



A-U-2 Review



JANUARY

2022

CHERYL WILLIAMS, WGM

A MUSICAL JOURNEY

KEITH HOEY, WGP



*Worthy Grand Matron
Cheryl*

Greetings from our

and

*Worthy Grand Patron
Keith*



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!

It is now 2022! Can you believe this, I certainly cannot.

I hope that all have had a most blessed, happy, and enjoyable holiday season, and that you are remaining healthy and ready to start this New Year!

We will begin our OV schedule again January 7th with a visit to Collins #26 and January 8th to Garden City #3. We hope our schedule can be maintained, but with COVID and the high risk of the disease spreading even further, we will be very flexible and hope that you can as well. This is still a very unsure, "what do we do" kind of environment. One day at a time.

We look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you. Please join us on this journey, participate in the travel program (contact Sharon Furukawa for information/questions), and enjoy time with our Sisters and Brothers at each chapter.

We are close to having a contract with a hotel and will pass that information on to you as soon as we have a contract signed.

See you in January and always keep Music in your Hearts and Soul.

Star Love, *Cheryl Williams WGM*

I am writing this just a few days before celebrating Christmas 2021, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends', remembering what Christmas is all about. Now, I wish all of you a wonderful, happy and blessed New Year, welcome to 2022.

I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful get well wishes, cards and flowers that were sent to Shelley and me during our bout with Covid. Don't want to wish that on my worst enemy. I am happy to report both of us are recovering. Our goal is that we are healthy and back to normal when we start traveling this month. Thank you to Metro Chapter for being able to reschedule your official visit, and to our Grand Family, sorry we did not get to have our Christmas party, we will get that rescheduled. Maybe the love we all have for each other at Christmas will carry over until another day filled with love and friendship in February.

I hope many of you will venture out and support the Chapters around the state by attending the upcoming official visits. We will start the New Year with Collins #26 in Fort Collins on January 7th and Greeley #3 on the 8th. Please come with us and start 2022 by enjoying all of the wonderful things Eastern Star has to offer – companionship, social enjoyments, our beautiful ritualistic work and lifelong friendships.

Another date that is quickly approaching is January 9th, which is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Please join together in your communities by thanking the men and women in Blue. There are many ways to show your appreciation to these



officers. Show your support by displaying blue lights in your windows, wear blue on that day, and give blood at your local blood banks in honor of law enforcement. For several years, my Chapter Silver Star #40, delivered cookie plates to all of the Law Enforcement agencies in our area. They were very appreciative of the cookies and enjoyed by the all of the officers. Most importantly, if you see an officer,

thank an officer. Let's all honor these everyday heroes on January 9th.

Have the Happiest
New Year !!

Star Love,
Keith Hoey, WGP

THIS 2022

Write down your goals.

Go outside.

Enjoy simple things.

Smile at a stranger.

Look for adventure.

Eat your veggies.

See your own beauty.

Want less.

Give more.

Work hard.

Find your sense of humor.

Drink more water.

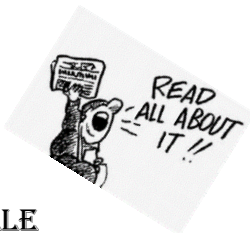
Create something.

Make a new friend.

CHAPTER

NEWS

REEL



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

All the wreaths have been delivered and those mailed as gifts have arrived. All the money will be collected by January and the Chapter will learn of the profit at our next meeting.

Colorado #2 members assisted the Knights Templar at the Knights Templar / Knights of Columbus joint conclave on December 13. 51 were in attendance and the collection for the night was \$3,455, the largest amount ever collected. The money will be used to buy gift cards for food and will

be distributed to needy persons in Leadville by the Knights of Columbus.

At the December meeting, members enjoyed a potluck dinner and the best part was the baklava which Sister Ella Burnett brought. Brother Robert Trezise played a medley of Christmas music to set in the holiday mood.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter

Our members would like to thank everyone who supported our 5th Annual Cookie walk. We were very pleased with the turnout to both the Walk and the Soup Luncheon. The unbought cookies were carefully wrapped and added to our Shut In baskets. A win-win endeavor.

On December 10, we cooked and served a dinner for our 2 White Shrines left in Colorado as they hosted the Supreme Worthy High Priestess for their joint Supreme Visit. It was a fun night for our Chapter to visit with our Sisters and Brothers of White Shrine and we heard the visit was a success as well.

December 28th, we exemplified initiation for our DL, along with opening, closing, and balloting. We are gearing up for our Official Visit on January 8th and invite everyone to attend.

