

A-U-2 Review



MARCH



2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Sisters and Brothers:

First, I would like to say a HUGE thank you for one of the kindest gifts you can give someone, in my opinion, is your prayers. This is the second time I have asked you to pray for me and both times the outcome has been a true miracle that only could be because of GOD hearing your prayers. Thank you just does not seem like enough, but thank you just the same. And may GOD or whoever you worship keep us all safe in their hands.

Well, we made it through the first Official Visit after our long break and I was very pleased with the nice turn out from the membership. Thank you so much for supporting Oriental #98. I know that our Grand Chaplin, Brandan Duncan and Grand Sentinel, Robert Walker were pleased to see you in attendance.

As we get ready for Lent this year, I would like each of you to reflect on something a little different. My belief has always been to give something up for Lent. As a child, that would usually mean not playing with my toys for 40 days. I did not eat sweets, as my sister did, she

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Happy Saint
Patrick's Day



Dear Sisters & Brothers:

As most of us remember, February was ushered in with a blast of icy cold weather. I hope you all stayed warm. As CherylAnn and I did some Eastern Star travels this month, we pretty much avoided the snowy roads and endured the frigid temperatures.

The first Monday of February, Sister Beth and I and a few others found ourselves at the

regular stated meeting of Canon City #21. However, we first enjoyed a wonderful meal at Bunkhouse Burgers, owned and operated by Brother Bruce Bowman, WP of Canon City #21.

Next, my travels took me to the Celebration of Life for Jay Norris, the son of Sister Eileen Norris, PGM and the brother of our Grand Conductress, Sister Kaeleen Buckingham. Sister CherylAnn and I then attended another Celebration of Life for Sister Sandy Oldson and Brother Jim Oldson, PGP. What a wonderful service, including both the Eastern Star and

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gave up candy. As a teenager I gave up reading. Sister gave up sweets. And as an Adult, I gave up yelling at my children so much, my sister gave up sweets. This year, I am asking you not to give anything up, but for Lent to try and do a kind deed for someone. Maybe, shop for an elderly person in your neighborhood, ask if you could help out with taking the children to school or bring them home, bring in the mail for a neighbor who just had surgery or came home for the hospital or make meals for someone who just lost a loved one. There are so many things out there that we can do to help each other. Instead of giving something up for 40 days, try do doing something kind for 40 days, Because, you never "Need to apologize for being Kind". Loving Kindness, Elizabeth Spangler, WGM



Masonic Memorial Services. Friends and Family overflowed into standing room only. What a great tribute to our dear Sister & Brother.

After a long sabbatical, our travels took us to the OV of Oriental #98. What a nice day, great food and it was so good to see so many of our Sisters & Brothers.

Sister Beth and I were honored to be invited to give responses at the Grand Court of Amaranth at their Informal Opening. Then 11 members of our Grand Family attended the Open Installation and Coronation Ceremony of Grand Court.

More than 25 members attended our quarterly Golden Gleaners meeting, hosted by Collins #26. When our 3 chapters get together (Collins #26, Garden City #3 & Excelsior #66) you can be rest assured that the time we share will be filled with fellowship, fun and games. We were entertained with a rousing game of Valentine Bingo and our minds were filled with some history of Valentines along with some corny jokes and quips.

It was a pleasure and an honor to attend the chocolate & wine fundraising event hosted by Centennial #58, Pueblo #7, Snowflake #153 and Fountain Valley #155. This event was two-fold. First to raise money for the Fisher House and second to bring together all of the Masonic Bodies and prospects. About 10 Masonic Orders were represented. The band was great, the chocolate was yummy and all enjoyed the fellowship. I would like to thank Sister Sheryl Nalley and the 4 Chapters for all of their hard work in organizing the event. Over \$1000 was raised for the Fisher House.

My travels ended this month with my Homecoming and OV of Garden City #3. We had 71 people at lunch and filled the chapter room with 89 people. I wish to

thank: 1) everyone in attendance for coming, 2) Garden City officers for a great job in their ritualistic work and 3) for CherylAnn for cooking and putting it all together.

May March bring you the luck of the Irish.



Star Love, Gary Lindblad, WGP



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Colorado 2 had a specially enjoyable meeting to celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. Dining room tables were decorated with hearts and flowers and the food was really good, finishing with strawberry shortcake. WM, Loretta read an interesting account of the origins of Valentine's Day and how it is celebrated at present.

For the second meeting, Colorado 2 officers initiated Tracy Patrick into the Order. Her relatives have a long Masonic history and Tracy is excited to be participating in Chapter activities.

Four Colorado 2 members attended the memorial service for Sister Valery Grundvig. Brother Robert Trezise was musician for the service and Brother Alex McIntosh participated with the bag pipes.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

At our meeting on February 7, we celebrated Valentine's. Decorations were, of course, heart shaped chocolate candy and other Valentine Candies. WM, CherylAnn gave corny Valentine jokes for introductions and left us groaning, moaning and laughing at the one line jokes throughout the business portion.

Because Garden City #3 now meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month, members of our Chapter had the opportunity to visit Excelsior #66 at their meeting on February 14th. What a nice evening.

