



# A-U-2 Review



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THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

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## SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Can you feel it? Are your senses beginning to get that once a year tingling that the earth is beginning to awaken? Are you done with the cold and the blue days of winter? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you may have a case of spring fever. I for one can answer 'yes' to

all of the above and I am busy planning my 2021 garden adventure.

One of the main reasons that I chose the Rhythm of Life as the theme for the year probably goes back to my love of gardening. The rhythm and cycles of life that are so much a part of the gardening experience are wonderful metaphors that can teach and help us understand the world and our place in it.

I was talking with one of my neighbors earlier this week over the back fence. And as I stood there looking at a partially snow covered patch of earth which will eventually become a part of my garden, I shared with her my vision and how much I love to plan my garden and look forward to the warmer weather and planting the seeds that with luck and a little hard work, will become the beautiful garden that I will enjoy throughout the spring, summer and fall months.



Her response to my exuberance surprised me and got me thinking. She said that she had read an article that stated most home gardeners never even come close to realizing what they had hoped to achieve for their efforts and this can actually result in increased frustration and even depression on the part of the gardener. Wow, talk about a wet blanket. What my neighbor did not realize was that a garden is much more than vegetables and flowers and the harvest is far more spiritual than physical.

A garden is a way that we can reinforce our belief in the miracle and beauty of life and our ability through faith, love and hard work to increase our enjoyment of the gifts that our Heavenly Father has so abundantly blessed this earth with.

We are all gardeners whether we know it or not. I believe  
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## DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

I hope you and your families are well. We have had some very cold days and nights with temperatures in the negative numbers. I hope all of you were able to stay safe and warm. At least the measurable snow fall we have had will give us some much needed moisture as it melts.

The year seems to be moving along at a rapid pace. The month of March has already arrived and we will be celebrating Easter early next month, I believe on April 4th. The last Official Visit took place a year ago on March 13, 2020, at Pueblo Chapter #7. It seems as though it was quite a while ago. A lot has happened, but through it all we are still here and ready to continue onward. I hope as more people get the required two vaccinations, more restrictions will be lessened and we will be able to return safely to some of our meetings.

A pleasant thought is looking forward to the arrival of spring and milder temperatures. Our yards will slowly lose the dormant brown color and start to turn green. Seeing the trees and shrubs starting to have buds and preparing flower beds for the coming summer. All are signs of starting a new season and new life.



As we progress through getting control of the pandemic and eventually it becomes a thing of the past, just think about the stories and different ways you had to do things and sharing that with your grandchildren or great grandchildren. What you had to do to manage during this period of time. How important and how much we relied on computers. From working at home, communicating with friends and family, shopping for groceries, zoom meetings for social contact or business, medical appointments, attending school etc. Can you imagine how much more difficult it was one hundred years ago during that pandemic? People adapted and managed then as we are doing now. It just goes to show how good we are and how resilient we

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that when we are conceived, we become souls on loan to this world for a short time. We are put here to grow, to increase our knowledge of the world around us and to

mature and bear the fruit of charity, understanding, empathy and to help others in their journey of life. And if we are extremely lucky we will find love in another kindred spirit and our eyes will be opened to all the beauty that is found in the wisdom of our Creator and His creation.

As spiritual gardeners our life's garden will experience drought, pestilence, disease and yes maybe even a pandemic. It's how we handle and tend to our life's garden that will determine the final harvest. If we use the tools of courage, hope, faith and love we can expect a fruitful harvest. However, if we give way to worry, depression and hopelessness, then our harvest will be barren desolation and our soul lost to endless separation from God's eternal love. Let us all tend our garden well.

This March I would like to encourage all of my Sisters and Brothers, even those who are not lucky enough to have a patch of earth to love and transform, to buy pack of seeds and plant them in a container or buy a plant to set in your window, tend them, nurture them and watch them grow. What a wonder it is that such a small thing as watching a plant grow can so positively affect your perception of the life that is all around you. Let's open our eyes and let the miracle of renewal that is spring inspire us to renew our commitment to each other and our Order.