11:30 am Taco Bar luncheon \$5.00

12:30 pm Entertainment

1:00 pm Meeting

Please make your reservation to Zanna Thurow, Secretary zlawth@hotmail.com 970-302-1157 no later than January 5th. Luncheon seating is limited.

The Husband of our Sister Lorita Seidler, fell just over a week ago, breaking a few ribs and has a fractured vertebrae. He is home recouping and resting. Sister Nettie Biddle, too took a spill and hit her head warranting a short stay in ICU. She is home now and doing well. Sister CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad had total hip replacement on the 14th and is home now doing well.

Christmas Happiness: the eldest daughter, Sister Cathy Voshell and family of our Sister & Brother Alice & Larry Moody came home for Christmas. We were blessed to have them join us at our meeting on the 28th.

The Members of Garden City will once again host a dinner theater night out on Saturday February 5,

2022 with our Variety Show and dinner. Please see the flyer at the end of this publication.

Garden City extends New Year greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers across the State. May 2022 bring you blessings of good health, happiness and much love.



PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Hello to all:

On Nov 20th Pueblo 7 was honored to have as our guests WGM Cheryl and WGP Keith and The Musical Journey Grand Family for our official visit. What a fabulous time we had. Looking forward to seeing you all down the road.



May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door.



Happy New Year



COLLINS #26 - FT. COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Collins #26

We only have one meeting in December, and we had lots of news to share.

One of our younger members, Rebekkah Kelsey, started a new job this month.

Barbara Johnson, PGM, was initiated 63 years ago on December 2, 1958. Her adventures in Star have taken her all over the place since then. So glad you have come into our group here.

Jim Oldson went Sky Diving in Arizona recently while he and Sandy were visiting friends there for 6 weeks. It was a wonderful experience and he loved it!

Our newest member, Tish Woellhof, got her toes wet in first time experiences by being a Protom for Warder. She did a fantastic job!

Our Official Visit is Friday, January 7, 2022 at 7:00pm. Invitations are out, so get your reservation in!

We have our adopted resident Russell at the Eastern Star Masonic Center and there will be a gift for him from us, under his Christmas tree.

WP Jim's remarks were from Garfield's Journey to St Louis, which was very memorable and which was his mascot when he was WGP and it is his mascot for this year as well.

WM Colette read Christmas fun facts like: In the 12 days of Christmas, how many actual gifts are there? Do you know?

And at the end of the evening, WP Jim presented WM Colette with a singing and screaming animated stuffed Goat; from her officers and the chapter. She demonstrated its antics, to the amusement of all the members.

The Northern Colorado Past Matrons Club was held on Saturday, December 4th at 10 am. Our theme was Christmas. Sarilyn Stein, led us in a game of Christmas Bingo, and everyone won a prize of a Christmas Tin with cookies and candy inside.

I also collected toys and baby sweaters, which I took over to the House of Neighborly Service. They took me back to the office of the Birthright group, and I gave them all the things we had collected. They were overjoyed. I may look into collecting



things for them again sometime.

Since we voted to not have a meeting in January, because of Official Visit and New Years, our next meeting will be in February.

WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

Our term started off by a large donation to the food bank from our Secretary's garden. Lots of zucchini were donated to needy families. We know others have donated many items also.

Then, Waunita had a blessed event in one of our own families, Melissa (Ashwood) Robinson gave birth to twin girls on November 4th. She and John live in Midland, Texas and they also have a son who is 2 ½ years old. She is the current Worthy Matron of her Chapter, Midland Chapter # 253.

We had a mini-School of Instruction on December 16th and learned a lot from our District Lecturer, Sharon Abeyta. We are planning ahead for our OV, and hoping that all of the upcoming events won't be cancelled.

Our AM, Claressa Brigham, visited another chapter, and was lucky to be able to be a substitute for them. As far as we know, all of our regular officers and members have been vaccinated and are working on getting their booster shots.

We hope this finds everyone well & happy. Stay safe and well, so we can see you all again in the future. And we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

It has been a tough month for Silver Star. We have had many sick members and several deaths. And, we had two officers move away.

