



A-U-2 Review



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2021

ANNA PETERSON, WGM

THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

BOB HARPER, WGP



SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Here we are at the first of June. I can't believe the year is almost half over and so far 2021 has been another year for the books. For a while I didn't think spring was ever going

to come with late snows, below normal temperatures and then rain, rain and more rain. But soon all of that will be but a memory and summer will be here before we know it and we'll be complaining about the heat.

For the first time in my memory, we are having Official Visits in June. Dawn Chapter's Official will be June 1st, then Homecoming at Areme Chapter on June 5th and finally on June 12th. I'll be heading to Durango for a combined official with LaPlata and Peace and Harmony Chapters.

I'm really looking forward to the drive over to Durango. Colorado is one of the most beautiful states in the Country and we will be driving through one of the most beautiful parts of the State and in my opinion at the best time of the year. It doesn't get much better than that and I'm looking forward to a good turnout for these last three Official Visits.

As we come to the end of the Covid pandemic and its restrictions, it's so nice to be able to once again greet everyone and enjoy all the social benefits that are so much a part of our organization. However just a reminder, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and know that we will miss you. And if you haven't had your full course of vaccinations, please wear a mask and follow CDC

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DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

During the month of June we celebrate Flag Day and I thought I would share some history of Flag Day with you. Flag Day is June 14th.

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the American flag by the Continental Congress in the First Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777. Although the 200 year anniversary of this date was celebrated by flying flags on public buildings and holding remembrances in several cities, Flag Day wasn't officially recognized until President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1949.

Bernard J. Cigrand, known to the general public as the "Father of Flag Day", worked as a school teacher at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. He held the first unofficial observance for Flag Day at that school in 1885 and today, a bust of Cigrand stands in Waubeka at the National Americanism Center.

Cigrand delivered speeches around the country about patriotism and holding an observance for the flag on June 14. He later became the president of the American Flag Day Association and the National Flag Day Society. He continued to promote his cause with backing from those organizations. According to amateur historian James L. Brown who wrote the booklet, "The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: Father of Flag Day," Cigrand had once claimed he had given 2,188 speeches on the flag and patriotism. The Chicago Tribune had noted that Cigrand had, "almost single-handedly" established Flag Day.

Although Cigrand is the most recognized candidate, several others have also claimed to be

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protocol. Let's not give this bug any excuse to rear its ugly head again.

All our Session Committees are busy preparing for the Rhythm of Life Grand Chapter, which will be held on September 23rd through the 25th at the Radisson Hotel in Aurora. God willing we are planning on having a wonderful and exciting reunion of Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from across Colorado and other jurisdictions around the Country. My message to everyone is: Let's come together and celebrate being with each other, greeting old friends and making new ones and once again enjoying the fun and fellowship that this pandemic has taken from us over the past 15 months.

One of the highlights of our Rhythm of Life Session will be the initiation of several new members. If you know of someone who would like to join our Order and be initiated at the Grand Session, let me know. The WGP and I, as well as our Grand Officers would love to initiate and welcome many new members at the Session.

On line registration and reservations for the meals will begin on July 1st. This year we have been blessed with a couple of generous donations specifically designated to defray some of the cost of the meals in hopes that this will help many of our members to enjoy the fellowship that is so much a part of our social gatherings. In order to take advantage of these discounts you will have to make your meal reservations on line. I'm encouraging everyone to make their reservations early. Even though there are a substantial number of discounts available, we are expecting a large turnout. If you need help, you can call one of our volunteers who will assist you in making your online meal reservations, as well as register for the Grand Session. Remember the early bird gets the worm (no pun intended).

On Line Registration/Reservation Help Volunteers:

Debra Knott (970-736-8237)
 Lauren Hanson (720-272-5808)
 George Benson (303-517-7522)
 Betty Benson (303-507-3025)
 Kim Carr (303-591-5985)
 Sharon Parrish (970-270-6312)

As I close this article, I would like to remind all my Sisters and Brothers to fly your American flag on Flag Day June 14th. It's a small way of saying, I am proud to be an American and grateful for the many blessing that this country



has bestowed upon us. I would also like to ask everyone to take a moment to recognize all those fathers who have worked so hard to support and encourage their sons and daughters to be all that they can be and have set an example of what it means to be a Dad. To be a father only depends on biology, to be a Dad is to be a guiding light, a mentor and an inspiration to the next generation. To paraphrase one the most famous quotes from a Masonic organization, No man ever stands as tall as when he stoops to help a child. And to all my Masonic Brothers who continue to give your love and support, guidance and wisdom to our Order, thank you and God bless you all.