We have also been given a spiritual garden to plant and tend. Our Masonic Family is the fertile earth. The seeds are the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order, fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. Let us care for our spiritual seeds and help them grow and by our actions and service to each other we will be blessed with a bountiful harvest of good deeds and with that will come the true happiness of knowing that we are obeying God's greatest commandment, "that we love one another".

*In Faith and Love, Anna*



have become when there is a need. Hopefully, we will move toward the end of all the restrictions, with the increased vaccination effort, safely and quickly.

I hope you will all stay safe and be well.

Fraternally Yours, Bob

### **"The Prayer of a Farmer"**

*A pastor asked an older farmer,  
decked out in bib overalls,  
to say grace for the morning breakfast.*

*"Lord, I hate buttermilk",  
the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened  
one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder  
where this was going.*

*The farmer loudly proclaimed,  
"Lord, I hate lard."  
Now the pastor was growing concerned.*

*Without missing a beat, the farmer continued,  
"And Lord, you know I don't much care for  
raw white flour".  
The pastor once again opened an eye to glance  
around the room and saw that he wasn't the  
only one to feel uncomfortable.*

*Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you  
mix them all together and bake them, I do  
love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things  
come up that we don't like, when life gets  
hard, when we don't understand what you're  
saying to us, help us to just relax and wait  
until you are done mixing. It will probably be  
even better than biscuits. Amen."*

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN

(Courtesy of Krista Shaner, PM, Grand Chaplain)





## Our Chapter Reporters

### COLORADO #2 – LEADVILLE

*Robert Trezise, PP- Reporter*

This Victorian wreath from Colorado #2's fundraiser brought Christmas cheer to a home in El Paso, Texas. It is still green and fresh and is thriving in the recent unseasonable Texas cold weather.

The Chapter enjoyed a Valentine dinner. The potluck included green salad, apple and grape salad, pasta casserole and baklava for dessert. The nine members present had the meeting with full attendance, since each member took two offices.

The Chapter will soon be receiving applications for the Dessie Powell scholarship; a \$1000 award. Hopefully, the stormy weather will hold off for the February 23 meeting.



### GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

*Cheryl Ann, WM, PGM - Reporter Protem*

We are excited to have balloted on and accepted the petition of our prospect Savannah. Her Initiation Ceremony will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We are certain Savannah will be a wonderful member. She is excited, energetic and anxiously waiting to become a member.

I was visiting with the daughter of one our 60 plus year members. She told me how much her Mother and Grandmother loved Eastern Star. So I asked her why she wasn't a member. Same story we hear so often, "too busy with career and raising family". I told her about the upcoming fundraisers and how, much of the funds will be donated to so many different charities. Now after being retired, she needs some interaction and would like to get involved with charity work. Guess what? She asked for a petition so she can 1) do charity work, but more importantly, 2) she wants to carry on her Mother's and Grandmother's legacy. We look forward to her initiation and being part of her Eastern Star journey.

At our meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the success of our Valentine's Dinner.

The Chapter room was transformed into a dining room and tastefully

decorated with shades of red, pink and white valentines and table

coverings. Centerpieces for each table were rose bowls with colored marbles, a small arrangement of petite flowers and a battery votive candle. The lights were turned down low and music played softly in the background. It made for a "romantic" setting. The Cornish Hen was 'fall off the bone' delicious and the Pot Roast was so tender, you could cut it with your fork. Portions were very ample as many guests took home 'to go' boxes. The wait staff was commended for their efficiency. The dinner was very well received and enjoyed by all. Even the worker bees had a good time. They enjoyed visiting with our guests.

Therefore, it was decided to try the restaurant type style again, so we have added a Cinco de Mayo Mexican Dinner to our lineup. It will be in May; details to come.

Coming up next is our St. Patrick's Smorgasbord on March 6. A flyer is included in this issue. Please come out and enjoy some Corned Beef and Cabbage. AND if that is not to your liking, we have also included Oven Fried Chicken. Reservations are required, as seating is limited to the first 50 people. (See Flyer)

Garden City is excited to present the "Valiant Villian" at our first ever Dinner Theater production to be presented on April 10. As with all our dinners, we will observe health recommendations and social distancing and therefore, reservations will again be required and limited to the first 50 people. (See Flyer)

The members of our Chapter have primarily been keeping healthy, safe and warm. However, prayers are asked for Brother Larry Moody as he continues to struggle with some dizziness (it was great to see him at the last meeting); his son Mike, who is recovering from a heart valve replacement; Sister Genie Meyer, as she continues to regain her strength after hip surgery; Sister Lorita Seidler's husband, Andy, as he continues to improve from a terrible tumble last fall; and Sister Amethyst Nagy for an emergency surgery a couple of weeks ago – all is well physically, but lots of emotional healing is



ahead. Our Chapter sends their condolences to Sister Lina Byrd in the passing of her husband Ray. What a dear sweet man, who will be missed by so many.