These are always difficult to deal with but especially tough at Christmas time. The following is a brief account:

*WM & WP Cindy and Len Wardlaw, Covid – now recuperated

*WGP Keith and Escort Shelley, Covid – mostly recuperated

*Darley Hofmann, Warder, Cancer – at home with Hospice

*Marian Ferguson, Electa, moved to GJ to memory care

*Elaine Babcock, Ruth, moved to Boise, ID to be near son

*Carlene Dougan, 50+ yr. member passed away Thanksgiving day

*Bob Corey, PP, passed away December 12th

*Mary Louise Waitz, PM passed away this summer (we just learned this)

*Mary Avara-Grosshans' husband has severe bladder cancer

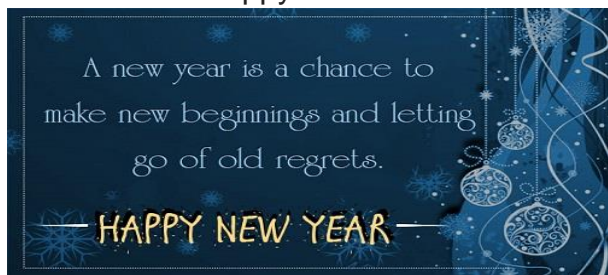
*Lee Teague, PP had a TIA – taking it easy for a bit!

For obvious reasons, our attendance at chapter meetings has been slim. We have had a Quorum each time, so we have had meetings, but it is basic business only! We did have music this last time and that makes it nicer.

We served a dinner to the Masons after their installation. Good to see so many Masons active and attending.

We are planning our German Dinner on February 5th. Save the date and come join us! Good food for \$12!

I'd like to share a Christmas Prayer. I know it will be after Christmas when you get this, but it a perfect little prayer:



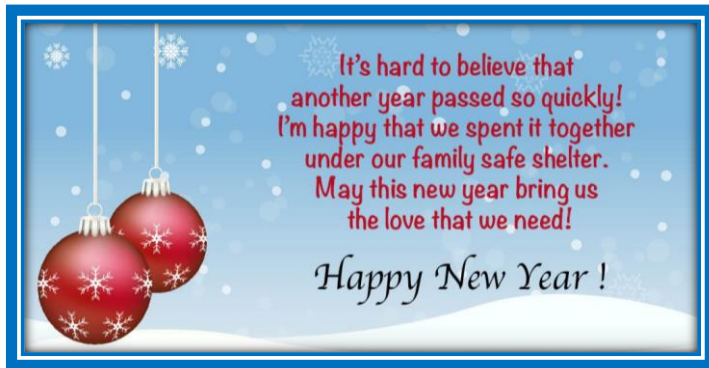
A Christmas Prayer...

God, we are so grateful for the gift of Jesus.
We humbly ask that You
will fill our hearts with His love,
our lives with His joy,
and our Christmas Season with His peace.
We celebrate your Son and thank You again
for all that You have done. Amen

Happy New Year to you all and
may blessings abound in 2022.

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter



We, at Sunshine #53, are working hard to make Christmas joyous for our shut-ins with cookie boxes and fun items. WM Sharon made some wonderful table decorations that will be drawings for our December 21 meeting tomorrow night.

We also gave gifts to a five-member family from Salvation army's Giving Tree and items to SPUNK last meeting. Giving is GOOD!!!!

We have at least one petition out and one received so will be practicing for initiation in January. So exciting!!

This newsletter is short and I do apologize. Deadline got the best of me but stay tuned in February for exciting stuff. (And, if I don't have any, I will make it up.)

New Year's Happiness to all of you from all of us in Grand Junction!

After a quiet November, Excelsior is back on track for December. We had a practice for Initiation on November 30th. Our second practice will be on January 4th at 6:30 P.M. Initiation will be on January 11th. We are looking forward to having these young ladies in our Chapter.

At our December 14th meeting, we had a cookie exchange which provided everyone with lot of goodies!

Our Butter Braid Fund Raiser went very well and we plan to do it again in the Spring. Our own Sister, Cynthia Gray was part of the Masonic Christmas Music Celebration at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center.

In the Christmas Spirit, on December 17th & 18th, some members of Excelsior #66 joined with St. Vrain Lodge to participate in the "Wreaths Across America" program at the Mountain View Cemetery in Longmont.



They volunteered to mark some of the 1,500 graves of Veterans on the first day. The second day they assisted in loading, unloading, stacking, and delivering wreaths to the graves. Some spouses and family helped too. Both days were very cold and windy (don't let the sunshine in the photos fool you) but everyone made it through! The program put on by the Wreaths Across America organization was awesome and a great tribute to our Veterans.

Pictured in this photo taken on the second day: Mike J, #66; Karen, #66; David, Worshipful Master #23; Lois, #66; and Wayde, Jr. Decon



#23. Other volunteers from #66 were Melissa and Pam.

Excelsior sends Christmas Wishes and a Happy New Year to all our Sisters and Brothers around Colorado!

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter

A NEW YEAR – 2022 – is upon us.

I'm not sure if I am welcoming it with anticipation or trepidation. Either way it's here ready, or not.

