and good memories but sad to think those that live there won't have the fun and pride of that old town. Our school is gone now and so many building gone now! Life does change and not sure it is for the better.

I got back on Wednesday and wow was I tired, my sister in law lives with her daughter and I have known her since I was about 11 years old and who would have thought we would grow up to be sister in laws and spend all these years as sisters. She is 11 years older than me and her husband and Don were brothers and we all had such fun when we lived in Pisgah, then we moved to Colorado and have spent many years going back and forth seeing one another. Now the 2 brothers are together again and Colleen and I still spend a lot of time together, well, as much as we can. For 97 she gets around really good and we enjoyed being together and shed a few tears and laughs and lots of memories, so glad I went to see her. When I got home I had a note from a friend who sent me a Thinking of You card! What a surprise and how great it made me feel, she had been to the meeting on Saturday at Areme at the affiliation ceremony & had gone thru some old books and was renewing old memories and so thankful she thought of me. We all need to send notes to friends we have not heard from in awhile and let them know we are thinking of them. I am going to as Know how Lynn made me feel so gonna try and do it to others. Lets all try and do it!!

Now that I am back it is time to get in gear for Chapters to start opening and I have missed seeing everyone this summer. I do so enjoy being with friends and doing the Star work and just being around good people so don't stop going to chapter, if you don't drive at night as I don't find someone to go with and do whatever you can

to get to Chapter to support the officers. I am a member of 2 chapters and if the per capita changes this year I am not sure if I can afford to pay the two chapters so will have to decide what I will do, but that is down the road so not going to worry about it for now! I think per capita should be paid to primary chapter and not your secondary chapter and more would be duals but paying that twice is too much for me and am sure for others. So guess at Grand Chapter on Friday we will have to make a choice! Be there on Friday for legislation and give your opinion, we need to speak up.

Enough of that, I am looking forward as usual for Grand Chapter and seeing all the members I don't see thru the year from other chapters, it is always so much fun seeing everyone and hearing what has been happening in their lives and Chapters. Love staying in the Hotel, sitting back and letting others do the work, making my bed, cleaning the room and bringing me food - I always feel so important those few days of my life, ha. Hate the packing and unpacking but it is all worth it for a few days of seeing friends. So make your plans for coming to Grand Chapter in September and having a good time and enjoy your time at the Hotel and seeing friends.

A person once ask me what a Hoedown was?

I told her it's like a Shindig but more like a Hootenanny!

I could see her confusion when her face went Cattywampus!

That's all for now folks - see ya in September at Grand Chapter!



RESUMES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In Alphabetical Order

DANIEL L. BROOKS

Mr. Dan Brooks, is an executive professional with over 45 years of experience in information technology development, business development, program leadership and leading operations of complex organizations and companies. His demonstrated skill in all aspects of process and systems engineering including designing business objectives and creating primary sources for requirements has led to his success in many different technical and leadership positions. Dan led a large-\$4BN in revenue-organization at MCIWorldcom designing, developing and implementing Interactive Voice Response Systems both "in the network" and company premise-based. "In the Network" is what we now call "The cloud". Additionally, he led his organization to design and implement Voice Recognition systems that were years ahead of most of the industry. Mr. Brooks is credited with coining the phrase "The Next Generation Network".

Dan has been successful leading organizations and project teams from Antarctica to Afghanistan and from Deep Space to Deep Ocean. Many of these projects were in difficult and hostile environments. His proven leadership and ability to effectively communicate both up and down the leadership chain has inspired confidence and respect among coworkers and clients.

Mr. Brooks' has demonstrated experience in project/program recovery, developing and implementing strategic plans encompassing revenues, costs, budgets, product development, EVM and quality assurance. One program he led achieved 11 consecutive quarterly 100% award fees.

Dan has transitioned his successful program and project leadership skills to the Business Development arena. These skills have proven valuable as he has led his capture and proposal development teams to winning over \$15 Billion in the past 13 years for his clients. These capture and proposal efforts ranged from very complex, space based efforts to logistics and services contracts within hostile regions of the world.

Mr. Brooks is highly skilled in teaching/mentoring Project Management and business development techniques and principles, designing training programs to develop realistic views of complex projects/solicitations and building consensus/agreement on methods and scope of effort for each project.

Mr. Brooks served as a United States Army Infantry Officer reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel prior to retirement. Dan graduated from the Army Ranger, Special Forces and Airborne courses as well as the Command and General Staff College. Approximately half way through his career he transitioned into

systems and acquisitions and led organizations developing, and operating mission critical systems. His terminal assignment was as the Deputy Chief of Staff Information Management of an Army Regional Support Command.