Anna Peterson, Worthy Grand Matron

114 Days until the Fun Begins

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Fathers are wonderful people

Too little understood,

And we do not sing their **praises**

As often as we should...

But **FATHERS** are just wonderful

In a million different ways,

And they merit loving **compliments**

And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires

To **fortune** and success

Is to make the family proud of him

And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**

And like our Heavenly Father,

He's a **guardian** and a guide,

Someone that we can count on

To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day

founders of Flag Day. In 1889 the principal of a free Kindergarten, George Bolch celebrated the anniversary of the Flag resolution at his New York City school. Soon the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day too.

In 1893,Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution passed deeming June 14 as Flag Day. That same year the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania were responsible for a resolution passed requiring the American Flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. In 1937, Pennsylvania was the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

After much persistence and the support of many individuals, organizations, mayors, governors, and five presidents, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation requesting that June 14 become National Flag Day. In 1927, President Coolidge issued a second proclamation, and finally in1947, Congress approved it and it became law.

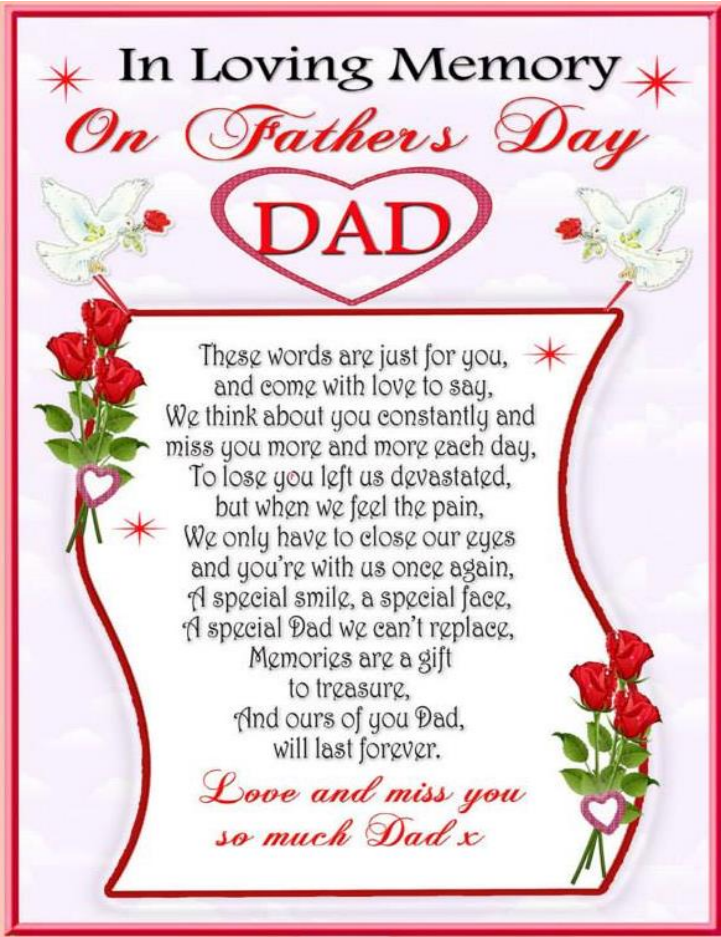
Soon after Flag Day became official, another law passed requiring the state superintendent of schools to make sure patriotic holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day, Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday are observed in schools.

Interesting bit of history, I hope you all enjoyed it.
Fraternally,
Bob Harper, Worthy Grand Patron

How did Father's Day begin? Here are two "Googled" ideas:

Father's Day started in the **early 20th century** in the **United States** to celebrate fatherhood and to complement Mother's Day. It was first celebrated on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA by Sonora Smart Dodd. Sonora came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909

In the United States, Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The tradition was said to be started from a **memorial service** held for a large group of men who died in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in **1907**.