December brought concerns and sadness to our Chapter. Our member, Sister Linda Goodrich, passed away Dec. 18. Earlier in the month, Worthy Patron Herb Carr underwent abdominal surgery. I'm happy to report he is doing well but his activities are limited.

Our Inspections have been completed. During our January 13 meeting we will renew our Obligation. January 27 will be our Official Visit. Please join us as we welcome the "A Musical Journey" Grand family to our Chapter.

Prayer for the New Year

Grant me the strength from day to day
to bear what burdens come my way.
Grant me throughout this bright New Year
more to endure and less to fear.
Help me to live that I may be
from spite and petty malice free.
Let me not bitterly complain
when cherished hopes of mine prove vain,
or spoil with deeds of hate and rage
some fair tomorrow's spotless page.
Lord, as the days shall come and go
in courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today
help me to put my faults away.
Let me be big in little things;
grant me the joy which friendship brings.
Keep me from selfishness and spite;
let me be wise in what is right.
A happy New Year! Grant that I
may bring no tear to any eye.
When this New Year in time shall end
let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
and made of it a happy year.

~ Edgar A. Guest

Be safe & take care of each other.
-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

This is really a goofy time of the year. I don't have much to say for Hope Chapter other than we Wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and most of all a Very Merry New Year.

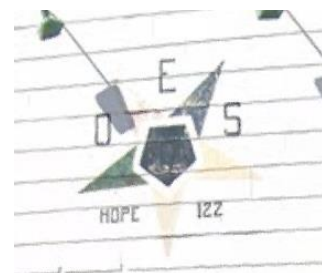
Hope Chapter is coming to an end and it makes me for one very sad. Don and I joined this chapter about 25 years ago and about the only one left that is a member is Yvonne Read and Linda Johnson that are active. All the others are with our Lord in Heaven and hopefully watching over us! This is really hard for me to write as I have worked so hard to keep it together but we just don't

have the members that live out here to keep it going and those from Metro it is hard for them to get out to the meetings. We have always been a very Happy and Wonderful Chapter but the last couple of years it hasn't and when it

isn't fun to go to Chapter anymore it is time to say Good Bye. We need to sell our building and of course there is a lot of discussion on that as with everything else but we just cannot maintain it anymore as we have no income.

But on a happier note some of us will continue going to chapter at another place and of course some will demit, but it is hard as so many of us including me cannot drive at night so that becomes a big problem. Someone will have to take me and some others if we intend to continue with our membership and hopefully we can figure that out and get to the Metro area to a chapter. Have no idea when this will happen but hopefully we will get the building sold and then give up our Charter. Please keep all of us in your prayers and I know the Good Lord will Direct our Paths!

On a happier note, I spent a little over 2 weeks in Iowa and had Thanksgiving with my Sister in law Colleen and her daughter my Niece Brenda and friends in Iowa. It was the first time I have flown without Good O'I Don at my side but my Son got me wheel chair bound and all went great. I had a good



time, but they had not gotten furniture so we had a campout in the house and ate on Paper plates, plastic ware and slept on Air mattresses. We had so much fun and was so glad I went and saw a lot of my high school friends at my Dad's Elmer's Place in Pisgah. It isn't called Elmer's place anymore and sure doesn't look at all like it did back in the 50's but food was good and we had such a fun time catching up. Saw a cousin I had not seen in years and that was fun and went to her place for lunch one day and what a museum that was. Just had a good time and a few tears but all went well and glad I went and plan to go again. They now have all the furniture so might even have a bed I can sleep in if not the air mattress will be good.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, I am going to be by myself as everyone is working so will have a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup and think of all the good things the Lord has given me and I do feel very blessed. Hope your New Year parties will be fun but me and my Pajamas will watch a little fireworks and probably be fast asleep by midnight. Hope the New Year brings many blessings for all of us and Best Wishes from Hope Chapter #122 in Beautiful Downtown Bennett!!!

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Well, here we are at the beginning of another year. Let's hope that it will be better than the last one and that we might see the end of the Pandemic and the beginning of our being able to get back to our "normal" Eastern Star meetings and travels.

WM Elizabeth and WP Steve plan to kick off the year with a Happy New Year celebration at our January 4 meeting. Then, we will have a practice and hold Initiation at our meeting on Jan. 18.

Dawn has had quite a few members with health issues recently: Carol Ann Chapman broke her ankle and had surgery on Dec. 21. Our Organist, Susan Franzen, was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure just before having surgery for a trigger finger and thumb problem. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers, as well as Sunnye Conaway, who continues to have severe back pain, and Amy Raia who is fighting cancer.