Several of us attended the Installation and Coronation of Grand Court of Amaranth. The newly



installed Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady Laura Lambert is from Faith Court #18 in Greeley.

Our meeting on February 21 was a dress rehearsal for our OV to be held on February 25.

We would like to thank everyone who took time to be with our Chapter at the OV to honor our very own Brother Gary Lindblad, WGP. The day started out with wonderful fellowship. After the blessing, we rounded up our visitors and 'herded' them through the buffet line with a chuck wagon full of hamburgers, brats, a variety of salads and strawberry shortcake cake (not a typo) for dessert.

During introductions, the WGM & WGP were first adorned with their scepters, after which the C & AC were instructed to corral them west of the Altar. After the Grand Honors, by request, Brother Les Bailey sang "I Love" by Tom T. Hall to Gary. During the introductions of the Grand Family, they surprised Brother Gary with corny jokes and puns about cows and then presented him with 3 bottles of ketchup. Gary is one who puts Catsup on his ketchup. Members of Garden City then did a little skit about a frog who told her mom that she did



of "Pin the daisy on the heart of the Holstein cow" was played. And yes, that is a life size cardboard



not want to be a frog. Before we resumed with introductions, a wild and fun game

cutout of a Holstein cow. The WGM and WGP had to choose 3 of their Grand Family to be on their team. The WGP's winning team got to choose their prize from behind door #1 or door #2.

During the introduction of the Grand Representatives, Beth and Gary surprised Sister Janet Adams with an appointment to

A dedication of the new piano was read on behalf of Sister Sonja Mast, PM and Past Grand Organist. She dedicated it in honor of Brother Gary. Everyone then sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth", played by Sister Louise Nincehelter, Organist.

After the OV, 38 members ventured over to the Candlelight Dinner Theater to see "Brigadoon".

What a wonderful day.

This month, we draped our Altar in honor of our PGP, Jim Oldson. It was reported at our Chapter meeting that Sister Beth did a face plant into the grass after tripping up an icy curb. She is colorful, but doing ok. Our Sister Lorita Seidler also slipped on the ice, but didn't fare so well. The ice won, causing a huge goose egg on her forehead. She is really black and blue and is now experiencing "positional vertigo". Sister Maude O'Connell had some CT scans done and found that her carotid arteries in her neck have some blockages. The doctor will take care of those on May 5th. Brother Gary will have some cancer removed from his chest next week.

March will bring us to our Annual Smorgasbord

SMORGASBORD

MARCH 4, 2023

Serving 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CENTURY MASONIC HALL : 2532 9th AVENUE

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

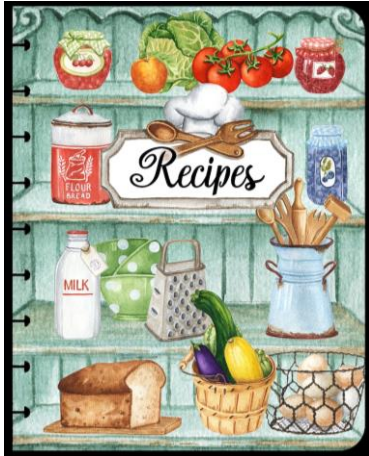
Menu: Lasagna, Chicken Enchiladas, Sourkraut/pork, Mashed Potatoes, Ham, Vegetables, Salads, Oven baked Chicken, Desserts, Beverage.

Then SAVE the DATE for April 1st, (No Foolin') when we will host our annual Variety Show. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. with the show starting at 6:30 pm. Please make reservations by texting or calling CherylAnn at 970-396-3364. \$12 Thank you.

On March 21, our Chapter will celebrate its 137th Birthday. We will also honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Please come and join us.

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Amethyst Nagy and I am currently the Conductress for Garden City Chapter #3. For the upcoming 2023-2024 term, I am planning to create and sell a cookbook with recipes from the members and their families of this wonderful organization. I have a very big favor to ask of you all and I would greatly appreciate any and all assistance. If you are willing and able, could you



please send me your favorite recipes that you or others have and enjoy.

Maybe you could share the recipes from your members and their families who are no longer with us. With that being said, if you do have some of these recipes, please send it with "In Memory of ..." and include your name and chapter information. This is a very important project to me, as I would like to pass along all the delicious food and memories to our family, friends, and future members.

I would like to have all the recipes by June 30th so that I can start compiling the entries. With that deadline in mind, there are a couple of ways that recipes can be sent to me: either by email amiebrow91@gmail.com or send them to my home address - 231 South 5th Street; LaSalle, CO 80645.

Thank you in advance for considering my big request and I greatly appreciate any and all assistance that you may give in advance. Once the cookbooks are completed and ready for sale, Garden City will let everyone know. Again, thank you!

Fraternally, Amethyst Nagy

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Hi all

I hope to see you all at the upcoming Official Visits...especially in Pueblo on March 24th.

I love spending the day with my Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters. It always brightens my day to see all the smiling faces. Let's get out there and support each other. See you soon.

Remember Kindness is free...spread it everywhere

Our chapter hosted a simple dinner for the Masons of the Longs Peak Lodge, at their lodge building in Campion, CO. The purpose was to share a meal and give out information about Eastern Star to them and their wives (girlfriends).