May you all have a safe and fun St. Patrick's Day, from our Chapter to you:



#### PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

*Joanie Briggs, PM - Reporter*

Helloooo! WM Mary Beth Messer has been putting gas in the tank, and filling the tires with air, and Pueblo 7 is coming back to life! COVID restrictions hit us hard last year, as Pueblo County closed facilities and restricted outside activities (similar to everywhere else...) We donned masks to match our outfits, and had a meeting on Jan. 13, 2021 after not meeting since Oct. 2020. Attendance was light, but we were able to have a full meeting! Yippee Skippy!! Unfortunately, the next meeting was canceled due to weather – darn that Mother Nature. Grrr.

Pueblo 7 has been blessed with 2 applications for dual membership, so we would like to officially WELCOME Ann Buys and Jeannie Maher!

Wondering about the Pueblo annual Vidalia Onion Fundraiser? We are too... Chapter is awaiting more info about the availability, process, and price from the distributors. Due to many changes in the supply chain, some of the details have not been worked through completely. We will let you know the plans, price, & dates as soon as we have the final numbers. Thank you, everyone, for your continued support of this fundraiser.



Blessings for Pueblo 7: Brother Sam Stephens sends his Star Love and Best wishes to everyone. He wanted us to know that he feeling great, is healthy, turned 95 yrs. old during quarantine, and is

still driving! Way to go Sam! Sister Brooke Swallow (daughter of Sr. Bridgette & Br. Joe Paseka) will be having another baby in late June. This is her 3<sup>rd</sup> child, which means another beautiful grandDAUGHTER for the Pasekas.

#### COLLINS #26, FORT COLLINS

*Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter*

Happy March!

Happy Longer, warmer days!

Winter is hanging on with all it's might but the warm and sunny days are coming soon.

Collins #26 was able to hold an in person meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 17 members in attendance.

We needed to conduct a lot of business and acknowledge the passing of our beloved member PGP Lee Blooding, as well as two other Colorado PGP's.

Jim Oldson, PGP was given his 60 yr Masonic membership pin.

It was announced that Geary Senter, PP, had passed away on the morning of February 9<sup>th</sup>.

See more under "Blast From the Past".

Happy St. Patty's Day to all.



#### SILVER STAR #40, MONTROSE

*Suzanne Teague, PM Reporter*

In spite of snow, freezing temperatures outside and COVID, Silver Star Chapter has been able to hold **two** in-person meetings this month! Some chairs were not filled and some were filled with willing substitutes.



WM Cindy Wardlaw, PGM and GGCCM, Registration, has tested our brains with *Jeopardy* questions about our Order which is always fun! And, we were able to accomplish some actual business!

At our second meeting, we read **two** more petitions and will work on how to get them initiated along with the lady we are already waiting to initiate. We are helping Sunshine Chapter #53 as they initiate a new member and perhaps they will come and help us. Regardless, it is rather exciting to



finally be able to meet **and** to initiate three new members! Of course, masks and social distancing, along with COVID guidelines were observed at our meetings. We sure miss those hugs!

Many of us have received COVID vaccinations and look forward to the immunity they should provide. WM Cindy and WP Len both had reactions to the shots but have recovered. Hopefully they will receive *some* immunity!

Darley Hoffman, PM is recovering well from her bout with COVID and the doctor finally allowed her to go without her supplemental oxygen. It was a huge relief for her. She no longer needs to use a walker! Hooray Darley!