Our Citrus Fundraiser Sale was quite successful and we want to thank everyone who helped out. We

plan to continue with this as an annual event. Also, we are hoping to set up a Dining to Donate Fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse on Iliff and Blackhawk on January 13. Watch out for more information on the Colorado OES website.



My year in Review:

January

Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

February

Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels

Hello--bottles won't fit in typewriter.

March

Got really excited - finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months the box said 2-4 years.

April

Trapped on an escalator for hours
after the power went out

May

Tried to make Kool-Aid - wrong instructions
8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets.

June

Tried to go water skiing - couldn't find a lake with a slope

July

Lost breast stroke swimming competition - learned later,
the other swimmers cheated, they used their arms.

August

Got locked out of my car in rain storm,
car flooded because soft top was down.

September

The capital of Colorado is "C" isn't it????

October

Hate M&M's - they are so hard to peel

November

Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days - instructions said "1" hour
per pound and I weigh 108 (that alone is a joke)

December

Couldn't call 911 –
duh - there's no eleven button on the phone.

That's it folks and I am sticking with it.

Happy and Merry New year.

New Year's is approaching, a time when millions of people will celebrate with food, new resolutions or even kiss, as the clock strikes 12. But, how much do you know about the holiday? Here are 10 fun facts about New Year's.

The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday. He named the month after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. Caesar felt that a month named after this god would be fitting.

Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions. The top resolutions are: to lose weight, get organized, to spend less and save more, to stay fit and healthy, and to quit smoking. While nearly half of all Americans make resolutions, 25 percent of them give up on their resolutions by the second week of January.

Be sure to eat leafy greens on New Year's. Tradition says that the more leafy greens a person eats, the more prosperity he or she will experience (what an incentive for staying healthy!). Tradition also says that legumes bring prosperity because beans and peas look like coins. No wonder why so many people eat black eyed peas on Jan. 1.

Many people ring in New Year's by popping open a bottle of champagne. Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of sparkling wine during this time. The bubbly stuff dates back to the 17th century, when the cork was invented.

About 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop. The Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop came about because of a ban on fireworks. The first ball in 1907 was 700 pounds and was lit with 100 25-watt lights. The current ball puts the old one to shame (thanks to technology). Today, it is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds and is 12 feet in diameter.

Remember the last scene in *When Harry Met Sally*, when Harry references a song after he and Sally kiss? It was *Auld Lang Syne*, a song traditionally sung at the end of New Year's parties. Poet Robert Burns wrote it in 1788. Though most people do not know the words to *Auld Lang Syne*, the overall message is that people have to remember their loved ones, dead or alive, and keep them close in their hearts.

If Santa is the most common symbol associated with Christmas, then Baby New Year is the symbol most commonly associated with....you guessed it, New Year's! Baby New Year is often seen in a diaper, black top hat, and a sash showing the numbers of the new year. Myth states that he matures into an old man during the year.

Make sure to be surrounded by family or loved ones on New Year's Eve. The first person you come across in the new year could set the tone for the next 12 months. This applies to couples, as well. If a couple celebrating New Year's together does not kiss, the future of the relationship might be splitsville, so be sure to lay one on your significant other.

At the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia, 10,000 participants step through City Hall and perform in unique costumes. The parade dates back to mid-17th-century, incorporating elements from Irish, German, English, Swedish and other European heritages. The parade itself is divided into five divisions: a comic division, wench brigades, fancy division, string bands, and fancy bridges. If you are in the area for New Year's, be sure to check out this event.

According to statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day more than any other holiday. Don't think your old car is safe, either. In 2011, the 1994 Honda Accord was the most stolen car. To discourage car theft, make sure your car is in a populated area and always take your keys.



Words to ponder. . .

In the New Year.

GOD SAID NO!!

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned. I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. i give you blessings; Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful. I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. i will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.



THIS DAY IS YOURS DON'T THROW IT AWAY...

May God Bless You.

**May the next 365 days bring you
Blessings of everything God
has to offer you and your family.**



GARDEN CITY #3
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FEBRUARY 5, 2022

**CENTURY MASONIC HALL
2532 9TH AVENUE; GREELEY**

You will be dazzled by the talents of several
Eastern Star Members
and
roll with laughter with some
slap stick comedy.

Serve dinner @ 5:00 pm Show @ 6:30 pm
\$12.00 Adults \$6.00 Children



Please make your reservation no later than **February 1, 2022** to
CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad
Text or Call 970-396-3364 or email asap4sure@gmail.com

Please include your Entre' choice:

Slow Roasted Pot Roast with Potatoes
OR
Oven Baked Chicken

Seating is Limited