Our WM Sarilyn explained how our order works and was able to clear up a lot of misinformation about how to join and be a member.

It was deemed a successful event, in that we were able to acquire three interested people and the possibility of new members in the near future.



Collins #26 also hosted our regional Golden Gleaners Club on Sunday, February 19th. It was a small gathering and Collins #26 was able to retain the traveling "attendance" trophy. Members of Garden City #3 and Excelsior #66 were also in attendance. We enjoyed a luncheon of Lasagna and Salad with some delicious little donuts for dessert. After the meeting, we all enjoyed a rousing game of Valentine Trivia Bingo.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

With a foot of snow in our parking lot, WM Connie Pittenger decided that we did not need to hold a meeting on February 16th. Wise choice! Also bitter cold, 5 degree weather.



But the parking lot got plowed, sort of (kinda like the City Market parking lot – ugh!)

and did not dissuade the guests for the 24th annual German Dinner! We



served approximately 175 guests either dine-in or take-out meals! We were fortunate to have a

huge crew of more than 25 helpers, members and their relatives and friends, in and out of



the kitchen. It does take a crew and at least 24 hours of hard labor! No one went away hungry and the first-time attendees asked "when will you have the next German Dinner?"



Compliments to the cooks! Amee Waldvogle's family came and washed dishes the whole evening! Thanks to all who made it such a success.

At our February 2nd meeting, we draped the Charter for PM Genneve Sage, our 53 year member who has been living in Utah near her daughter. She was formerly a member of Bethany Chapter #148 in Nucla. Her services are scheduled for May 27 in Nucla.

Jewel Williams was presented with her 50 year pin. Unfortunately, she was not up to pictures at this time. Congratulations Jewel!

The following are updates on several members: Bridget Carmody's mother passed away the end of January. Dee Burns is now in Assisted Living at Willow Tree in Delta. Suzanne Teague's heart cath revealed positive signs of healing! Cardiac rehab is scheduled to aid the process. PGP Lloyd & Bridget Hannah will be relocating to Grand Junction on March 10th. Their son will move into their Ridgway home the next day. Their daughter is with them for the duration! Bridget is doing well but it is nice to have her daughter to help. Past Grand Master Rodney Johnson broke his leg. He missed the last couple of steps on their stairs at home and took a nasty fall. PGP Keith Hoey is recovering from back surgery. Prayers for all of these members for healing and patience for their caregivers!

Before our February 2nd meeting, we were privileged have a guest speaker, Onita Doyle from Sharing Ministries. This is our local food bank we have supported for many years. At our April 6th meeting, we will have another speaker to share information about the Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center. This is one of the primary local charities we will be supporting this year as it is near and dear to WM Connie's heart. We are looking forward to learning more about this important community service.

As we watch a new layer of snow accumulating on top of the last storm's deposit, we look forward to the arrival of Spring. We leave you with this thought from Mother Theresa, "*The greatest gift of life is to help each other through it.*"

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter



It's March! Month of leprechauns, shamrocks, Celtic EVERYTHING and so much more. (But, wait....there's more).

While Sunshine Chapter didn't meet in January, we did accomplish helping with the Wedding How in Grand Junction. We do a booth for the Grand Valley Event Center showcasing our wedding venues and possibilities. We met lovely brides-to-be, grooms-to-be and all kinds of interesting folks! Thank you to

Harry Clark, Tommie Clark, Niccole Grey and Nancy Eriksen for hanging in there and smiling for 4 hours!



Sharon and Willis traveled to Price, UT (Willis' old stomping grounds) to do several errands on February 2nd and 3rd. They attended the meeting of the Piece



Chapter, then went up to Salem, UT to present Lucille Isaman with her 75 year pins. It turns out Lucille has spend over 40 years at the Moab Chapter! The presentation was lovely and you can watch it on You Tube.

February 18 brought us tearfully to the memorial for Valerie Grundvig. Cindy Wardlaw officiated with members from several Lodges and Chapters taking parts. After the Memorial, we drove to Montrose to take part in Silver Star's German Dinner which is always SOOOOO good.

February 20 we served a pizza party for DeMolay and Rainbow. Just a get together to let them know we're thinking of them.



as early as February 3 to as late as March 9. It is also a time for King Cake, Masks, beads and all kinds of



fun! Worthy Matron Nancy had passed out masks on February 7 to be decorated and returned at this meeting. We had a Mardi Gras quiz, our own King Cake and other great stuff. Joan Christopher won the mask contest with her butterfly and Niccole Gray found the baby in the cake. Willis also shared some memories of Price, UT with us from his younger years.

We also draped the Altar for PGP Jim Oldson.

We did the Jewels of Hope project thru the end of February and also dedicated two coin marches to the Souperbowl of Kindness.

Remember the Ancestry commercial with the guy changng his kilt for e? That is kind of me, although my DNA says 27% Scottish so I think I will keep my kilts and pipes, thank you!



Closing with one of my favorite Celtic thoughts:

"May those who love us, love us and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts. It He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we may know them by their limping."

CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

Sheryl Nalley, PM - Reporter

I know the weather across the state has presented challenges and changes for most of us, but Centennial enjoyed our Christmas pot-luck and social time on January 4th. A Christmas spirit dressing contest, ornament



exchange, games and great food always make for a fun night! Our next meeting on January 18th was canceled due to weather and we had to postpone the initiation of T'Christopher Gardner until February 1st. Welcome T'Chris!

Last night, February 15th, again thanks to Mother Nature, we canceled our meeting but had a Zoom meeting for news updates and a lucky spin game for a gift card. The spinner landed right on

the line between Jim and MaryKae Jarvis, so I guess they'll get to battle it out as to who gets to choose what from Barnes and Noble. The coolest thing about the Zoom meeting though was having the opportunity to "see" some of our peeps from afar. Linda and George Richie joined us from Florida and Patricia Sullivan chimed in from Dripping Springs, Texas! Our Worthy Matron Kerry Ferguson plans to add a Zoom meeting a month just so our folks who can't attend, can visit with us and we can catch up on what's happening in their lives as well. Awesome idea Kerry!

By the time you read this, our "All Things Chocolate, Wine and Jazz" event will have passed (Feb 24), but I'll try to post next issue on the results along with pictures!

Warmest Wishes to Everyone!!

EDITH #61 - YAMPA

Debra Knott, PM - Reporter



Someone left the gate open and the clouds have dropped a lot of snow this winter here in the Yampa Valley. On the level there is about 3-4 feet of settled snow. It's been an "Old Fashion" Winter or as the old locals would say, "A 3-Wired Winter." All this snow means water in the summer.

While Edith Chapter was dark during the months of January and February, some of its members became "snowbirds" and went south to warmer climate. On February 18th, the chapter joined the lodge to celebrate George Washington's Birthday. A pot luck was enjoyed along with the playing of "Kamikaze" BINGO. We invited prospective members to attend and see what Eastern Star and Masonry is about.

In March, we will be getting back into the routine of meeting. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing what they did over the break.

Remember to: Be the reason someone smiles; Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people.

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

**FOR OUR SILENT FILM FESTIVAL,
HAPPENING IN BEAUTIFUL ESTES PARK,
AT THE PARK THEATRE.**

To accommodate our WGM's change in
homecoming the

THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

from June 3rd to

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

AT 2:00PM

More information to follow next
month!

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Excelsior #66

**Buy Butter Braids NOW AND BE SURE TO
TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY –**

Let them know how great these would be to have on hand for the Easter Holiday. They are just so easy to make.

• **Orders must be placed no later than March 31st, 2023**

• **Butter braid pick up will be on Friday, April 7th, (Time to be determined) at the Lafayette Lodge. You will want to bring a cooler with you for transporting them home.**

***** If you need to arrange a different pick up please contact Jenna MacGregor 303-618-6398 macgregorje2@gmail.com or Mike and Pam Jones 720-341-5113

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701 W Baseline Rd, Lafayette, CO 80026

* You can also use the following link to order online, but they do not send butter braids through the mail! so pick up is essential.

You can choose any excelsior member as your seller :-). Here is the link:

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/6f6dabc7-a730-4935-9dad-1cdb00f74589/2341175>

Happy ButterBraid shopping.

And Excelsior 66 Thanks you for your support

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Manzanita has had two very exciting happenings for our members this month. Darlene Tietz, PM, received her 75-year pin and Angela Tolar's (our first time Associate Conductress) daughter, Isabelle, was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 40. I thought it would be a good idea to tell you something about Darlene and Isabelle.



Darlene said she does not like to talk about herself, so I promised not to reveal too much. Darlene and her late husband Warren were initiated into Eastern Star in Montana on September 27, 1947 (many fine members of Colorado Eastern Star were born in 1947, by the way). Warren's brother and sister-in-law were also initiated into Star that night. The initiation was held on the night of the Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit. During the ensuing years Darlene and Warren were transferred several times with Warren's jobs in the oil industry. They lived in Montana and Wyoming before coming to Colorado. Warren was

Worthy Patron of a Chapter in Montana when they moved to Colorado. They went back and forth so he could complete his Worthy Patron's duties even though they lived in Colorado.

When Darlene and Warren moved to Colorado in 1956, they visited several Chapters in the Denver area. Unfortunately, the Chapters were not friendly, and no one really talked to them. Then one fortuitous day in the 1980's, a Brother noticed Warren's Masonic ring and asked if he were a Mason. Yes, replied Warren. Are you a member of Eastern Star? Yes, replied Warren but not in Colorado. The Brother said our Chapter is meeting tonight, we can pick you up. Off they went to Manzanita. Donna and Bob Haas were in the East. Donna made ceramics and had a drawing at each meeting. Darlene won a house, a ceramic one, with a working doorbell that went off periodically during the meeting. Bob Haas did leave the East to turn off the noisy doorbell. Darlene and Warren found Manzanita to be welcoming and friendly, and, of course, joined.

Darlene became Worthy Matron after she had been a member for over 50 years. Before that she had been busy being transferred around and raising their two daughters.