Dan is a Past Patron of Fountain Valley Chapter #155, Fountain, Colorado and a Past Master of El Paso Lodge #13 in Colorado Springs. He is currently serving the Grand Chapter on the Glenn Monroe Youth Scholarship Committee and as Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Colorado. Brother Brooks served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge as New Member Development Committee Chairman in 2007 and on the Youth Committee for several years. He has served Colorado Job's Daughters in many capacities from Associate Grand Guardian, Jurisprudence Committee Chair, Parliamentarian, and other special and standing committees. Dan currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the Colorado Lindsay Scholarship Fund, Inc and President of the Trustees of El Paso Lodge No 13 AF&AM, Inc.(Owners of the Colorado Springs Masonic Center and Grand Lodge Buildings). Dan is a member of Scottish Rite, Al Kaly Shrine, and serves as Associate Patron of Pikes Peak Court, Order of the Amaranth.

Mr. Brooks was raised in central Montana. He graduated from Montana State University with a BA in Government/Political Science and Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA with a MS degree in Information Systems Management (Systems/Software Engineering). Mr. Brooks most recent DoD background security adjudication was Top Secret eligible under the continuous evaluation program completed in November of 2022.

ALENE CHILDS

Education

Graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY May 1979
BS in Nursing 1990 University of Wyoming.

Work History

1990-1992-Ivinson Memorial Hospital – staff RN Family Care Unit – Newborn and Level 2 nursery, Labor and Delivery and Postpartum care. Trained to do C-Section recovery.

1992-1997-Ivinson Memorial Hospital – Post Anesthesia Care Unit and Outpatient Surgery Unit- worked Pre-Op assessment,

Pre-op preparation for surgery, post anesthesia care unit and step-down outpatient surgery. Trained in IV conscious sedation administration. ACLS and PALS trained.

1997-2000-Mt San Rafael Hospital- home health RN.

2000-2001-Fresenius Medical Care -Walsenburg dialysis- staff RN in outpatient dialysis unit.

2001-present – manager of Fresenius Medical Care – Walsenburg dialysis unit- also work as staff RN.

2008-2010-managed the Fresenius Medical Care – La Junta dialysis unit as well. Scheduled staff and patients, staff evaluations, ensured staff up to date on education, was responsible for all Quality Assurance, Infection Control, responsible for state and national reporting, new client intake. I work closely with nephrologist and physician extenders, social workers, dieticians and machine technicians to ensure dialysis unit runs as smoothly as possible. I am responsible for keeping us within our budget, keeping costs as low as possible and still providing quality care to our clients. These dialysis units have been citation free from State Health department and we have won numerous awards for our quality care. I am dedicated to giving our patients the best experience and highest quality of life possible.

Eastern Star History

Joined Upton Ch #32 in Upton WY in May 1983. I held offices of Chaplain, Adah and Martha and Assoc. Conductress. In 1987, we moved to Laramie WY where I raised to children and pursued my nursing degree. We were not active in Eastern star in Laramie.

1997-we moved to Trinidad CO and met Russell and Marie Sharpe and became active in Star again taking a dual membership with Trinidad Ch #1. I held the office of Assoc Cond, Cond, Assoc Matron and Worthy Matron. I have been Worthy Matron approx. 6 times. I have been organist, treasurer and am currently secretary for Trinidad Ch. #1. In 2021, Upton Chapter gave up charter and we joined Raton Ch #1, Raton, NM.

I am a hard worker, dedicated to any endeavor I take on. I believe I have the experience to be an asset to the Board of Directors. I am familiar with budgets and cost savings and know how to manage people. I enjoy working on difficult assignments and think I am pretty good at “thinking outside the box” which is often the key to solving difficult problems. I love Eastern Star and all it stands for and want to work hard to keep our Grand Chapter and beautiful Order going as long as we possibly can.

This Letter is a formal notice of my intent to run for one of the open positions on the Colorado Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Board of Directors.

I have been a member of the order since April of 2006, and hold Dual membership in Heritage #154 (Primary) and AREME #124 chapters. I have held offices of Sentinel, Warder, Chaplain, Associate Patron and served as Worthy Patron 3 times in two Different Chapters. I have served as both a member of, and Chairman of the Finance Committee for AREME chapter.

In my Masonic Journey, I have been a Master Mason since 1998. I am a member of New Frontier Lodge #134 in Denver, and have served as Worshipful Master twice for Cherry Point Lodge #178. I am a Member of the Scottish Rite, Denver Consistory and served through the Denver Consistory line ending as presiding officer of that line in 2013. I am a member of the El Jebel shrine and have served as Chieftain (presiding officer) in the Pipe Band inner body, and am currently serving as Pipe Sergeant and as Vice Chieftain.

I am a retired Senior Programmer Analyst for a 3rd Party Benefit Administrator. We handled Health Funds, Pension Funds and Annuity funds primarily for Union Clients. I currently have a retirement side business as a musician.