CHAPTER

NEWS

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Editor's Note: By the wish of our AGM and AGP, Sister Cheryl and Brother Keith, any mention in the articles noting the announcement of the incoming Grand Officers has been omitted. Not all announcements have been made yet and Cheryl and Keith would like the honor to publically make the "Official Announcement" to the general membership. Thank you for understanding.

COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE
Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

Brother George Benson presented the Dessie Powell Scholarship to Lake County High School Senior, Barbara E. Chavez-Sanchez. He also presented Corinthian Lodge's Gary Baker Scholarship to Dylan Windorski at a recent awards ceremony.

Colorado 2's Official Visit on May 7th was held with 53 in attendance. All offices but one, were filled by Colorado 2 members. Brother Bob Trezise recited a Mother's Day prayer and then played "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter

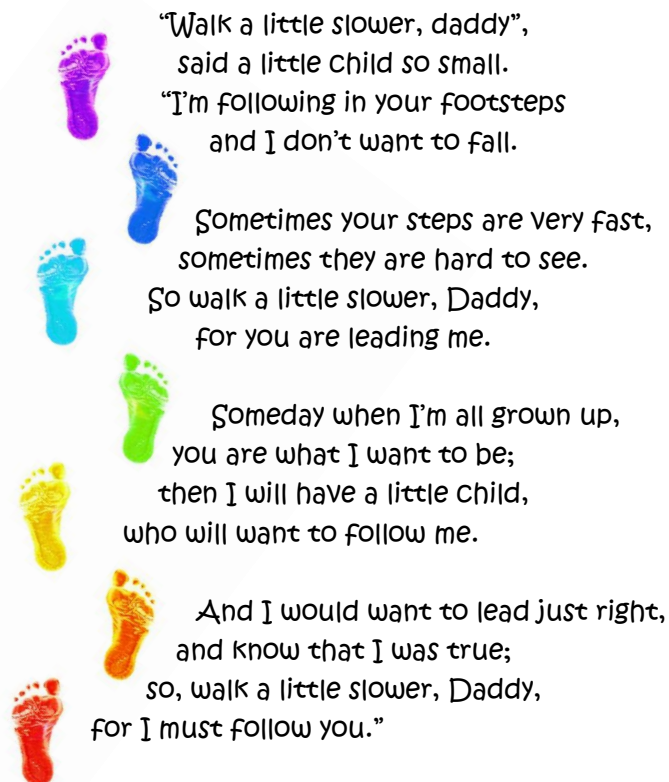
The Ways n Means committee would like to thank all those who attended our last Fundraiser – the Mexican Dinner. Everyone who attended, enjoyed good food, wonderful fellowship and had a good time.

Our next venture is our Parking Lot Sale (NO, the parking lot is not for sale, only the items on display) on Saturday June 19th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Our Chapter will host a food booth at the Annual Greeley Arts Picnic on July 24 & 25. Our Chapter was one of the very first food booths at the Event, which started about 35 years ago. We serve Sloppy Joes and homemade baked goods, along with breakfast burritos and drinks.

At our last meeting on May 25th, the WM honored the Veterans of our Chapter. Throughout the business portion of the meeting, she gave interesting tidbit facts about Memorial Day, along with her corny one liner jokes. The WM & WP also honored our Marshal, Brother Jerry Park with a short tribute to the meaning and symbolism of the Office, then presented him with a small gift as a token of their appreciation. Under Good of the Order, a short Memorial Ceremony was presented by several Officers in memory of our members who have passed this past year.

At our next meeting, we will honor our Big Sisters and Big Brothers, starting with a dinner at 6:30. In our Chapter, the installed officers ask another member of the Chapter to be their Big Sister or Big Brother. In the event that the Officer cannot attend a meeting, she/he calls their BS or BB to fill the station for that meeting. This way the WM does not have to find a protem and takes away that last minute pressure.

We will also honor the Sons of our Star. (Basically all the Brothers. The WM did not want to exclude those Brothers who are not Fathers, but recognize that all Brothers are Sons who have a Father) So with that said, our Chapter would like to wish all the Sons and Fathers, a Happy Father's Day and leave you with this thought:



PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Joannie Briggs, PM - Reporter

Chapter 7 is drawing near to summer break, and we will be going out on a high note! (Alright...I hear those of you snickering out there...we don't mean THAT kind of HIGH!!)