On January 26th WGP Gary Lindblad had the honor of giving Darlene her 75-year pin. Congratulations, we're so happy for you, Darlene.



Associate Conductress Angela Tolar's daughter, Isabelle, was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 40, JDI, on Saturday, January 21st. Isabelle is a high school Junior at Colorado Early Colleges as a full-time concurrent enrollment student. She will graduate from high school in 2024 with both her high school diploma and an Associates in Studio Art from Arapahoe Community College.

Her theme for her term is Halloween, in celebration of her favorite holiday! She is an advocate for accessible mental health and chosen the Trevor Project as the philanthropy project for her term. The Trevor Project raises money to support research, advocacy, crisis support and education centered around LGBTQ+ youth. If your group would like to help Isabelle support the Trevor Project please consider making a donation!

<https://give.thetrevorproject.org/fundraiser/4355690>

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In addition, Angela's younger daughter, Lauren Tolar, is also in the same Bethel, and was installed as Senior Princess!

I've included the other officers of Bethel 40 as some of you might know some of these young people.



The elected officers for Bethel 40 are:

Honored Queen: Isabelle Tolar

Sr. Princess: Lauren Tolar

Jr Princess: Wynter Ann Ferril

Marshal: Maya Hughes-Findley

The appointed officers for Bethel 40 are:

Chaplain: Sumaya Faggan

3rd Mesanger - Naomi Everett

Recorder: Mary Beth Brown

Installing Officers were:

Installing HQ: Mary Beth Brown

Installing Guide: Molly Anderson

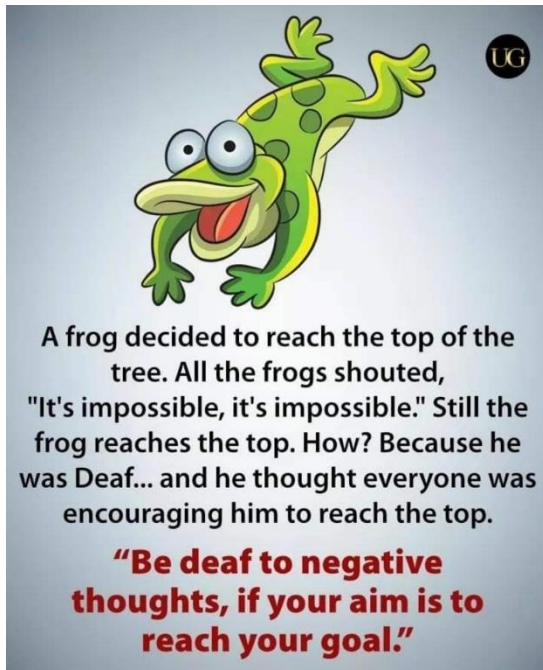
Installing Marshall: Shair Hughes

Installing Chaplain: Fallon Ulibarri

Installing Recorder: Cori Meyer

Installing Flag Bearer: Tricia Karlin

Tom and I have not been out and about much. Tom is pretty well recovered from his fall and two bouts of COVID. We hope to see lots of you soon!



DAWN #125 - AURORA
Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Well, we finally were able to host our Star Point Party at our February 7 meeting! We learned some information about "My Fair Lady" and enjoyed Sis. Cheryl's playing several songs from the show. Our Star Points greeted their visiting counterparts and shared a short poem about their stations, then presented their guests with a special Valentine card. After the meeting, we enjoyed socializing and sharing lots of delicious refreshments.

Then at our meeting on the 21st, we learned about "Lion King" and again enjoyed several of its songs, played by Sis. Cheryl. Under Good of the Order we enjoyed the presentation by Sis. Kathy Easterday about the ESMRC. A Patriotic theme was shown downstairs as we celebrated Presidents' Day.

What an honor it was for Dawn Chapter to be asked to present the Pink Lodge skit at Aurora Revelation Lodge's Sweetheart Masonic Family Night on February 14! It was great fun for everyone! And we were treated to a delicious Beef Tips dinner,



prepared by Br. Wayne Wells! I owe a VERY SPECIAL Thank You to Cathe Markell, Liz Wilhour, and Carol Peck for stepping in at the last minute to

help us. We can take our show "on the road" (within reason) if anyone is interested! It was so nice to see the Job's Daughters perform the Closing Cross, with several of the girls "signing" it as well, and hearing the DeMolay Flower Talk.

Several of us enjoyed attending the Pentalpha Shining Stars meeting at Loyalty on the 23rd, as well as WGP Gary's Homecoming on the 25th.

At our meeting on March 7, we will learn about "Guys and Dolls" and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and on the 21st, "A Chorus Line". At that meeting, we will also exemplify Initiation.

YEA!!! Spring will soon be here!

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Krista Shaner, PM - Reporter

Loyalty Chapter #145 was honored to Initiate three new ladies known now as our Sisters.



The Chapter celebrated Valentine's day with fun and laughter.



The Masons, who own the building we meet in, spoke to us about selling the building. Chadwick Williams is a Realtor and he stated all tenants are being considered in the process of this possible sale. The building is not self sustaining and is in need of new boilers as well as additional up-grades.

