

A-U-2 Review



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Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Sisters and Brothers,

Easter is just around the corner, Lent is coming to an end. I hope you all found peace and meaning in those 40 days.

Our Order is founded, or so we tell everyone, on Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. I do think it is easy to be Charitable to our fellow man. We feel good when we give to others. Studies have shown that people who help each other, live longer. I keep telling my Mom that she must have helped a lot of people in her life

because in March she celebrated her 102nd birthday. She is a giving woman I am sure that is part of where I get some of my given spirit from.

Truth sometimes is hard. We try not to hurt anyone's feelings by telling them the truth. I always find myself weighing my integrity against speaking my truth or turning the other cheek and just letting it go. I find that this becomes a real problem for me. I have tried over the years to find ways to support my friends and not lose who I want to be. When it is a close friend I wonder if it is loving kindness to not say anything when I see how happy they are. I truly want them to be happy, yet I feel that they may be making a mistake. I keep telling myself to step back and let them work it out for their self. But if they do need you, be available to help keep them safe. That

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HELLO SISTERS & BROTHERS,

This past month of March I attended several events. I started with helping my chapter with our Smorgasbord Dinner. As usual, we had great food, lots of fun and fellowship. I also attended the Shining Stars Party at Metro #157; the General Arrangements meeting in preparation for the "Kindness IS The Key" Grand Chapter Session; the memorial services for Gordon & Shirley Girod and our Sister Donna Meyer; the

Past Grand's luncheon; and Official Visits for Bethlehem #56, Pueblo #7, Trinidad #1 and Collins #26.

Beth and I were honored to present Sister Kari Aldridge and Brothers Justin Smith and Brandon Duncan with Grand Representative Appointments to New Hampshire, North Carolina and Indiana, respectively. Congratulations to these Brothers.



I look forward to the upcoming Grand Trip to Hawaii. I don't know about you all, but I am tired of snow and cold temps.

As we enter into Holy Week, I am reminded of the

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to me is loving kindness. My father told me that he tried to live his obligation to the Masonic Orders every single day he was with us. I have tried to follow his example. I must tell you that some days it was very easy and other days it was not. Stepping back and repeating the obligation I took at the altar, before I respond to a question or a request, has given me time to make sure that I remember to use who I want to be in this Order.

Remember Sisters and Brothers, as the season of Lent comes to a close, reflect on your Obligation to the Order and also "You never need to say your sorry for being Kind."

Star Kindness, *Beth*



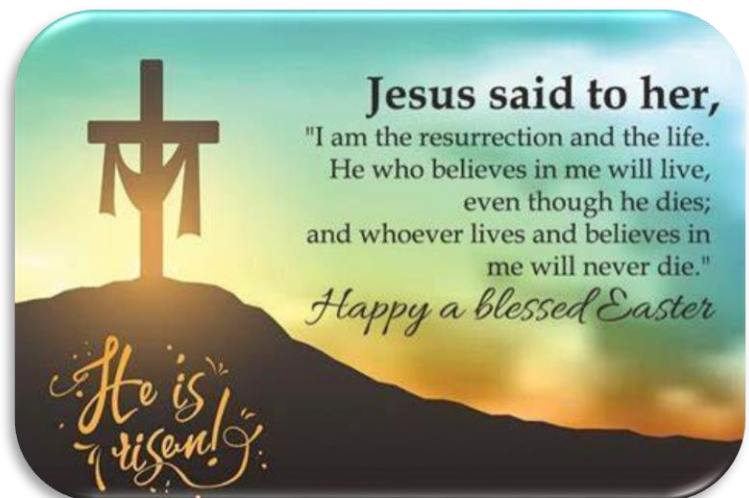
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Butterfly. The spiritual meaning of a butterfly has to do with spiritual rebirth, transformation, creativity, infinite potential, vibrant joy, change, and an ability to experience

the wonder of life. Observing the life cycle of the butterfly in and of itself holds rich symbolism and meaning. For me Easter is a time for me to remember that God loved me so much, that He sacrificed His Only Son for me. In turn, Jesus gave His life so that I can have eternal life with Him in Heaven. Every day, I start the day with the hope that I can be the best that God wants me to be; and yet every day I fail to some degree. But I know that God and Jesus forgive me for my shortcomings. I know that they have prepared a place for me, because I believe in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus IS the resurrection and the life. And I believe in Him. May you all have a blessed Easter and may God watch over you and give you His blessings.

Faithfully, *Gary*





COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Bad weather, travel and busy schedules cancelled the March 14 meeting and initiation. The initiation was done on March 28 and we now have a new member. Another initiation is scheduled for two petitioners, in April.

A revision of the bylaws has been completed and the committee will present it to the chapter soon. The scholarship committee is processing 15 applications for the Dessie Powell Scholarship.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

Because the officers did such a great job for OV, our first meeting in March was laid back. With very little business to tend to, the meeting was really short, which allowed members to spend much needed time to fellowship during refreshments.