I have also served on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Irish Pipe band in the late 1990s — early 2000s.

I would look forward to working with like minded sisters and brothers to put the Grand Chapter on a solid fiscal path to the future that allows our order to continue serving our members and the general public as it has for the past 125 plus years.

CAN YOU WEAR WHITE AFTER LABOR DAY?

This supposed-remnant of high society has long since gone by the wayside. During a segment on the 3rd Hour of TODAY, lifestyle expert Kathy Buccio explained that when it comes wearing white after Labor Day, there are no rules.

"You can wear all the white in the world that you want," Buccio said on the show.

But how did this outdated fashion commandment become a thing to begin with?

According to Emily Post, those who could afford to vacation during the hot summer months left their "city clothes" behind in favor of "light, whiter, summer outfits." Once autumn arrived, those leisure clothes were put away and "more formal city clothes" were once again worn.

Hollywood stylist and Dhstyle Inc. CEO, Dana Asher-Levine, tells Shop TODAY that the old-fashioned sentiment might likely have arisen, in part, from simple logistics.

"Many years ago, shopping was very seasonal. You bought clothes for fall, holidays and spring and summer," Asher-Levine says. "White was never available in the winter months. Now with fast fashion, collections changing monthly, white is a staple color year-round."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S CLUB



On Sunday,
August 27,
members of the
Grand
Representative's
Club met at Mt.

Zion #133 to
partake in their
delicious pancake
breakfast. We
were joined by the
Grand Family.



At
about 11:00, we
retired to the Chapter room and
conducted necessary business, after which we
honored the members of the Grand Family. Sister Imogene
Musso, President had each grand officer come forward and tell
us about one most memorable event of the year. Most replied,
that they could not pick just one event, but that the whole year
has been memorable. Imogene presented each with a bag of
goodies.

After the meeting, several members stayed to enjoy the
"Sight n Sound" production of "The Story of Esther".

For those attending the Grand Representative Luncheon at Grand Chapter: We expect approximately 100 attendees. Tables will be provided for our gift bags. Please come early to add your favor to the bags. Once everyone is settled in, Imogene will ask one person from your table to gather enough bags for your table. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and hopefully your out of state counterparts.



COLORADO INSTRUCTOR'S CLUB

On Friday September 22, 2023, the Colorado Instructor's Club will hold it's annual breakfast meeting at 7:00 am in the ZINK restaurant in the lower level of the hotel. An area will be reserved for our use. Please come and enjoy a wonderful buffet of breakfast items. (Cost \$11 - \$17) No reservation is necessary. If you do not want to eat, then please join us for the meeting. This meeting is open to all Past Area Supervisors and District Instructors, along with Past Grand Lecturers, Past District Lecturers, 2022-2023 Grand Lecturer & District Lecturers, 2023-2024 Grand Lecturer & District Lecturers and members of Star. Dues for the club are only \$2.00.

New officers will be elected. Currently, the Officers are President – Sharon Heintzen; Vice President – Ken Ashwood and Secretary/Treasurer – CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad.

GRAND CHAPTER SILENT AUCTION



Exciting Items, On-line bidding, and Buy It Now!

This year's silent auction is open to everyone and you don't want to miss it! We have more than 50 exciting packages including amazing

experiences in Colorado and beyond, delicious wine and food baskets, and beautiful handmade items! Check out the list below, or online at www.oes-colorado.org/2023-Silent-Auction for a sneak peek!

Unable to make it to Grand Chapter? You can still bid and win! Want to check at midnight to see if you are still the highest bidder on an item? You can! **NEW THIS YEAR** – bidding will be available **24/7 ONLINE!** Online bidding will be open simultaneously with in-person bidding so you can join the fun at any time, from anywhere. In-person and online bidding begins Wednesday September 20, 2023 – more information to follow.

Also new this year is the option to **"BUY IT NOW."** Skip the waiting and watching. For an additional donation/convenience fee, you can "buy now" the item you have your eye on, and it's yours. No one can outbid you!

All proceeds benefit the Colorado Eastern Star General Operating Fund. Silent auction bidding closes at 1:00 pm MT Saturday September 23, 2023. In-person bidding closes at 2:00 pm MT Saturday September 23, 2023. All items must be picked up and/or paid for by 4:00 pm MT Saturday September 23, 2023. Cash, check or credit card payment accepted. Not all items are available to ship – check with silent auction staff to confirm which items can be shipped.*

*To cover the cost of processing a credit card transaction, and pursuant to section 5-2-212, Colorado revised statutes, a seller or lessor may impose a processing surcharge in an amount not to exceed the merchant discount fee that the seller or lessor incurs in processing the transaction.

