

A-U-2 Review



JUNE



2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Sisters and Brothers:

Spring!! I love Spring, everything is so fresh and clean. I always think that GOD decided that He would make it rain to clean His creation of all the mess left over from the winter.

My family always had a garden in the yard where we planted vegetables of every kind. This was a family project. Dad tilled the soil, Mom took the hoe and made the rows and my sister and I got to drop the seeds in the ground. Dad came back through and covered everything up and

Mom would water the ground to get the seeds growing. Everyone in the neighborhood planted a garden. It was what we did. Neighbors shared tools and leftover seeds and helped the elderly plant their gardens. You felt as if you belonged to one big family.

Sisters and Brothers, I ask myself what has happened to our nation that we have lost the feeling of belonging. As we get ready for Spring, how about replanting our gardens with new members. I know how hard it is to find someone that might want to join this family, but I believe if we start fresh, put in a lot of effort and work into it, we can grow the Order again. Gary and I certainly do not want to see all the hard work we have given the order this year, not (cont' page 2 Beth)



Greetings to my Sisters & Brothers;

Welcome to Spring! Other than the Season that comes after Winter and before Summer, the word 'spring' means: move or jump suddenly or rapidly upward or forward. And that is exactly what happened in May. We were 'springing' from one event to another.

Our adventures took us to the 4 corners area with the CO/NM Exchange, followed by a trip to Kearney, Nebraska for

their Grand Chapter, then back to Denver for 2 OVs – Metro #157 & Fountain Valley #155. With no breathing room, we headed to Wisconsin's Grand Chapter on Mother's Day. Upon our return, we headed to Leadville for their OV, with the Golden Gleaner Club honoring the Grand Family on Sunday. Having almost 2 weeks off, we will head to Dawn #125/Heritage #154 Homecoming for our WGM. Then off to Indiana Grand Chapter. Whew!!

As we visit other states, we not only enjoy meeting new friends, but glean ideas from other jurisdictions. Of course, the ritual is the same from State to State, but introductions, marches, business meeting, elections are different. Some procedures may seem a bit odd to us – because you know, (cont' page 2 Gary)

reap something. I have heard of a lot of chapters that have done initiations and cannot tell you how proud Gary and I are of you. So, keep up the good work and together we will make the Order of the Eastern Star grow. Remember as we go through our day "You never need to apologize for being Kind".

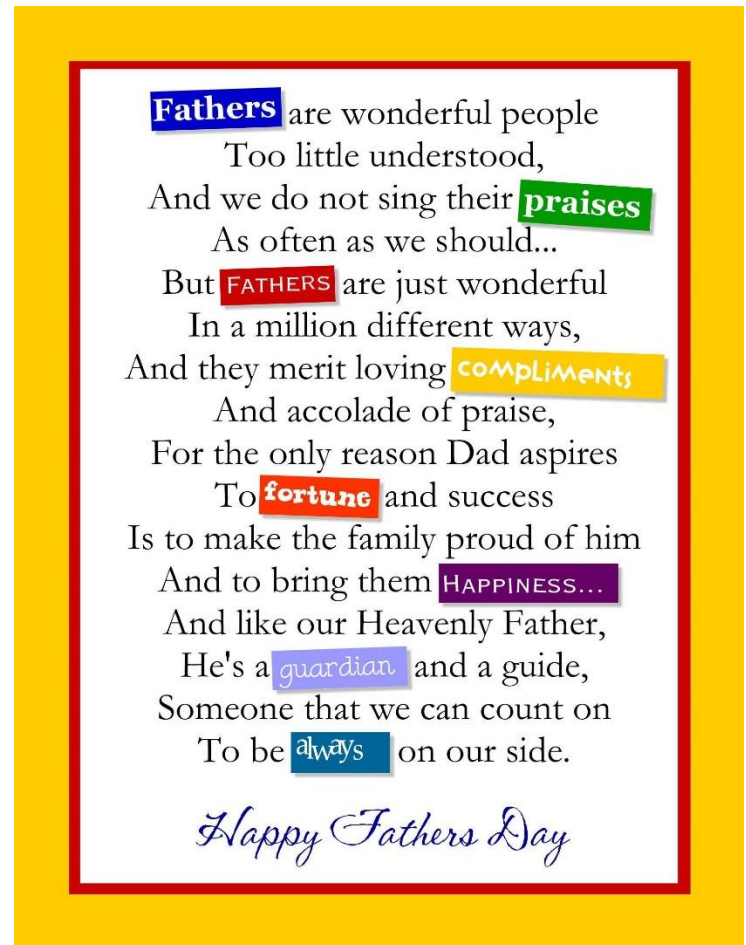
Yours in Kindness

Beth



Colorado does everything the right way. Hahaha Truthfully, I believe that some things I saw, are good and may be beneficial to Colorado. New ideas are always worth trying. If they don't work, we can pluck that weed and plant a new flower.

It's the same in our own personal life. Change is inevitable – some good, some bad. Pluck the bad, expand the good. Get rid of that which is holding you back; bleeding you dry; stripping away your zest for life. Replace it with enthusiasm, kindness and joy for your family, for yourself and for the Good of this wonderful Order.



Blessings to our Fathers, our sons and all Brothers of God. Happy Father's Day.

Kind Regards,

Gary



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE
Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Two new members, Justin and Jennifer Wall were initiated at the first meeting in May. The chapter has gained five new members this year.

A group of Colorado 2 members, dressed in their distinctive vests, enjoyed the musical "The Sound of Music", which was performed at Lake County High School. Attending the school musical productions is a popular activity.