Several shared news of grandchildren being born: Elaine Babcock, Mary Ellen & Bill Harris, Bonnie Lou Lamb, Mary Melton and Darley Hoffman. It will be wonderful when they will be able to travel to see them. Hopefully in the not-to-distant future. (*Wondering: Is the baby boom due to COVID confinement?*)

AGP Keith Hoey is embarking on a new adventure! He is going to school to be a Second Party Tester for those wanting to obtain a CDL. We all knew it was going to be difficult for him not to be busy! Shelley has been substituting at the dentist office more than she really wanted to. Both are really enjoying retirement in spite of being busy and working some.

We are also making plans for our Official Visit! Not sure exactly when it will be but we are making plans anyway! It sure will be nice to see folks again.

We send our love to all of you out there and pray that you will all stay well. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

*Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter*

Faith n' Begorrah 'Tis March!

Sunshine #53 has been together for a few meeting and it is so good to see people! The committee reported favorably on our newest petitioner, KayDee Fuzukawa, and she will be initiated March 2!

We lost one of our favorite people in Dick Pittman (husband of Lynda) on January 30. He had demitted as he was unable to attend meetings but was a mainstay for Sunshine as well as Waunita for many

years. Please keep Lynda and family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Remember those Ancestry commercials where the guy trades in his plaid for I lederhosen? Well, that's me. HOWEVER I refuse to give up my love of all things Celtic and, since it's time for St. Paddy's day, I am sharing a great recipe and way to use up your extra cabbage that didn't go in with the corned beef.

### Potatoes Colcannon

**4 russet potatoes** (2 to 2 1/2 pounds),  
peeled and cut into large chunks

**Salt**

**5 to 6 Tbsp unsalted butter**  
(with more butter for serving)

**3 lightly packed cups of chopped kale,**  
cabbage, chard, or other leafy green

**3 green onions minced** (about 1/2 cup)  
(including the green onion greens)

**1 cup milk or cream**

1. Boil potatoes in cold water w/2 TBSP of salt until tender. Drain
2. Cook greens and green onions with butter for 3-4 minutes. Mash the potatoes with milk or cream and greens.

Palisade #90 always celebrated President's Day with a Martha Washington Dinner after church on Sunday. Served family style; we saw lots of old friends at this event. Ham, mashed potatoes, applesauce (made by Arlene Potter), brown bread (made by Mary Faye Hampton) and your choice of apple or cherry pie. I think the last time this was done, we charged \$8.00 It was a lot of work and the meeting after was always short form!

Stay safe, Brothers and Sisters and Slán go fóill.(good-bye until later)

### EDITH #61 – YAMPA

*Debra Knott, PM - Reporter*



"Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" We are finally getting some snow. The snow level is almost up to "normal" heights. No one is really complaining

because we really need the moisture.

Edith Chapter has been closed since the end of November. Mainly due to the county's Covid restrictions but we usually go dark in January and February. We are hoping to start meeting again in

March. It will be great seeing each other again and catching up with their lives.

In December, our chapter usually adopts a family for Christmas. This year, we went a different route. We gave to the local food bank, the Resident Activity Fund at the extended care center in Steamboat, and to a local Senior community member in need. We felt that we were able to help more in our community going this way. We also donated Santa Goodie Bags to the Little Lambs Preschool/Daycare in Phippsburg.

As we all look forward to the new year and starting fresh, let us remember to inspire the tenets of Truth, Charity, Loyalty, and Kindness to all.



#### EXCELSIOR #66 – LAFAYETTE

*Carol Danford, PM - Reporter*

On February 9th, Excelsior Chapter had an in-person regular meeting, with ten members present. Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a petition for degrees from Kyra MacGregor. The Chapter is hoping to have initiation for five candidates in the Spring.

We have asked the Grand Chapter Officers to perform the Initiation, providing the COVID restrictions will allow it. Date, time and place will be announced as soon as plans can be put in place.

Our Friendship Night in March has been cancelled.



The Chapter sent Valentines to all our members, complete with a tea bag to be enjoyed. We received many positive comments on our efforts to keep in touch with our Members!

Several of our Members have been on the Illness & Distress List: Terry Wilhoft fell and was in Northern Suburban Medical Center. She is now in an Assisted Living Facility. Her new phone # is 720-259-5655 and would appreciate calls. Deb Rainer is in the hospital but not with COVID. WP Art Light was in and out of the hospital and is now in re-hab. Cynthia Gray got tangled up with her dog and fell. She had two surgeries on her arm with two plates, screws and staples put in to help her heal.