After 2 years of struggling to keep in touch & keep our Chapter together, we will be initiating 2 new members at our regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. We would love our friends to join us that evening at 7:30pm at the Pueblo Masonic Center to initiate and welcome Marie Beise and Ariel Mavis to The Order! Marie is the daughter of our member Ralph Newby. Ariel actually submitted her petition in April 2020, and due to COVID craziness that ensued, it has taken a full 12 months to get everything put in place. We also welcomed the daughter of Brent and Glenda Skipper, Kimberly Long, back into The Order!



A really BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone for your orders of sweet Vidalia Onions. We are still looking forward to receiving the onions during the 2nd week of June, and will contact everyone to make arrangements for pick up or delivery as needed. By the way, there is STILL time to order! Call, email, or

message the Chapter Secretary, Joan Briggs 719-429-0063 or cjbriggs@bresnan.net.

Our Conductress Laurie Ward, along with Associate Patron Brian Bate, and members of Chapter 7 catered and served a “turkey & fixins” luncheon on Saturday May 15, 2021 for the Official Visit of the Grand Master of All Masons in Colorado, Michael Moore, to the 4 lodges located in the region – Lodge 17, 31, 93, and 194. We served approximately 45 Masons, guests, and OES members with wonderful food, fellowship, and a few giggles! The Masonic meeting that followed was an open meeting, and everyone had a really nice afternoon.

Associate Matron Dawn McFall and Associate Patron Brian Bate paid me (ha!) to let everyone know that they are truly excited about going into the East next year. They are keeping most of their plans for shenanigans under wraps right now, so I can’t even give you a hint of what’s to come! However, they assured me we will be having lots of F-U-N!

At this time, members of Chapter 7 want to publicly thank Worthy Matron Mary Beth Messer and Worthy Patron Joe Paseka for doing an **outstanding** job during a really REALLY rough 2 years in the East. Just like other Chapters, our members struggled with staying in touch and keeping good attitudes during the pandemic, and restrictions from closures and constantly changing regulations didn’t help. We texted each other, messaged by Zoom Meeting Facebook, Zoomed to see faces, tried to meet sporadically,

had meetings with masks and social distancing and the fragrant waft of hand sanitizer in the air... and finish out the year with hugs, laughter, and singing! You were able to squeeze 2 years out of a 1 year budget. Whew, that was close! Guess this proves you can’t keep a good Star Chapter down! Our love and heartfelt

thanks go out to our WM & WP for hanging in there and steering this ship through the stormy seas. We love you!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!
See you on the flip side!



So far, we have been able to meet twice. Some substitutes, but well attended.

PGP, Lee Blooding’s Memorial Service was May 26th at 2pm, Ft. Collins Masonic Temple.

We also have lost Gary Malara, and his Memorial Service will be Saturday, June 5, 2021 at the Temple as well, at 2:00.

We did have a petition to read at our April 27th meeting and hope to have an Initiation before the last meeting in June.

We are also considering having a Friendship Night the last week of June.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

What a wonderful celebration we had with the *Rhythm of Life* Grand Family on May 15 as we accomplished our long-postponed Official Visit.

WM Cindy Wardlaw, PGM, GGCCM-Registration and her crazy, fun-loving WP, Len Wardlaw welcomed 56 members and visitors. It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed the freedom of being together with our Sisters and Brothers in a mostly, mask-less setting. We had many Grand Officers and their escorts present, as well as members from Waunita #37 Gunnison, Sunshine #53 Grand Junction, La Plata #83, Durango and Excelsior #66, Lafayette.

WGM Anna Peterson and WGP Bob Harper led the Affiliation Ceremony, formalizing the joining of Paonia Chapter #74 with Silver Star #40. It was a lovely ceremony and quite moving as all members joined hands around the altar and then joined in repeating the Obligation of the Order.

WGM Anna moved us all with a tribute to Law Enforcement, citing the numbers of officers injured or killed this last year. This was especially appropriate since Silver Star #40 is the Home of the Associate Grand Patron, Keith Hoey, (*aka Toby Keith*) who recently retired as a Colorado State Trooper. May 15th was National Peace Officers Memorial Day during 2021 National Police Week – May 9th through May 15th.