Colorado 2 members served the dinner for the Top Ten evening, which honors the top 10% of the graduates of Lake County High School and Cloud City High School. Sheriff Heath Speckman was the speaker and Worshipful Master, Ed Shober handed out the certificates of excellence. In addition, a petition was given to an interested prospect.

Official Visit was May 20. More on that next month.

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GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY
CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

At our first meeting in May, we paid tribute to our members who have passed away this past year.

*"Our Members have served for many years
with no thought of selfish gain,
For many years they have nobly toiled
for the good they might attain.
They as members, found much joy
and peace upon their way.
They leave blessings of health and happiness,
for us each and every day.
They were that friend to those in need,
with truth and love in store.
They served our Chapter for many many years.
and if they could, they would for
many years more."*

Our Associate Matron stepped up to the east at our second May meeting, as our WM was at the Wisconsin Grand Chapter.

A few of our Brothers and a couple of our Sisters helped our local Lodge on Friday night – Century #190, put out Masonic Flags for our Masonic Brothers are laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens and then on Monday evening, they retrieved them.

On Tuesday night, several members from Garden City #3 and Excelsior #66 attended a Friendship Night hosted by Collins #26. Sloppy Joes, corn on the cob and salads were on the menu. Yum!! Then a rousing game of Bingo was enjoyed by all.

On June 1, our Chapter will be serving a dinner for Century Lodge #190, as the Grand Master will be in attendance. After the dinner, Brother Gary Lindblad, WGP, will receive his Masonic 50 year pin. Congratulations Gary.

Prior to our June 6 meeting, we will present the Weld County Sheriff's Department with 15 blankets from our "Operation Undercover" project. We will also honor our Fathers and Sons. A fun filled evening is planned for our Brothers.

Prayers for our members who are struggling with illness or distress in their life. Sister Genie Meyer decided to camp out at the hospital for several days, but is home now. Our Brother Larry Moody fell. Doctors have determined that he has balance

issues and is now doing therapy to help with that. Brother Gary Lindblad continues to have his WBC count monitored. Sister Maude O'Connell had a procedure in the neck portion of the carotid artery. The procedure went well. Sister Lorita Seidler continues to have balance and dizziness issues. Sister Pam Park will continue low dosage Chemo treatments. Her #s have stabilized.

June is the month in which we honor our Fathers. Garden City #3 would like to give a shout out for all our "Brother Fathers".

"Walk a little slower, daddy",
said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child,
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."



DID YOU KNOW?

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May and it is the day Americans celebrate their military. It was first celebrated on May 20, 1950, as a way to honor all of the U.S. military services. It is a day to pay tribute to those who serve in the U.S. military and to show appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

This is the day that we remember those brave soldiers who still actively wear their uniform.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11. It is a day for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces who were honorably discharged. The holiday was originally known as Armistice Day and was established on November 11, 1919, to commemorate the end of World War I. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

This is the day that we remember those brave soldiers who have proudly retired their uniform.

Memorial Day is a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered. It was traditionally observed on May 30 but now it is officially observed on the last Monday in May. Also called (especially formerly) Decoration Day.

This is the day we remember those brave soldiers who never made it out of their uniform.

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

My journey to find Eastern Star and the Masonic family started early in my childhood. My maternal grandparents belonged to Eastern Star in Idaho Falls, Idaho. In fact, Ed and Jane Simmons belong to the same chapter in Idaho Falls that my grandparents and my Mom belong to. My Mom is a Past Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters. However, Robert and I didn't get involved until the birth of our first Son Cody. When Cody was younger he had a

speech delay. Our doctor referred us to a clinic on the north side of Pueblo that did speech therapy. We were a young family and couldn't quite afford the price per visit for the therapy and learned of the Scottish Rite Masons. They offered to pay for Cody to have his therapy. At the time we didn't know the Scottish Rite was part of the Masonic Family. I told Robert he needed to figure out how to be a part of that group so we could pay it forward. So thus started our Masonic journey to Eastern Star. He joined South Pueblo Lodge 31 and as we say, the rest is history. What an amazing organization we have the privilege to belong to.



Remember to do what you love and do lots of it.

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Our May 9th meeting was prefaced by a Taco feast. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, our pre-meeting dinner was beef or chicken tacos, refried beans, and rice. Very delicious. Dessert was a Creamy cake, yummy.

Also, we had invited two prospective candidates to come to our meal to meet our membership and all of us to meet them. Only one was able to be there but she was afforded the opportunity to ask lots of questions and meet our members.

The theme of the evening was Mother's Day. Greetings were extended to all in attendance in that spirit. Everyone was invited to wear slippers in the meeting. And everyone who came did not disappoint. We had Cow's, Wolf paws, florals, and beads. Lots of fun comparing our favorites. We even had two matching pairs!

At our May 23 meeting, we will be honoring our departed sisters and brothers. It will be a somber night as we have recently lost so many.

Our first meeting in June will be to celebrate Fathers with a nice meal before the meeting. The fellas always enjoy that! We will also be exemplifying an initiation during our meeting.

Happy
Father's
Day

Summer should be in full swing by then so we are expecting a warm evening.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FELLAS!

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Greetings to All! Somehow, the lovely Spring weather puts a smile on everyone's face! What a perfect time for Friendship Nights. We noticed this in many chapters around the state. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

We started off with a delicious salad bar followed by cake and ice cream. The tables were adorned in bright colors with a potted plant at each place. As it turned out, Nicole Gray, visiting from Sunshine #53 in Grand Junction was the lucky owner of the plant with a flower sticker on the bottom. As a result, she took home the watering can with a lovely daisy plant.