The Grand Lodge will not allow them to go into debt to do the repairs. We are praying for the future of our Chapter and where we will be in the future.

What a wonderful turn-out we had for our Souper Bowl. Jodi Muser invited some of her neighbors and others brought family. We also had the Associate Grand Matron Sharon Parish and her escort



Alex McIntosh, and other Grand Officers and many other OES members. The door count was over 60 people and we truly want to thank all of those who came to support us. None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for those that prepared such wonderful soups, desserts, salads, and other side dishes. Thank you one and all.

The next meeting will be February 23 and we will be celebrating Mardi Gras along with the Pentalpha Shining Stars. All Sisters and Brothers of the Order are welcome and we would love to see the sidelines full.



HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

Karen Wilson, PM - Reporter

Heritage Chapter is saddened by the loss of our former 50-year member, Mary Kinnard, who passed away on February 8. While she demitted a couple years ago, she is a huge part of Heritage Chapter history and remains in our hearts. Condolences can be sent to Mary's sister, PGM Beverly Sullivan, and services for Mary will be held in Arizona at a later date.

AM Karen Wilson surprised WP John Warren at our meeting on February 13 with a special Valentine's Day gift – an American Flag that had flown



over the US Capitol. The military veteran was speechless – his love of country and flag fully evident as he expressed his gratitude to the chapter.

We continue to support The Rocky Mountain Fisher house by cooking and serving a special meal for the guests and staff. On Friday February 17, Sister Karen Wilson organized a chili and cornbread feast, and will follow that up with corned beef and cabbage on March 17. If you would like to help cook and serve on St. Patrick's Day, please contact Sister Karen, or if you would like to organize your own meal, you can contact Khristie at The Fisher House by calling 720.723.7683.



Heritage Chapter filled another large container with pop tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Aurora. Collecting pop tabs is a fun and easy way to give back to the Ronald McDonald House – perfect for all ages and groups. The

money they receive when they recycle the tabs goes directly to support their operating expenses. If you have any pop tabs you would like to contribute, please contact any member of Heritage Chapter.

Go Nuggets! Colorado Eastern Star night at the Nuggets is Saturday March 25! Join your sisters and brothers for a night of fun and great basketball with the #1 team in the NBA Western Conference. What kind of spells do leprechauns use? Lucky Charms! Happy St. Patrick's Day from Heritage Chapter!

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 - FOUNTAIN

Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter

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

It has been a bit of a rough start to the year for our chapter. In early February a gas leak was discovered at the lodge and our meeting was cancelled, then we had snow and cold temps for the second meeting. The gas leak was quickly fixed and the temps have at least momentarily warmed up! We are so excited for the first meeting in March!!

We are also looking forward to seeing many brothers and sisters this Friday (2/24) at the All things wine and chocolate event!

During the Month of February our chapter earned more honor chapter points when there were 8 members at the initiation held for Mr. Gardner at Centennial #58, and again there were four of us at Oriental's Official Visit.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone as your schedule allows and hope that you continue to join in the fun when you can!



*Fountain Valley #155
represented at
Oriental Chapter #98
Official Visit-
2/11/2023*

*A few members enjoying the Grand
Representatives Club Meeting in Denver.*





METRO #157 - DENVER

Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

The members of Metro #157 welcome Brother Jeff Brothers, who joined our Chapter by affiliation in January. He is a welcome addition to our family.

We celebrated our Chapter's 20th birthday with a catered luncheon on Sunday, February 19th. A delightful group of DeMolay members from the Broomfield Chapter joined us to serve our meal and clean up afterward, and also blessed us with the presentation of a wonderful recitation of the Flower Ceremony, which moved many of us to tears.

This event traditionally doubles as our opportunity to honor our Chapter's 50 year members, and I was delighted to receive my own certificate and pin on this occasion. Unfortunately, we had such a good time that no one remembered to take any pictures!

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.

At the Official Visit this past weekend, WGM, Elizabeth and WGP, Gary surprised Sister Janet Adams, PM Centennial #58, when they announced her name to be the newest Grand Representative of New Mexico. When asked if she had anything to say, she was speechless. Someone remarked that we needed a picture of Janet in this state of speechlessness, as that is a rare occasion. Congratulations, Janet. Safe travels.



The Grand Representatives Club held their quarterly

meeting at the Black Eyed Pea on February 18. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by the



business meeting. Everyone present reviewed the proposed ByLaw changes presented by the elected officers. These proposed changes will lay over until May, when we will vote to either accept or reject them. Several committees were appointed at this time:

Cheer/Card: Krista Shaner, #145

Nominating: Alysia Fankhauser, #85

Carol Danford, #66

Historian: Wayne Wells, #125

Patriotic Officer: Dan Brooks, #155

State Flag Committee:

Susan Morrison, #124 & #154

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, #3

Finance/Audit: Zanna Thurow, #3

Kay Finnerty, #125

Our next meeting will be held on May 13, 2023 at the Pueblo Chapter at 10:00 am prior to the OV of Fountain Valley #155.