WHY WE CELEBRATE LABOR DAY & THE MEANING BEHIND IT

By Zoe Sottile, CNN



Members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union stand on 5th Avenue during the Labor Day Parade, in New York, New York, on September 6, 1982.

You probably associate Labor Day with sales, family barbecues and the unofficial end of summer.

For most Americans, the long weekend is a much-needed opportunity to reconnect with friends and family and provides a last hurrah before the start of fall.

But Monday's holiday holds a much deeper meaning, rooted in the 19th century fight for fair working conditions. Labor Day was originally designed to honor workers as part of the American organized labor movement.

When Labor Day started

Labor Day was first celebrated unofficially by labor activists and individual states in the late 1800s, according to the US Department of Labor. New York was the first state to introduce a bill recognizing Labor Day, but Oregon was the first to actually codify it into law in 1887. Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York had followed suit by the end of 1887.

Joshua Freeman, a labor historian and professor emeritus at the City University of New York, tells CNN that the holiday developed as unions were beginning to strengthen again after the 1870s recession.

In New York City, two events converged that contributed to the formation of Labor Day, Freeman says. First, the now-defunct Central Labor Union was formed as an "umbrella body" for unions across trades and ethnic groups. Additionally, the Knights of Labor, then the largest national labor convention, held a convention in the city, complete with a large parade. But the parade fell on a Tuesday at the start of September – and many workers were unable to attend.

The convention was a huge success, and unions around the country started holding their own labor celebrations at the start of September, usually on the first Monday of the month.

At the beginning, "it was a somewhat daring move to participate, because you could get yourself fired," Freedman said. But over time, states began to recognize the holiday, and it

became more common for employers to give their employees the day off.

It wasn't until June 28, 1894 that Congress passed an act naming the first day of September a legal holiday called Labor Day.

Freeman says that earlier that year, President Grover Cleveland sent in the military to squash the Pullman railway strike. Cleveland pushed through legislation to recognize Labor Day just days after the strike ended, in a "gesture towards organized labor," Freeman said.



A marching band at the Labor Day Parade in Silverton, Colorado, in September 1940.

What Labor Day means The evolution of Labor Day

Over time, the radical politics around Labor Day became tempered. Around the world, most countries honor workers with a holiday called May Day, celebrated on May 1, which also has its origins in the late 19th century and the fight for the eight-hour work day. For a long time, Freeman says, Americans celebrated both May Day and Labor Day.

But eventually, Labor Day began to be seen as the more "moderate" of the two holidays, in comparison to May Day, which was originally established by the Marxist International Socialist Congress.

"By the turn of the 20th century, calls for transforming American life, they pretty much disappear from Labor Day," Freeman said. "As more and more employers began to give all their workers the day off, it became less associated specifically with unions."

After World War II, Labor Day celebrations had a brief revival, especially in cities like Detroit and New York City. But by the 60s and 70s, they had tapered off again.

"I think most people just think of it as the end of summer holiday," Freeman said. "It's not really associated with its origins that much."

If two people or two creatures are connected by an elastic band and one of them shakes it or lets it go, the other one feels the difference. They may not understand the exact circumstances of the event, but they definitely know that something has changed. People and their pets are often connected by just such a psychic rubber band. Author Rupert Sheldrake studied this phenomenon extensively and wrote a book called "Dogs that know when their owners are coming home".

- A dog sitter was caring for a friend's dog when the dog went to stand at the front door, remaining there for three hours. The dog sitter thought the dog needed to relieve himself, but that wasn't the case. Three hours later, the dog's owner showed up – 2 days before he was due to return home. "I had no idea the owner would return early and I have no idea how the dog knew that", the dog sitter remarked.
- When Louise set off for home from her place of work, her husband at home noted that their dog BJ always went to the door to wait for her, regardless of the time she left and regardless of what vehicle she used: her car, her husband's car, a work vehicle or a taxi.
- One dog's propensity for knowing when his people were coming home was so striking that the couple who owned him started taking notes on his behavior. One day the wife went into town to do some shopping while the husband stayed home with the dog. The husband noted that the dog went and stood at his post by the window at 4:15, waited there for a few minutes and then took a nap on the living room rug. An hour later, he resumed his post at the window and the wife returned home shortly after. When she walked in the door, her husband said, "You decided to come home at 4:15 but changed your mind and left for home at 5:15 instead, didn't you?" She confirmed that was true
- During WWII, the citizens of England were subjected to truthless German bombing raids. One citizen reported that their little black mongrel dog would bark to go out at the back door and would bark up a storm while in the backyard. Without fail, the bombing raids would start almost exactly ten minutes later. The dog was so accurate in his predictions that his owners would go up and down the street warning the neighbors of the impending raid.