When business was concluded during the



meeting upstairs, Shelley Hoey tested our knowledge of Mothers and Mother's Day. You may want to test your knowledge as well!

Prior to the Civil War, Mother's Day founder Anna Reeves Jarvis, helped start Mother's Day Clubs to teach women how to properly care for children. After the war, mothers from the clubs gathered to promote reconciliation between former Union and Confederate soldiers. Inspired by these clubs, in 1870, social activist and poet Julia Ward Howe created the Mother's Day Proclamation, in which she envisioned mothers everywhere protesting the concept of war. Since then, this idea has morphed into an American holiday to honor the goodness of moms everywhere. So, how much do you know about the May tradition and about being a mom in general? Try your hand at this multiple choice quiz.

1. Which is true about Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day?

- A) She was never a mother herself
- B) She intensely disliked her mother
- C) She hated the idea of giving gifts on Mother's Day
- D) She initially wanted to establish Father's Day

2. Mother's Day was made an official holiday by President ____?

- A) Teddy Roosevelt
- B) Woodrow Wilson
- C) Warren G. Harding
- D) Calvin Coolidge

3. Mother's Day is typically the busiest day of the year for ____?

- A) movie theaters
- B) florists
- C) candy stores
- D) restaurants

4. Mothers are "on duty" 24/7 and 365 days a year. *Salary.com* says that, in theory, a mother's work should earn her an annual salary of ____?

- A) \$47,927
- B) \$88,021
- C) \$126,776
- D) \$162,581

5. On what day is Mother's Day Celebrated in the US, Australia & Canada?

- A) the first Sunday in May
- B) the first Sunday in June
- C) the Second Sunday in May
- D) the third Sunday in May

6. This state is called "The Mother of Presidents," as 8 Chief Executives hailed from here?

- A) Virginia
- B) Ohio
- C) Illinois
- D) Massachusetts

7. In the first year of a baby's life, how many diapers will the average mother change?

- A) 1,400
- B) 1,850
- C) 2,000
- D) 2,200

8. What Beatles song was inspired by a Paul McCartney dream about his late mother?

- A) "In My Life"
- B) "Let It Be"
- C) "Something"
- D) "The Long and Winding Road"

9. The most popular Mother's Day gift is ____?

- A) a card
- B) flowers
- C) chocolates
- D) jewelry

10. What is the traditional Mother's Day Flower in the United States?

- A) Rose
- B) Chrysanthemum
- C) Carnation
- D) Orchid

11. What is the highest documented number of children born to one Mother?

- A) 27
- B) 34
- C) 42
- D) 69

12. As of 2019, most births occurred in what month in the United States?

- A) February
- B) April
- C) September
- D) December

13. In the Bible, who is credited with being the "Mother of All the Living"?

- A) The Virgin Mary
- B) Eve
- C) Ruth
- D) Sarah

14. Which Israelite woman had two Moabite daughters-in-law?

- A) Ruth
- B) Naomi
- C) Rachel
- D) Bathsheba

15. Whose mother placed him in an ark of bulrushes?

- A) Joseph
- B) Moses
- C) David
- D) Paul

It was a fun challenge. We hope you did well. **(The answers are found below).** Our winner was AGM Sharon Parrish although, she tied with Dee James and Nicole Gray. The winner was determined by a drawing. She took home a bucket full of gardening tools, seeds and gloves.

Our members who have been under the weather are recovering and it was nice to see them in chapter. Continued prayers for all of those and they continue to gain strength.

We are making plans for our Annual Yard Sale in late July and a caravan of members who will assist in the OES memorial service for Genneve Joslin Sage in Nucla over Memorial Day.

Please keep our Veterans and Servicemen and women in your prayers as well as the Law Enforcement Officers who keep us safe. It is a challenging life they lead and they deserve our love and support. God bless you all.

ANSWER KEY: 1 – A; 2 – B; 3 – D; 4 – D; 5 – C; 6 – A; 7 – D; 8 – B; 9 – A; 10 – C; 11 – D (a Russian lady! Within a 40 year span --1725 - 1765 -- and included several sets of twins); 12 – C; 13 – B; 14 – B; 15 – B.

- Father's Day is the fifth-largest card-sending occasion in America with almost 100 million Father's Day cards sent each year.
- Only 50% of all Father's Day cards are purchased for dads. Nearly 15% of Father's Day cards are purchased for husbands. Other categories include grandfathers, sons, brothers, and uncles.

- Roses are the official flower of Father's Day.
- There have been two sets of Father-Son Presidents of the United States.
- According to the National Retail Federation, over 76% of American plan to celebrate Father's Day in some way.

SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter



June Greetings from Sunshine Chapter #53. We have only 3 meetings to go in Nancy's term and anticipating much fun next year with Niccole and Harry!

We draped the Altar for PGN Lina Bird at our May 16 meeting as well as for our sister Lucille Isaman who passed in Utah. We will miss them both.

Our Chapter election is June 20 and I will report on that next month.

I am proud of the charitable projects we did this past year. Without Tommie Clark and Joan Christopher, they wouldn't have happened.

Excited to begin Schools of Instruction with Sharon and Ken. I know we will learn a lot and have fun doing it. See everyone soon!

Have a lovely summer. Eat tomatoes, drink lemonade (with or without vodka!), ride a Ferris Wheel and have some fun!

THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

The idea of Father's Day was conceived more than a century ago by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington.

Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm.

June 19 was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration in 1910.

Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

Jenna MacGregor, PM - Reporter

Don't forget to join us at the Estes Park Tower Theater on Sunday June 4 at 2:00 for our Silent Film Festival Fundraiser. \$12 a person. What a great way to help with our Fundraiser and enjoy a few silent movies in the Historic Theater. Parking is available in the Public Parking area across the street.

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Since I last reported Manzanita #85 has had two stated meetings. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend either meeting. I did send out a desperate plea for help for my article, but I got little response. Was it because I only asked for help an hour ago? Maybe, I shouldn't go there. I am sure they were great meetings and I will let you know next month if something happened you should know about.

On May 18th the 3Ms met at Romano's Italian restaurant in Littleton. I am confident you all remember the 3Ms (in the unlikely event you have forgotten that is the Merry Mischief Makers who go to lunch once a month). This luncheon was very special indeed. PGM Jane Wullbrandt presented Sister Sue Alleman with her 60-year pin and certificate to



commemorate her many years of membership in OES. Sister Sue cannot attend Chapter because of health concerns so the 3Ms luncheon was a perfect time to honor her.

Those present at the lunch were PGM Jane and PGP Larry Wullbrandt, Debby and Joe Kier, Kathy Sullivan, and Joanne Martin, PGM of Utah. Now a pop quiz question – Name this year's recipients of 60-year pins from Manzanita #85. Hint: There is

more than one. Bonus points for naming the recipient of her 70-year pin given this year at Manzanita.

To pad my article and respond to our editor's suggestions:

I joined OES after a friend told me she was going to an Eastern Star meeting. I knew vaguely what it was, but I asked her what it was. She gave her elevator talk and explained members needed a Masonic relationship. Both my father and Tom were Masons. The rest is a blur because the next thing I remember is being initiated in Kiowa.

My friend, Kathy, really did not waste any time. Unfortunately, Kathy is no longer a member and we have lost touch. Here's what I remember from my initiation: I know Valerie Evans, PGM, and her mother Marcia Davis were there. Adah did a wonderful job. However, no one told me to wear comfortable shoes and in the days before my hip replacement that was a critical issue. I really did not anticipate being on my feet for so long and the rest of the initiation was something like an endurance test for me. I guess my discomfort was obvious because everyone was apologetic afterwards and said they wished they had provided me with a chair for the lectures.

From that experience, the times I've been on an Examination Committee, I emphasize comfortable shoes and ask if standing is an issue! I can truly say that I went to great pains to be a member and it was worth it!

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter



Dawn Chapter celebrating their 98th birthday.



Dawn Chapter members were quite busy during the month of May. We hosted the Pentalpha Shining Stars Party on May 2 and were thrilled to have 17 sideliners! Because both Manzanita and Metro Chapters had 5 members there, WM Kay decided to have a "Who has the best Joke" tie-breaker. Sis. Lyric McKnight, from Metro, told a joke about a patrolman who stopped a gentleman who was speeding. His story was that he was speeding because he thought the police were bringing back his wife, who had left him for a policeman! Everyone voted this joke as the funniest, so Metro won the Traveling Plaque. Sorry Herb!!

We highlighted the Broadway show, "Camelot" and PGM Cheryl Williams entertained us with a few songs from the show. An interesting fact is that the show premiered in Toronto on October 1, 1960. It overran drastically—it was supposed to last two hours, forty minutes, and instead clocked in at four and a half hours! Of course, many cuts and changes were quickly made!

On May 5, Sis. Cheryl, Br. Doc and Sis. Mary Lou Shearer, and I helped some of the members of the "A Musical Journal" Grand Family serve lunch for the COPS reunion in Golden. Then on May 7, Sis. Gaylene Alton, Sis. Julia Krug, PGM Cheryl Williams, Sis. Susan Franzen, Br. Wayne Wells, and I attended the stage play, "Treasure Island" at the Aurora Fox Theater! Afterwards we enjoyed dinner at La Morena restaurant. What a fun afternoon!

Our meeting on May 16 was held at the ESMRC



building. Do the songs "76 Trombones", "Ya Got Trouble", "The Wells Fargo Wagon" tell you what show we highlighted? Sis. Susan Franzen was our substitute Organist and she played several songs from "The Music Man", three of which we sang along with. We also balloted on the petition of Beth Rossart-Burnison to join us as a plural member from Amelia Chapter #112 in Shoreline, WA. How exciting to have a new member! WM Kay also

shared some thoughts and quotes about Memorial Day.

Our Chapter is saddened by the passing of Br. Royal Maxwell on May 12. He was a long time member whom we hadn't seen for some time, due to his declining health.

On May 18, Sis. Janice Jacobovitz, Sis. Sue Schultz, Sis. Liz Wilhour, Sis. Gaylene Alton, Sis.



Julia Krug, Sis. Mary Lou Shearer, Sis. Ruth Cobern, Sis. Susan Franzen, Sis. Luda Wells, Sis. Sunnye Conaway, and I performed the "Pink Lodge" skit for the Park Hill Lodge brothers. We always have great fun doing this—remember, we are willing to "take our show on the road", within reason! Usually 4 or 5 of us ladies also help Br. Wayne and Br. Doc serve and clean up after the dinner, however that night, Br. Wayne and Sis. Liz's son took care of most of the clean-up while the rest of us were upstairs performing!