Membership Article

Submitted by Brandon Duncan, PP #98 – Grand Chaplain

Greetings from the Grand Chaplain's station. Our energy and enthusiasm has been tremendous this year and I'm thrilled to see momentum in our activities. What I've enjoyed most at Official Visits is seeing the stations and sidelines full of officers, members, and visitors. As we consider the future of our Order, it is apparent that our membership is not flourishing as it has in the past. Membership in the Masonic organizations has dropped 75% in the past 60 years. Now is the time to implement drastic efforts to publicize the name Eastern Star and share it with our communities. Traditionally, we were well known and thrived by word of mouth and association. Today, somehow, word has dropped off. Many think the Masonic Groups have died off.

I've spoken with many Sisters and Brothers about membership concerns. Two things are sure. Our direction, statistically, is not pretty. And that we need the world to be aware of us again. Get out in the community and volunteer. Invite your community members and leaders to a dinner. Talk to your friends and family about the Masonic family. Be creative with your membership ideas, and no matter what your abilities, there are many ways to contribute.

It is important when talking about Eastern Star, or the Masonic Family, to know the history of the groups, where we came from and why. Also, be ready to share what Eastern Star means in your life and what it contributes to your character. The most important question you will have to answer is, "What do you do?" Talk to your Sisters and Brothers and share ideas and information under all of these topics.

So, before you shake your head in defeat, lift the heavy burden off your shoulders and replace it with the excitement of Eastern Star meeting the Public again for the first time. Remember the fire you felt when the chairs were full and make it happen. We can't "sell" Eastern Star, rather, we should share it and turn our membership woes into membership whoas!

More membership talks to come and thank you for your efforts.

KINDNESS IS THE KEY CALENDAR

March 18	Bethlehem #56 – Monte Vista
March 24	Pueblo #7
March 25	Trinidad #1
March 31	Collins #26 – Fort Collins
May 5-6	CO/NM Exchange LaPlata #83 Durango / Aztec Farmington NM See attached flyer
May 12	Metro #157 - Denver
May 13	Fountain Valley #155 @ Pueblo Temple
May 20	Colorado #2 – Leadville
June 3	Joint OV Homecoming Dawn #125 – Aurora & Heritage #154 – Denver

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I knew a place called Yesterday
Where once I used to live.

Nobody there would turn away
Their time, they'd always give.

Everyone looked out for you
As you did the same for them,
In that place called Yesterday
I can still remember when.

People never had anything much
What they did have, it was shared.
They always waved and gave a smile,
That's how we knew they cared.

We used to call it mucking in,
That's what it was all about.
It was easier to help each other
When all you had was nowt.

Now I live here in the Present,
In a street of those unknown,
Whose life is so much easier
If they keep it close to home.

Yes, I was raised in Yesterday
Where we always had respect.
Here in this place called Present
I find it suffering from neglect.



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Please make your reservation no later
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CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad
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Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu

Seating is Limited



From your Board of Directors

-Submitted by Pam Jones, Vice Chairman

Testing for the records scanning project is underway. It will be a long process and if you are interested in helping please contact someone on the Board of Directors.

Your Grand Treasurer Cyndie has been busy filing end-of-the-year tax reports and your Grand Secretary has been busy, not only assisting the BOD, but helping all of you with Chapter questions and supply orders. We believe she still has some green rosters available for sale so contact her with your order.



The BOD still has the "shooting star" pins and patches available. Contact any BOD member and we will sell you one for \$5.

At the Grand Chapter Session you will be voting to replace 2 members of the Board. The BOD is in charge of the finances of Grand Chapter. Please consider helping Colorado Eastern Star by submitting your name.

Did you know? The amounts given for the Glenn Monroe and ESTARL Scholarships are funded from donations from our Chapters and Members, but mostly from our investments?



After meeting with our Financial Advisor this month, we did not escape a decline in some of our investments. We would like to be able to still give some Scholarships and we are asking each of you to consider donating just a little extra. We know you are struggling too with the increases in groceries, gas, utilities, etc. but wanted to let you know that **any amount** donated to these scholarships would be greatly appreciated. Every little bit helps.

MEMORIES FROM A MEMBER

-Submitted by Gaylene Alton, PM #125

As I sit here in the office, gosh seems strange not to come in here several times a day to check on things but since I am no longer Secretary of Hope Chapter I don't

have much to check. I regret not having Hope Chapter but being Secretary was a big job and would not do it again, can't imagine what it would be like in a big chapter, it was a lot in a little chapter. Oh well on with the day!

It is the 16th of Feb and this week was wild for me not sure what or why but seems like every day I was going someplace or it was snowing so bad I could not get out of the driveway. On Feb 14 Valentines Day we were invited to put on the Pink Apron Lodge at the Aurora Masonic Lodge so we as Good Eastern Star Ladies had a practice and what fun. We went to the lodge around 5:30 and had a great meal, had a short practice again while the men were getting dining room ready and then they opened lodge after dinner and did whatever they do and opened and invited the Pink Lodge in. We all had Pink aprons on and did fantastic work if I do say so myself. Jobs Daughters came in after us and did beautiful work and signed a song amazing what 5 or 6 girls can do to inspire others. Then the DeMolay did the Flower Talk and it was done very well and again these you people can really inspire a person and make us proud of what the young people can do and their leader are amazing. Nice evening wash ad by all and with everyone could see what fun we can have and we even might get some new members at Dawn Chapter. Yea for the Evening.