We are happy to let you know that our dear Bonnie Lou Lamb is greatly improved after her recent hospitalizations. Her sons, along with their wives, children and a couple grandchildren are here



helping her downsize and preparing for a yard sale to dispose of many un-needed items! This should be quite a sale!

Sister Marian Ferguson is dealing with heavy burdens as she cares for her husband who has Alzheimer's. Please keep her in your prayers. It is such a horrible illness and we appreciate WGM Anna's project to raise awareness and support research for this disease.

It is exciting to begin planning for next year! We are looking forward to hosting the SOI at Silver Star on July 17. We will have coffee, tea and fruit available in the kitchen prior to the meeting. We are told that the School will be over by Noon and at this time, no food is being planned afterwards.

We are planning our end-of-the-year Potluck prior to our June 17th meeting. It has been a long time since we were able to fellowship prior to our meetings. We will also hold our elections and our new members are working hard on their proficiency so that they may become officers.

Stay safe Sisters and Brothers and we extend to those who are ill and grieving special thoughts and prayers.



SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Happy June from Sunshine #53! We in Grand Junction are only two meetings from going dark for the summer.

We still have some cookbooks if anyone would like one. Please let WM Stephanie Thorpe (thorpe65stephanie@gmail.com) know.

The Chapter was saddened by the loss of Dorothy (Dottie) Dillard on April 24. She was a long time member of Cedar Chapter in Mesa, CO before joining Sunshine #53. Dottie was the sister-in-law of Vernon and Barbara Dillard.

Picnics abound in the summer, so here's something to start you off: Very good!

BLT Dip

- 1-1/2 pound bacon,
- cooked, drained, crumbled, and divided
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cheddar cheese (shredded) or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoons mustard
- 2 cups chopped seeded tomatoes
- 1-1/2 cup shredded Iceberg lettuce
- pepper and salt to taste

Toasted bread rounds, crackers, or pita chips.

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 1 1/2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Set aside 3/4 cup crumbled bacon.

In a large bowl, combine remaining bacon, cream cheese, shredded cheeses, sour cream, mayonnaise, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and mustard. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle chopped tomatoes, remaining 3/4 cup crumbled bacon and lettuce over hot dip.

Serve immediately with toasted bread rounds, crackers, or pita chips.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Grandpas! Elmo says it best:

EDITH #61 – YAMPA

Debra Knott, PM - Reporter

"April Showers bring May Flowers!" What does May bring? Well, it brings more



showers (rain & snow), new born lambs and calves, green grass and sunshine! It also brings Official Visits.

Edith Chapter was honored with the presence of the Rythmn of Life Grand Family on May 8th. A box lunch was served with cookies and ice cream cups for dessert. It was great turn out and we enjoyed

friendship that was passed on to each other. We are pleased to learn that our Brother Bob Tresize was appointed Grand Organist for the next year. Now everyone will get to enjoy his beautiful music!

Edith Chapter was saddened this spring and winter where our golden chain was broken. We lost three of our dear members; Sisters Linda Yackey and Ruby Forster and Brother Oscar King. Our chapter will be doing an Eastern Funeral for Sister Linda this summer.

Edith Chapter's sunshine is that our Sister Melissa Bray is expecting her second child any day now. We are very excited for her and her family. It also looks like we are going to be able to have our pie sale on the 4th of July. If you're in the area, stop by for pie and enjoy the small town of Yampa's festivities.

Keep on smiling and hope for lots of moisture this summer.

EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

Carol Danford, PM - Reporter

Excelsior #6 and Lafayette Lodge #91 awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship to Ryan Allenson of Monarch High School who will be attending the University of Colorado in the Fall. Congratulations to Ryan!

Three of our newest members came to their very first meeting. We explained what the appointment meant and what the Chapter would be doing during the next Grand Chapter Session. All of them were very interested and are looking forward to becoming more active.

Plans were made for the Funeral Team to do the Service for Ed Domenico on May 27th.