Ed Domenico's funeral will be Thursday, May 27th at a church in Louisville. He requested an

Eastern Star Funeral. Time and place will be announced, closer to May.

We hope all Members are staying safe and warm during this "Interesting" Winter of 2021! Star Love to All!

#### MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

*Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter*

#### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

*"For each petal on the shamrock  
this brings a wish your way.*



*Good health, good luck,  
and happiness for today and every day."*

Hopefully, March will see more chapters meeting in person as more members are vaccinated and feel comfortable gathering in groups.

As I was perusing the Centennial Book recently, I found tidbits on ingenious methods of handling ballots for membership. Note - these instances occurred before the rules required three black cubes be cast for rejection.

- The husband of a member petitioned. The first ballot was not clear. When a second ballot was called for, a member on one side of the room rose, addressed the Worthy Matron, and asked that all members on this side of the room be excused from balloting. The request was granted and a member on the opposite side of the room made a similar request, which was also granted. The officers, in turn, went to the ballot box, tapped the top of the ballot box, but did not ballot. The ballot box upon being examined and reported in the West and East was declared clear. The candidate was never initiated because of a protest to the manner in which the balloting was handled.

- In another instance, after the result of the ballot was reported as not favorable, an officer rose and stated, "I made a mistake and dropped a black cube instead of a white ball so the ballot should be declared favorable." With no further comment or action, the Worthy Matron declared the applicant elected to membership.

- An unusual happening related to balloting happened when a collective ballot on a man and his wife proved unfavorable. They were then balloted on individually. The man received a black cube, and when balloting was taking place on the lady, her father, when his turn came to ballot, took a black cube, held it up and declared, "I'm sure my daughter

would not want to be a member if her husband cannot belong.” He then cast the black cube.

- In the days when many candidates were available, one Brother, who resented visitors and especially Official Visits, devised the following to upset everyone. Five candidates were balloted upon collectively. The ballot was not clear, thus causing each to be balloted upon separately. This time all ballots were clear, but considerable time was consumed as well as much anxiety caused. Afterward, he boasted of his deed.

Not making any judgements here; just sharing some recorded oddities which occurred during the first 100 years of Eastern Star in Colorado.

The following is taken from the same volume.

*A little more kindness and a little less creed,  
A little more giving and a little less greed;  
A little more smile and a little less frown,  
A little less kicking a man when he's down;  
A little more “we” and a little less “I”,  
A little more laugh and a little less cry;  
A few more flowers on the pathway of life,  
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.*

*-Author Unknown*

Be safe & take care of each other.

-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.



### HOPE #122 - BENNETT

*Gaylene Alton, PM - Reporter*

Well, here we go into another month and just got a notice that we are going to start Official Visits in March, Dawn #125 will start off on the 20 and Hope #122 will be next on the 27<sup>th</sup> so looks like we are ON THE ROAD AGAIN! YEA! BEEN WAITING A YEAR FOR THIS. Will be nice seeing everyone again and even if we have to stay away from one another we will still be together and oh how we need to do this! I for one will always wear a mask, I cannot take the shot as I get whatever I take, yes I know this is not a live vaccine but I am still afraid. I was down about 6 years ago because I took a flu shot

and 9 months was a long time, so not risking it I don't care what is said. I'll be the one in a mask. Ha

Hope Chapter has NOT been meeting but we seem to stay in contact with one another and that is good as we need the contact. Dues are due and we need the money as our bills just keep coming and we have NO way to make money for the Chapter. We are relying on donations and dues (which isn't very much) but we are getting by so far but not sure how much longer we can go without making some money. We used to make and serve dinner at Part Hill Lodge in Denver and that helped with our expenses but they have not called us to come back and not sure they are meeting yet so will see how it goes.

I received in the mail the Eastern Star /Masonic Spotlight this week and under activities recap my



son Nathan's horse and El Jebel's carriage is in the pictures and I am in the back with the red jacket, it was a fun day! Nathan drives for a

Carriage Company down town Denver on the weekends. He now has a carriage with a surrey on the top and is fixing it up so he can use his own horses and hire out for different outings. He is working hard getting the surrey ready and should look nice but will take time.