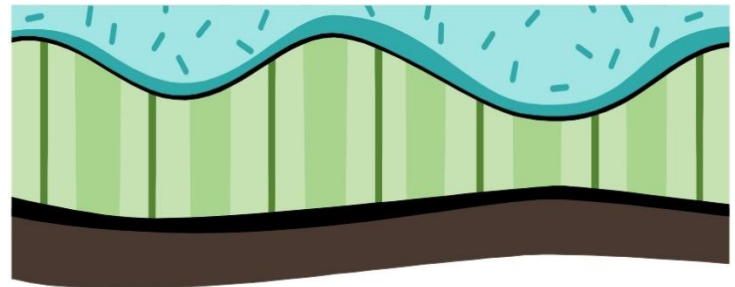
Is it just me or do others wonder why we have a Month for Black Heritage, a week or better for Mexican Heritage and other things for others and Yet on Washington and Lincolns Birthday we have to celebrate them together! When I was a kid and that's been many moons ago we had the Presidents Days off but during those weeks we had lessons and stories and learned about each of them and now they are linked together and the kids of today don't know much about either of them. I have never been able to figure out why they put them together and History was not my best subject and think I slept thru most of the class but I am patriotic and love the flag and my country and love to sing the patriotic songs and always tell a past or present service person "Thanks for YOUR Service" and tell the Policemen and Firemen the same thing. I just think we need to get back to being Thankful for our Country and Thank those who are helping or trying to keep it going. Now we are headed into

March, I wonder if it will be as snowy as most March's have been, Rudy and Nancy Veitel used to snowbird in California when their son was stationed there and came home in March. I always teased Rudy that he brought the snow when he came back, now he is gone and we

still get snow. March brings me another year older but I am not complaining, I kinda like getting older just wish it wasn't so hard on the body and I could get around like I did at 20 but what the heck life is a little slower now and I can look around a little more and see more things I didn't see at 20. My eyes and ears are good to gonna hear and see as much as I can. St Patrick's days will be here and everyone will be Irish for the day and green will be or fun color or orange and then ya get pinched. Not sure where that came from but it is tradition so they say (whoever they are)! The green beer will be flowing and parades all over will happen. I remember when Don was in the T Nobles we always went downtown Denver about 30 little cars and we women would sit on the curb and holler and yell as they went by and then we would go to the Shrine Temple as it was called then for a nice lunch and always go back that night for a wonderful meal of cabbage and corn beef and dance the night away. We used to go there almost every weekend and have dinner and dance and the T's always had at least 30 cars in the parades and we always had a pot luck dinner after the parades and we women all wore red shirts and we had so much fun. Those days are over as not many get out anymore and parades are not done much. We used to get up on Saturday, pack a pot luck, get in the Van get Helen and Otis Askren and away we would go to a parade pulling our cars and we women would all sit together on the curb waiting for them to drive by in the parade and we would holler and scream as they went by. I can tell you about Curb and Cutters from Montana to New Mexico as we have sat on most of them. Ha. We were not allowed to ride in the parades in the cars but afterwards they could come pick us up and take us to the cars to go to potluck. Don was so picky he made me a coffee can and padded it for me to sit on as the seat in the little T car was not big enough for two so he padded the coffee can not for me but so it would not cut the seat of the little car and he also had a sock to put on my right shoe so it would not scratch the fender and running board of the car, my left let was in the car so only needed to protect the shoe of my right leg. He was so thoughtful and caring. Ha

Now the Shrine meets in a building in Aurora and all the glory days are gone, it is just a room, tiny bar, and not sure now they or if they do the cooking. The Shrine Temple of old was beautiful and the Café was opened and we used to eat their several time a week even if we had to save all week to go. The Ballroom was so elegant and the big Chandelier glistened in the middle of the room and in the summer the women were

treated to a nice free luncheon yes it was free and they had entertainment for us and Woody took pictures of us all and what fun we had. Not sure if they have luncheons anymore but bet they are not free and the Ballroom no longer and the bands of El Jebel used to play for the dances! Gosh so many memories and we women would plan from week to week what formal we would wear or if we needed a new one and we would not have thought of wearing slacks, slacks were for parades but we never went into a Masonic building wearing slacks, not even for a practice we wore skirts and dresses. Times have changed and not sure it is for the best, ya gotta be a lady sometimes and that was a good lesson we all learned fast. I still feel funny wearing slacks to a practice or in a Masonic building, guess a few of us are still old school. Well enough for Memories from this O"L Lady and will try and come up with something for April and just for grins: Women just know; even if they didn't know they still know. Men probably won't get this, but women will, because they know! Happy St Paddy's Day & don't forget the green, orange hurts!



You're invited to
Bethlehem #56 OES Official Visit!!

March 18, 2023, Lunch at 12:00pm, meeting at 1:00pm
Monte Vista, Co

Please RSVP to Karen by March 15
karen@sivalue.com or 719-850-9933
Donations accepted for lunch