Upcoming events for us include attending the Pentalpha Shining Stars party at Heritage on the 22nd, celebrating Dawn Chapter's 98th Birthday party on the 23rd at Mama Louise's restaurant, serving ice cream to the residents of the HOME on May 31, and attending Oriental's Shining Star Party on June 9. Of course we are looking forward to hosting WGM Elizabeth's Joint Official Visit/Homecoming with Heritage Chapter #154 on June 3. (see flyer).

At our meeting on June 6, we will highlight "Guys and Dolls", celebrate Father's Day, and have Brothers' Night. Then at the June 20 meeting, we will highlight "South Pacific", with a Tropical Theme and everyone is encouraged to wear clothing appropriate to the theme.

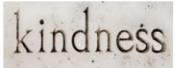


Dawn Chapter #125
and
Heritage Chapter #154
Cordially Invite You



to the
Joint Official Visit/Homecoming
of

WGM Elizabeth Spangler and WGP Gary Lindblad
and the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family



on
Saturday, June 3, 2023
To be held at Dawn Chapter
1615 Florence St., Aurora, CO



Lunch: 11:30 Cost: \$15.00
Entertainment and presentations: 12:30
Meeting: 1:30

RSVP due no later than May 24 to Sue Schultz at
sabschultz@comcast.net or 303-437-3757
Indicate Lunch choice of BBQ Brisket or BBQ Chicken



TOP 10 TV DADS!!

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Cliff Huxtable | The Cosby Show |
| 2. Sheriff Andy Taylor | Andy Griffith Show |
| 3. Pa Ingalls | Little House on the Prairie |
| 4. Howard Cunningham | Happy Days |
| 5. Ward Cleaver | Leave it to Beaver |
| 6. Jim Anderson | Father Knows Best |
| 7. Mike Brady | The Brady Bunch |
| 8. Tim Taylor | Home Improvement |
| 9. Rev. Eric Camden | 7 th Heaven |
| 10. Danny Tanner | Full House |

Loyalty Chapter #145 is mourning the loss of our beautiful Chapter mom Sister Lina Byrd, PGM of Colorado. Our Worthy Matron Sister Jane Rivette had Lina sitting in the East whenever Sister Lina attended the meeting.

Lina and her husband Ray were instrumental in building the Westminster Masonic Center and were also instrumental in building a strong base of other Masonic Orders meeting there. She will be greatly missed and as a long time member I pray we will continue to serve this Eastern Star family the way she would have wanted. The Memorial service for Sister Lina has been posted on you tube. Thank you George and Betty Benson for doing this for those who could not attend you can watch it on your phone or computer at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jdDZpLHQPI>

Loyalty will be hosting a School of Instruction on June 10th. A continental breakfast will be available for those who wish to partake for a donation. Loyalty will also have a lunch available for \$10. Please send or call reservations to Sister Lynn Brown-Jones. The instruction begins at 9 AM and will be completed around 3 PM.

We cannot keep Jodi Muser at home for long. She will be going to Kona Hawaii for 3 weeks visiting with friends. I asked to be packed in her suit case but she said I wouldn't fit. Happy and safe travels and to all members who may be traveling this summer. We need you back safe and sound for the next term.

We are so proud of our new members. They have been attending Chapter faithfully and learning so much about the Organization and we are learning more about them.

Loyalty will not be holding a meeting on May 26th due to a lack of a quorum.

F- Faithful and true
A-Always there to guide you
T-Teaches you right things and to do no wrong
H-His counsels are my songs
E-Ever firm in imparting his ideals and principles
R-Ready to catch me each time I fall

My father was, is and always will be,
An impeccable stature of heroism and cavalry;
He never fails to show his love for me,
His arms are my shelter and felicity.

Happy Fathers' day!
Won't take a miss to greet you today.
For the rest of my days I'll honor you Dad,
I promise to keep you proud and glad.

You will always be in my heart and I will always remember what a wonderful Dad my husband was to our sons and his grand-children and great grand-children.

Thank you to my Heavenly Father for all of these and more.

HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

Laura Schierburg, PM - Reporter

It is hard to believe that June is here and that we have just two more meetings before we go dark for the summer! Heritage Chapter is still going strong – May found us supporting our Daughters at Bethel 40's 'Terrifying Tea,' raising money for local pets in need at the 30th Annual DDFL Furry Scurry, reading a petition for a new member, and hosting the final Shooting Stars party of the year. And June will be even busier!

On Saturday May 6, Team Heritage walked in the **30th Annual Furry Scurry** to raise money for pets in need, a cause that was near-and-dear to our Sister Carrie Andree. Thanks to Karen Wilson, Lilly & Tom Johnson, and Laura & Scott Schierburg who walked, and all our generous donors, Heritage Chapter met our goal and raised \$1,000! We truly appreciate everyone's support!

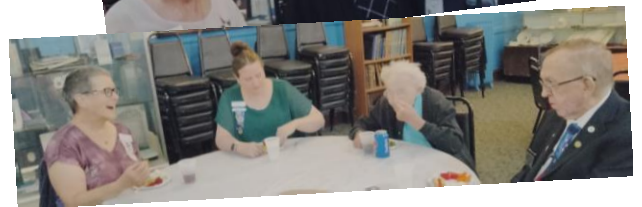


That
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afternoon
Sisters
Lilly and
Laura,
along with
Sisters
Jane and



Alysia from Manzanita, attended **Bethel 40's "Terrifying Tea"** and were seated at the "Mummy Table." The daughters served a scarily delicious five-course luncheon that included scones, veggies, fruit, meatballs, quiches, and desserts, as well as many different types of hot and cold teas. No one walked away hungry! Their event raised money for HQ Isabelle's special project, the Trevor Project, a national program dedicated to providing mental health support to LGBTQ young people. If you would like to help the daughters reach their fundraising goal of \$1,000, please reach out to Erin Brown, Bethel Guardian, at erin41285@yahoo.com.