I read something the other day that said A NEW YEAR – PERHAPS A NEW BEGINNING! I like that, it is a new year and for me a new beginning and for Star also. I for one never realized how much I could miss Eastern Star. We joined in 1976 at Lakewood #139 because Don was Assembly Dad for the Rainbow girls and I stayed in the basement as I could not attend the meetings. We joined Eastern Star so I could join in at the Rainbow meetings and that was all we wanted, but look what happened! We joined and Max Paulson and Midge Theel was the Worthy Matron and Patron and we had such a good time and they invited us to go to Edgewater to a Pentalpha/ Alpha party we went with Helen and Otis Askren. When we got home we decided it was “just” a meeting why did they call it a party? We never figured that out! Then we went to an Official Visit now that was a long meeting, that was when initiation was held at all OV's it was nice but long night and Don had to work the next day so was a short night for sleep. We always enjoyed going to the meeting of the different chapters and always wore a formal and he always had a tux



on. Over the years things had really changed and can't say I miss the initiations at all OV's but they were done so elegantly that you enjoyed the evening. It was always nice seeing all the people, used to have over 100 +s at meetings and it was a nice time and a fun seeing all the members dressed up and looking their best. We had a lot of friends we were always looking forward to seeing everyone. I remember when I got a Grand Representative it was so special even if I didn't know where Wild Wonderful West Virginia was! I had a wonderful counter partner and we went to her OV as we missed Grand Chapter. Martha ask us to come and we met so many great people there and so glad I had that one change to be a Grand Representative. We met Barbara White PWGM at the time and went to an after party at her home, she was so nice and never forgot who I was and when she was WGM she always looked me up here in Colorado and we have been friends since. Little did we know at the time we were in their home that she would be Grand Marsha for General Grand Chapter and we would share that station The Star Light Grand Session. We had a lot of fun and caused a fuss most of the time, but it was a fun fuss and we had lots of laughs. So now we are at a NEW YEAR AND A NEW BEGINNING – I hope and pray we can keep out chapters going and have fun and get more members as we sure do need them. I was ask by a former member why I keep going to chapter, she could see nothing about it and I was so disappointed in her. She went to an OV with me and sat by a PGM and all thru the meeting she was looking and texting on her phone. I told her we liked it because it was a place we could go together, meet great people and enjoy a nice meeting. Her answer was well all they do is introduce the same people all the time. I asked her if she listened to the WGM and WGP's message for the evening and she just looked at me like what message. She thought we should wear street cloths, slacks, and make it casual and I thought to myself., I like to put on a long dress, dress up and look nice and see friends I had not seen in a day or two and visit and if there is an initiation be proud that someone has joined us. She just could not see it and thought I was silly and demitted as she just could not see anything about it that was so great. I really feel sorry for them as they will be missing a lot of friendships they could have had and got to meet a lot of wonderful people. I know Don and I have always enjoyed our Eastern Star journey and so glad we had the opportunity of being around good people. Now that Don has

passed I hope I can keep up my Star work and proud that we were both Grand Representatives, I was Grand Marshal in 1994-95 for the Star Light Grand Family and Don was Grand Warder in Oceans of Love Grand Family. We have had a wonderful journey in our Eastern Star life and hope I can continue. When we lived in Lakewood & after we came to Hope we used to go to meetings almost every night and never missed an OV. But things and times have changed, not sure for the best but guess change is good.

If anyone from Hope Chapter has something they would like to put in the news PLEASE let me know and I will get it in for you as I am never sure what to write so would love to hear from some of our members. Just Email it to me and it will go in the article. I am always at a loss as to what to write.



Hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and Hope you have a Very Happy and safe St. Patrick's Day. Me - Valentines was good got a nice card and a quiet day, but I like those kind of day and having them a lot in the past year. St Patrick's Day is coming and imagine it will be quiet for me with corn beef & cabbage, I can't get away from cooking that. My folks always had it in the Café in Pisgah and I have cooked it for 63 years so what's another year and we always had corn bread with it.

Take care ya all have a good month and hopefully you will hear from someone else next time.