HOPE #125 - BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BENNETT

Gaylene Alton, PM - Reporter

Sister Gaylene was diagnosed with Covid, which resulted in a short stay in the hospital because of pneumonia. She reports that her doctors do not want her to venture out until at least July 4th because her immune system has been extremely compromised. She wants everyone to know that 'this time' she is listening to the doctor and will not venture out. Plus, to ensure that she does not leave the yard, her son took her car keys. Haha, I think. Gaylene looks forward to the 4th, as this will be **her** independence day.

Mt Zion chapter has had a fun if unusual term during 2021. We had our very own Leprechaun, Diane Bonnell, show up for our St. Patrick's Day meeting in March.



We then prepared ourselves for April showers with our umbrella parade.

We were happy to present two 50-year pins to Joni Lerud-Heck and Roberta Park. Many things were planned and canceled and other opportunities presented themselves.



Our crazy sock contest produced two winners, John Warren and



Kaeleen Buckingham, who won with her 'pet' sock stockings.

May brought Mother's Day with chocolate roses for all



Moms and a variety of hats from the 1940s and 50s, which brought back many fond memories.

We have received two new petitions and are expecting one more. As June arrives, we will be seeing our wonderful Secretary of 11 years, Barbara Fritz, retiring and are fortunate to be welcoming in Kaeleen Buckingham. Although it has been a challenging year, we have overcome many challenges and have had a good time doing it with good friends.

GOLDEN GLEANER'S CLUB OF NORTHERN COLORADO

At their quarterly meeting on May 2, the Golden Gleaner's Club honored the "Rhythm of Life" Grand Family. Garden City #3 was the hosting Chapter. It is our tradition that the Grand Line Officers meet with the Chapter Line Officers to discuss upcoming plans, expectations of our future, fundraising ideas, membership and to try to "solve the problems, if any, of the Eastern Star World". After the Line Officers meeting, a baked chicken lunch was served and was followed by the business meeting, which Sister Vic Czapenski, President presided.

For entertainment, a game of "Match Game 2021" was played. Sister Anna and Brother Bob, were the contestants and each were instructed to select 3 panelists (celebrities).

The rules of the games were given and everyone was reminded that there was no Bible in the room and to therefore, be 'uninhibited' with their answers. And so – the game commenced.

One of the 4 questions asked was: The lady on the phone, with much persistence, told Mr. Carr that "if he did not pay his bill by noon tomorrow, we will cut off your _____". Shame on you. . . . the logical answers would be phone, gas, electric, cable.

After answering the questions and matching the panelists, Anna was deemed the winner.



Anna then proceeded to the pre-bonus round, where she tried to match the most common response by the audience to "Match _____"



Anna matched the \$2.50 response. Going into the Bonus round, she did not match the panelist, but her total winnings was \$12.50.

As you can see, everyone had a fun and enjoyable afternoon. Our next Golden Gleaner meeting will be our Social Luncheon at Grand Chapter. Please look for our Banquet on your Banquet Reservation form. The Luncheon is open to ALL Eastern Star members and their escort. Hope to See You There.





Lee Blooding and Judy Dominico had music as one of their themes, if I remember correctly. They always found a way to sing a song for their official visits. Also, they were my installing officers in 1990. Jim Oldson, PGP and I were in the east that year at Orient #23 - Loveland. Maxine Blooding was my installing Marshal. Wonderful memories. Did you know? The printed sign for Orient #23 still hangs on a post, on South Lincoln, over in the tall grass, just as you go up the hill into downtown.

- Submitted by Lydia Shelley

Walk With Me, Daddy

By Heaven Bush

Walk alongside me, Daddy
and hold my little hand
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand

Teach me things to keep me safe
from dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school at play

Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow.
So walk alongside me, Daddy.
We have a long way to go.

A Father Just Like You

I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly

The many things you've done
All the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care

Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a father just like you



GRAND CHAPTER
HOSPITALITY ROOM
NEWS FLASH

Great News!

Although, the Grand Representative's Club will not be hosting our traditional Hospitality "Room", we will host a Hospitality Area. This Area will be located on the Lower Level just outside the Silent Auction and Colorado Registration Rooms. Coffee will be available just inside the Silent Auction Room, along with prepackaged snacks. The members of the Grand Representatives hope that you will stop by for coffee and a snack, but more importantly – fellowship. Don't forget to peruse the Silent Auction and make your bid on items that you absolutely cannot do without.