Our **Shooting Stars party** shone on May 22 where we welcomed our sisters and brothers from Manzanita #85,



Dawn #125, Loyalty #145 and Metro #157. Manzanita and Dawn tied for the most members in attendance so the winner of the traveling plaque came down to a "joke-off." After a tough round of laughs and groans, Manzanita won! We look forward to seeing each one of you at the joint **official visit and homecoming** for our Worthy Grand Matron, Beth. The party happens on Saturday June 4 at Aurora Masonic Lodge. Join us for a catered BBQ lunch at 11:30 (\$15 at the door, RSVP to Sue Schultz, sabschultz@comcast.net

followed by our meeting at 1:30 pm. You don't want to miss the fun!

Sister Kelly Triplett, long-time member of Heritage Chapter, is "an award-winning songwriter and singer who flavors her pop tunes with hints of rock-n-roll and blues." You can see Kelly perform live at the Glass Top Bar at the Denver Center for Performing Arts: June 2, 23, August 25 and September 8; 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We are so proud of her! www.kellytriplett.com/shows.

Congratulations to sister Emma Wilson of Heritage chapter #154 on receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouts. It's equivalent to the Eagle Scout but March harder to earn. She now joins her mom Karen and sister Susan Wilson as Gold Award Girl Scouts. Susan and Karen are also members of Heritage Chapter.



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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 Sept and December.

We hope everyone had a wonderful May. Fountain Valley stayed busy with 11 members at Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Pikes Peak Region hosted by Centennial #58. We enjoyed the fun theme of May the fourth be with you. The President Bob Harper honored mothers. At our First meeting in May we honored Mothers and flowers and small plant able flowers were given to all mothers.

The big event of Mule Manure Bingo happened on May 12th and after three hours of leading mules and watching them, square #20 had the PLOP! A big congratulations to Curt Furukawa! Curt is the Brother of Courtney and the Son of Sharon and Dave Furukawa! Congratulations Curt! A big thank

you to our Associate Conductress Melinda Lingley and her family!

The next day Fountain Valley hosted their OV in Pueblo and had a wonderful time showing Miracles do Happen. Many folks enjoyed the Mule Train BBQ after our OV. A big thank you to all members for their food, and a special thanks to our Secretary and Warder, Bill and Sharon for making the cutest frog cookies favors to take home!

Our second meeting in May consisted of a mock initiation and an announcement of our honor chapter points so far!

We are looking forward to friendship night June 15th and hope everyone can join us!!!



Caught in the act- Our Mule Manure Bingo Fundraiser

Xena and Jericho getting treats and enjoying some people time



Fountain Valley at their Official Visit!



Adorable Frog Cookies!

METRO #157 - DENVER

Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

Metro Chapter #157 joined our members and friends at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community for church on April 30, then had lunch together at the Pick-A-Dilly for our traditional 5th Sunday Metro Social. Nineteen members and guests shared lunch and conversation.

We so enjoyed welcoming the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family and many guests at our recent Official Visit. We had a wonderful dinner prepared by Sister Juldine Cohen and her family, and served by the Girl Scouts.

Metro will be initiating a new member at our first meeting in June, and we will celebrate Father's Day as well.

We are still collecting used athletic shoes as a year-long fundraiser, and both plastic grocery bags (for Meals on Wheels) and stamps/stamp-collection materials (for Stamps for the Wounded) as part of our ongoing benevolent projects; please contact me at mcknightlg@yahoo.com if you need more information or wish to support any of these projects.

Father's Day originated in America. The first unofficial Father's Day celebration was held in Spokane, Washington on 19th June 1910.

The Father's Day concept was invented by Sonora Smart Dodd from Washington. Her father raised his 6 children single-handedly, after their mother died in childbirth. June was her Dad's birthday month.

Most countries around the world celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June. In Australia, it's the first Sunday of September. Finnish people celebrate the festival on the second Sunday of November. And in Germany they celebrate on Ascension Day, the 40th day of Easter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Wisconsin Grand Chapter Report
Submitted by Dan Brooks, WP #155
Wisconsin Grand Representative

May 15th found us in Stevens Point, Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Grand Chapter. Us being the Worthy Grand Matron, Beth with escort Cheryl, Worthy Grand Patron Gary with Escort CherylAnn and Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Colorado, Dan Brooks with escort Kim Brooks. We were greeted by Grand Representative of Colorado in Wisconsin, Connie Skarvan. Connie was most helpful in all respects, invited us to a reception held by her former Grand Family and escorted us to various sessions and meals. She was also active in several committees assisting in the work of the Grand Chapter. Connie is planning to attend the Colorado Grand Chapter in September.