## LOYALTY #135 - WESTMINSTER

*Marlene Doyle, PM - Reporter*

This cold weather has to move on. I'm ready for some Colorado sunshine to warm my bones. Something that perked me up was being able to go to Chapter Feb.11th for the first time since Oct. We had a great meeting and accomplished a lot of stuff. It was fun seeing all of those that were able to attend. Hopefully we will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from now on.



Our WM was at the ER with back problems, also Sunny Hewitt and Bette Leck are having back problems, kind of slows a body down. Chuck Anderson is in FL with his son. They are planning on being there for a few months. He has been enjoying the warm weather and the swimming pool. We've been in touch with Flo Christian and she has had a toe nail removed and a bad knee. Bernie Cheney



passed away on the 20th of Jan. and we were able to do an OES service for her. Brother Ray Byrd passed away on Feb. 16th I know Sister Lina would appreciate cards. 1374 E. 96th Pl. Thornton 80228-7809 Everyone else seems to be surviving nicely.

Loyalty will be having a Spring Fling Drive By Dinner on Sunday March 28th. Please see the flyer that is attached and we'll look forward to seeing you at our Spring Fling.

Happy St. Patrick's Day☘



### HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

*Laura Schierburg, WM- Reporter*

Happy Birthday  
Heritage Chapter!!  
Heritage Chapter  
celebrated their  
54th birthday in February.



On February 22, 2021, Heritage Chapter initiated and welcomed our newest member, Kendall Taylor. We met Kendall in October of 2019 when she first contacted us about joining Eastern Star. She submitted her petition to join, but due to a couple of snow storms and a world-wide pandemic, Kendall's initiation was postponed until now. In the interim, Kendall jumped right in to our field of service by joining our Zoom meetings, and participating in our chapter service projects and fundraising efforts.

Kendall is from West Virginia and grew up in Atlanta. She has been in Denver for six years with her Shih Tzu, Ana. She is an Art History Student at MSU Denver. During her visits to West Virginia, she would notice her Grandfather and Great Uncle go off to temple, but it wasn't until the untimely passing of her Grandfather did she experience a Masonic funeral ceremony, and understood his position within the Order. That sparked wanting to be a part of her family's legacy. Kendall is very excited to be a part of the Eastern Star Organization.



We are thrilled to have Kendall's kind heart and infectious enthusiasm in our chapter. Welcome to the Star family, Kendall!

### BLAST FROM THE PAST



Does anyone remember the fashion show Orient #23 put on the year Jim Oldson and I, Lydia (Dove) Shelley put on for our official visit? Geary Senter was so animated as one of the models. We dressed all our guys up in women's outfits and had such a good time. The year was 1990 to 1991 and we held the official visit at the Fort Collins temple that year.

– Lydia Shelley, PM Collins #26

The history of Loyalty is long and rich with lots of memories. We've always been a chapter that welcomes others and when we are able to sit around with refreshments or at a dinner, it's nice to hear people's names and think back about when we met them and how they touched our lives at different times, and how others knew or know them. Daylight Chapter #101 affiliated with Temple Chapter in Nov. 1987 and then Fern Chapter #94 affiliated with Temple Chapter in June 1988. Temple chapter #96 affiliated with Unity Dec. 1998. Charity Chapter #152 affiliated June 2000 with Loyalty and Unity Chapter #97 affiliated with Loyalty June 2018. All of these affiliations were sad times for sure, but it has made Loyalty what it is today. We do have fun laughing and reminiscing about Sisters and Brothers and other Chapters. Our WM this term (the year that never ends) has had different members talk about their childhood in different parts of the world, or about a new chapter that they contributed to and maybe an out of state chapter that they attended. The history of our Order is so interesting, we're excited to sit and talk and make more memories. "May God help us to continue this beautiful way of Life." – Marlene Doyle, PM Loyalty #145

## BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE

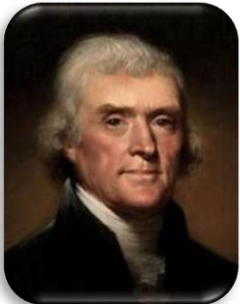
The most destructive habit.....*Worry*  
 The greatest loss.....*Giving*  
 The most satisfying work.....*Helping Others*  
 The ugliest personality trait.....*Selfishness*  
 The greatest "shot in the arm".....*Encouragement*  
 The greatest problem to overcome.....*Fear*  
 The most effective sleeping pill.....*Peace of Mind*  
 The most crippling failure disease.....*Excuses*  
 The most powerful force in life.....*Love*  
 The most dangerous act.....*A Gossip*  
 The world's most incredible computer.....*The Brain*  
 The worst thing to be without.....*Hope*  
 The deadliest weapon.....*The Tongue*  
 The 2 most power-filled words.....*"I CAN"*  
 The greatest asset.....*Faith*  
 The most worthless emotion.....*Self-pity*  
 The most beautiful attire.....*A Smile*  
 The most prized possession.....*Integrity*  
 The most powerful channel of  
 communication.....*Prayer*  
 The most contagious spirit.....*Enthusiasm*

LIFE ends when you stop DREAMING. HOPE ends when you stop BELIEVING. LOVE ends when you stop CARING. So, please share this BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE. FRIENDSHIP ends when you stop SHARING. - Author Unknown

Courtesy of Joanie Briggs, PM Pueblo #7

### ? DID YOU KNOW ?

February was the month known for a holiday known as President's Day. Here are some interesting facts about Thomas Jefferson



His portrait is on the \$2.00 Dollar Bill.

Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.

At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.

At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.

At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages.

At 16, entered the College of William and Mary.

Also could write in Greek with one hand, while writing the same in Latin with the other.

At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.

At 23, started his own law practice.

At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.

At 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America," and retired from his law practice.

At 32, was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress.

At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence.

At 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.

At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia, succeeding Patrick Henry.

At 40, served in Congress for two years.

At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.

At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.

At 53, served as Vice President and was elected President of the American Philosophical Society.

At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of the Republican Party.

At 57, was elected the third president of the United States .

At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase, doubling the nation's size.

At 61, was elected to a second term as President.

At 65, retired to Monticello.

At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.

At 81, almost single-handedly, created the University of Virginia and served as its first president.

At 83, died on the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, along with John Adams.

Thomas Jefferson knew, because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, His laws and the nature of man. That happens to be way more than what most understand today.

Jefferson really knew his stuff...

A voice from the past to lead us in the future:

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement:

"This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House, with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."



# Loyalty's Spring Fling Drive By Dinner



Enjoy a nice hot meal  
Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes  
Fancy Green Beans, A Roll  
Green Salad and  
Yummy Chocolate Cake

**There will only be a certain number  
of dinners prepared so don't delay**

***RSVP to Thresa  
303-859-5636 or 720-495-7344  
by March 22, 2021***



Dinners are \$12 each  
pick up date is:

**Sunday-March 28, 2021  
8151 Bradburn  
between 3 and 5 p.m.**





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ST. PATRICK'S  
SMORGASBORD



Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021

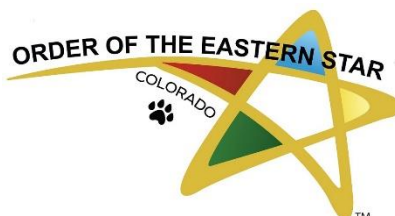
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

CENTURY MASONIC HALL  
2532 9<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, GREELEY

Adults = \$12.00 5 - 12 yrs old = \$6.00

MENU: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes  
Oven Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Salads,  
Desserts & Beverages

Social Distancing: Must make reservations – limited to 50 people  
Curbside and Takeout orders are welcome  
Call or Text CherylAnn 970-396-3364 no later than March 4





# *Garden City Restaurant's*

*Dinner Playhouse Theater  
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## **"THE VALIANT VILLAIN"**

**APRIL 10, 2021**

CENTURY MASONIC HALL  
2532 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE; GREELEY



**SEATING WILL BEGIN AT**

**5:00 pm**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM**

**5:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

**THE SHOW WILL START AT**

**6:15 pm**

Reservations must be made no later than  
**April 8, 2021**

Call or text CherylAnn at  
970-396-3364

Entre' choices:  
Swiss Steak or Pork Loin  
\$10.00