Dan, Beth, Cheryl, Connie, Kim, CherylAnn & Gary
Jemma, the new puppy for the Service Dog Project



Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced in general session along

with CherylAnn as a General Grand Committee Member and Cheryl as a Past Grand Matron. Although

Wisconsin does things a little different than Colorado, eating and banquets are

much the same as can be observed in the picture. One of the real joys of the session was getting to know the General Grand Committee member who heads up the Service Dogs project. He had a new puppy which he had for 15 days prior to Wisconsin Grand Chapter. Her name is Jemma and she can be



seen in the picture in the gold circle, with WGM Beth holding her leash. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were in attendance and we were able to converse with them for a short period. Wisconsin Grand Chapter has 37 active subordinate chapters and, as we in Colorado struggle to maintain active chapters, they have the same challenges. Many Sisters and Brothers strongly recommended I attend WI Grand Chapter, if possible, for the state I represent. I am glad I followed their advice and I thank Terri Hundhausen, PGM and Leonard Pederson, PGP of Wisconsin for my commission and Cheryl Williams, PGM and Keith Hoey PGP of Colorado for recommending me.

**THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES CLUB
MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 ON
JUNE 3 AT THE
AURORA MASONIC TEMPLE
PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL VISIT
OF DAWN #125 / HERITAGE #154**

**WE WILL DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF THE
PROPOSED BYLAWS AND THE HOSPITALITY
ROOM AT GRAND CHAPTER. HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE. ALL PAST AND PRESENT
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND.**

**NEWS FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Submitted by Mike Brewer, PGP / Member of the Board

Now that I'm well into my second year as a OES Grand Chapter board member and have more time behind me than in front of me, I can honestly say that when I started this journey, a 3-year term seemed like a long period of time, but it has been but a flash. I can also see where a five-year term could be too long. It has been suggested that we move the term to 4 years to coincide with the length of time for a Grand Matron to go through the officer line. I believe this is an excellent idea as it pairs a new board member with the Associate Grand Conductress, allowing both to grow in knowledge together of how they can be most productive in their years for the craft. This also creates an ongoing working relationship between the Grand Chapter officer line and the Board of Directors, which is critical to the future success of our beloved organization. The relationship between the Grand Chapter Officer line and the board of directors is critical in our operations as one provides the vision, and one helps to make it a reality. And as often is the case, you see the two as being interchangeable in their efforts of visions and reality. This is what makes us special and the business of being a board member rewarding. You get to be part of fulfilling dreams and spreading the word of what we are about; Being part of something very special from an operational perspective!

I'm so very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Colorado OES and our members in multiple capacities through the years, but being a board member is unique in that I'm directly involved with the business of being and running a grand chapter. I truly get to see firsthand that it takes all of us working together to have a thriving Eastern Star presence! I encourage each and every member to engage with the board and to be a part of the solution.

We need to grow, and we need members to be active at the board level bringing new ideas and thoughts that can drive growth for us for the years to come. Come join us and help build our future!

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Brandon Duncan, PP #98

Warm spring greetings, Sisters and Brothers. As we continue to talk membership, I'd like to drill down on some of the elements that make sharing who we are more effective. I'm a "peek behind the curtain" kind of guy, so I always like to know how something came to be and how it operates. If we don't know why and how we started, we have trouble conveying our foundation and what we stand for. Let's talk a bit of history and form.

Stone masons of the Middle Ages worked in guilds, similar to today's unions. The guilds would travel from job to job, and as such, required methods of verifying identity, "employment," and authorization to work. Just as we have to show our dues card to visit other Chapters, these workers employed secret signs, words, and modes of recognition. These operative stone masons would often gather outside of work for social and fellowship time, and to discuss their craft. As some of this information was secretive, these gatherings also often leveraged signs and words to prove worthiness.

These casual social groups eventually became a bit more formal. The operative masons would discuss their craft (mostly relative to Geometry and building), finding parallels with God, the structure of the universe, and physical elements of creating strong and refined characteristics, both in building, and in personal character. Members took on different roles ("offices") in the groups, notes were taken, activities were planned, and form came. The first Masonic Lodge was officially formed in 1717 and "speculative" Masons were born.

In the mid 1800s, several Masons began to see opportunity that women, in their supporting roles of men, should have an opportunity to gather to more closely

understand and support their husbands, and to enjoy similar basic teachings and principles as the Masons. In 1850 Rob Morris started Eastern Star, and it was adopted and approved as an appendant body in 1873. Wives and other female relatives of Masons could become members. Eastern Star is based upon 5 heroines of the Bible and their virtuous lessons, with the white point of the emblematic star shining down upon the Manger.

The Masonic youth groups, DeMolay for boys, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters, were developed in circa 1920, also to invite more of the family to enjoy our tenants, and spend more time together.

We have business meetings when we pay bills, vote on issues, and share communications. We have social and fundraising events often. We get out of the house and spend quality time with good people we know and share interests, and love, and trust.

The answer to "what do we do" can be many and varied. And likely, different for each member. As you remember why and how we started, how we've evolved, and what we are today both for ourselves and the community, remember that you are the steward who will ensure that we are able to pass this gift well to the future. The statistics I share which only speculate our future come from the past. We have so much hope and potential right now and I am so excited to see us grow again.

MEMORIES

Submitted by Galene Alton, PM #125

As I sit here at the beginning of May I have a lot of things I am thinking about. Mothers Day was always so special to me as I had a wonderful Mother and she passed when she was 59, she got to see my kids and that was such a blessing for all of us. There wasn't a thing she could not do: I truly mean this, she sewed cloths that were better than you could buy, she could cook and her pies would melt in your mouth, she could tear anything apart and make something out of it and if she wanted an arch in the wall instead of a doorway she would make one.

I used to sit and wonder how she had so much know how to do things as for me I have all her talent but it is hidden and one of these days hope I see some of it but as of now I am at a loss on how to do anything. I will say when my Daddy passed that is when I saw something that she had a terrible time handling and we all had to help but she finally came around and did good. But she was such a doer and never topped when she and Daddy were together. She topped when she and Daddy were together she always had buy times and was always making things or fixing things. Now my Daddy wasn't as handy if she would show him or have him help is was good but she was the lead on fixing things.

Now when it came to the CAFE my DADDY was the shiner, Mother would rather be home doing something but Daddy loved the café and so did I, we worked in it together as long as I can remember and would still have it if we had not moved to Colorado after I got married. I

loved going in and helping get things ready for the day, waiting on the people and seeing everyone and hoping to get their day started off good. Daddy and I had fun working together.

Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day was always a big weekend for us in the Café in our little town of Pisgah, we always had special meals for those days and Memorial Day is where everyone came to meet before and after going to the cemeteries. It was always fun seeing old friends gathering to get ready to go to the different towns to put flowers on the graves and then they would all meet back at or place and have coffee, food and good conversations and meet and greet all friends new and old. Seems our place was the gathering place for all, good times and difficult times and so many wonderful memories.

Graduation we had a shelf we displayed all the graduating Seniors pictures on and after graduations all Seniors went to café and had Banana Splits as Daddy would treat the graduating class to free treats. Then in June came the weddings and all kinds of celebrations and the cafe was always the first stop when you hit the town of Pisgah as there would always be people to see and visit with. Now the little town has gone back to the sleepy little town it was years ago and that is okay but a little sad also. Seems like the town is old and people I once knew has passed and most of the businesses have closed and the café just isn't like it used to be, oh, people still stop in but the old soda fountain is no longer there, the ice cream counters are gone and the food is good but just isn't the same and same or the town. I like going back but all the people

I knew is in the cemeteries now and the town just isn't the same fun town it was when I was there. The school is gone and that really took the town down, but nice people are still there although I don't but a few anymore and I and we all have good wonderful memories and that is all that matters to us now, good memories, good fun and good people. Here we go into June and can't help but wonder where the time goes, I remember a a kid saying time goes so slow and my folks would say "when you get older you will wonder where the time goes" well I am there. Ya know our folks were so right about so many things, I wonder if we are as smart as they were, guess we will never know! ha. June will be the closing of Star for a couple months and the break will be nice but I will miss seeing ya all and will be glad to get started again in September. Lots of things planned for the summer just hope I can get it all in and have fun doing it. this week is a busy week, Star at Star Village on Tuesday night, Wednesday slow day, Thursday doing Pink Lodge for Dawn Chapter at Park Hill, then Friday Areme Chapter, Saturday Food Bank, Sunday Practice for our OV June 3. Memorial Day I hope I can rest and enjoy the day with family and just enjoy that week but am sure there will be more. Gosh I am so glad I am retired and nothing to day. A person one ask me what a Hoedown was - I said it's like a Shindig but confusion because his face went Catawampus! Have a good time!

What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
And the depth of a family need.*

*Then God combined these qualities.
As there was nothing more to add,
He knew that His masterpiece was complete.
He called it **Dad**.*

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BONUS: for every 2 packs of socks ordered, we will receive one pair at no charge to donate to the military vets and their families in need.

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The Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center Fisher House is dependent on the generosity of community supporters like you to help us assist our families during what may be one of the most stressful times of their lives. By donating to the Rocky Mountain Fisher House, you can be assured that 100 percent of your donation will be used to support the families. The Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center Fisher House is a sixteen suite “home away from home” that provides a place for families to stay, free of charge, while their loved one receives inpatient care at the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center or other VA authorized facilities. The house provides all the comforts of home at no charge to their guests, to include a fully equipped kitchen, laundry room, dining room and a family room. The guest suites, all ADA, each have their own private bathroom.

You can choose to have the socks shipped directly to you for an additional cost (fastest option), or have them shipped to me and I will get them to you the next time we meet.

Thank you, from the bottom of our feet!

Mt. Zion, Chapter #133

Submitted by Lorajean Current & Jan Cromwell

Mt. Zion is promoting a new **out-reach** for existing & perspective members, family, and friends! We have purchased a subscription to and are showing special Sight & Sound Televised Theater Performance Movies! Each month a different Biblical Story will be featured. Productions available include our Star Heroines – Queen Esther & Ruth, along with Moses, Jesus, Daniel, King David & many more. These productions are filmed stage productions, amazingly complete with animals and marvelous stage sets! It is great entertainment for all ages and a great introduction to the stories of our Heroines!

(If you are serving as Ruth or Queen Esther, don't miss these productions!)

Enjoy a bag of popcorn, a cup of coffee or a soda as you join us for these special **movies beginning at 11:30 AM** on the

4th Sunday of every month at the **Golden Masonic Center, 400 10th Street, Golden, CO.**

The up-coming Sight and Sound Movies for this year are:

**June 25th -
Ruth**



July 23rd – Moses

August 27th – Joseph

September 24th – Queen Esther

October 22nd – “I heard the Bells” (A special pre- Christmas Production!)

No Sight & Sound Movie will be shown in November or December due to the holidays.

Our continued every 4th Sunday of the month All you can eat Pancake Breakfast is served from

**8 am to
11 am**

**Come enjoy
breakfast**



and stay for the Movie!



**“May the Blue ever keep you
Faithful and True
to convictions of Duty and Right.
May the Yellow remind you
ever to be Just.
And the white on your path,
shed its Light.
May the Green keep you
Trustful, with Faith to Believe.
And the Red give you Courage
and Power.
For with these bright rays of our
beautiful Star comes
strength for each day and each hour.”**

Author Unknown