Our Smorgasbord fundraiser was well attended. Our 2nd meeting was fun as we scrambled the order of business after a proper motion was made to do so. We also celebrated our 137th birthday and honored the Past Matrons and Past Patrons with a little program.

The officers are now preparing for the Variety Show & Dinner to be held April 1st. No Fooling. We had a practice so everyone could get on the same page. Well. . . we were at least in the same book. Haha

Several of our members traveled to Sterling to do a memorial service for our Sister Donna Meyer. Sister Lorita Seidler lost a daughter in law to a heart attack. Lorita continues to heal after her nasty fall on the ice and her dizziness is

improving. Sister Maude O'Connell will have a procedure done on her carotid artery to clear a blockage. Sister Deb Deselms' sister passed away. Sister Pam Park is just finishing up her chemo treatments and continues to improve. Brother Gary had a chunk of precancerous cells removed from his chest. Lab results show that all the bad cells have been removed. The 3+" incision with 12 stitches is healing nicely.

At our next meeting on April 4, we will celebrate Easter with a short program. At our 2nd meeting on April 18, WM CherylAnn will be with others on the Hawaii trip, so our AM, Maude will step up to East.

In these next few days as we celebrate Holy Week, let us reflect on the



ultimate sacrifice Jesus made, so that we will have eternal life. From our Chapter to yours - Happy Easter. God Bless.

PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



A huge congratulations to our member and my Son Justin Smith on receiving a Grand Representative appointment to North Carolina. This Mom is super proud. We will be going to their Grand Session in June.

Pueblo 7 will again be selling bags of Vidella onions. 10# bag for \$20

Arrival first of May. Contact any member of Pueblo 7 to place your order, respond to this email or let me know at one of the remaining official visits.



Thanks in advance for your support.

COLLINS #26 - FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Our chapter members keep traveling to local events and are having a great time. Collins chapter members went to Garden City's OV and helped serve up the meal. So Garden City members agreed

to come to Collins 26 OV to help serve our meal.



Official visit will be the last day of March, on the 31st, so I will have to report on that next time. Hope to see all the readers there. Dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7:30pm.

Our chapter performed a mock initiation the last meeting in February, and all officers performed great with the memory work. Russ Mason, PGP was our courtesy candidate for the evening.

March 14th meeting was a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Members were asked to wear green and WM Sarilyn & WP Gary gave out some very nice St. Pat's cards to everyone. Before our meeting we had a delightful meal prepared by Micah, one of our newer members. She prepared Shepherd's Pie (yummy) with the side dishes of melon, strawberries, green beans and asparagus. And dessert was vanilla cupcakes with chocolate icing. Everything was Very delicious.



WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

We started off this interval with our secretary, Ken Ashwood, attending the Grand Lodge session in Denver. He, his wife, and another member also got to attend the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ross Allen, who is from Hotchkiss.

Then, some of our members attended the OV at Oriental in Denver. It was a great meal and fun meeting. And then we had a wonderful time at our WGP's homecoming. A lot of fun was observed by all! We have to say thank you for all of the hard work to plan, and have such fun activities.

Next, we travelled to Monte Vista for their OV, and the weather cooperated! What a wonderful meal and meeting it was. And we've had lots of snow in the past two weeks, but roads were good. And soon we go to Pueblo, Trinidad & Ft Collins OVs.

We are planning numerous activities for our fundraising events. And we have some upcoming

dates for get-togethers. More to come in future meetings. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.



SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

It is good to have the "madness" of March over and at least, have Spring, even if it is in name only! But it is fortunate we have weather to talk about, since 90% of adult conversation is about the weather!



The other thing we all end up talking about is our health! We have certainly had some serious issues in our chapter. PGP Keith Hoey had back surgery and is at home, recovering slowly. He is up and around but not pain-free! It has been a rough month for both Keith and Shelley.



They also were dealing with major home repairs after a water leak. No good time for these issues, but this was definitely a challenge! PP Len Wardlaw was hospitalized with a brain bleed and is still recovering. He too has been in pain and since he is in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Cindy and the kids have been travelling back and forth daily. There are still many issues to deal with but we are praying for rehab soon. All of this is very hard on Cindy. Fortunately, Aaron and Amy are both able to be with her. Bill Harris has also

been hospitalized for several days with heart issues and Mary Ellen is feeling the stress of his illness. Their kids are good to help out as well. Jennifer Ruben's husband had a stimulator installed in his back. He is moving better but still not pain-free! Lee and Suzanne Teague are both recovering but it is a long rehab, exhausting for them both.

Our happy news is that dear Martha Atchley celebrated her 104th birthday on St. Patrick's Day with family and friends! She still lives alone and cares for herself. Her children and grandchildren are near-by and always available. Congratulations Martha! She is a 71-year member of Eastern Star! We also helped Bonnie Lou Lamb celebrate her 85th birthday with her children on April 2nd at The Stone House here in Montrose. The kids, Donald, Alan and Keith came from Ohio a few days early and surprised her. The party was also a surprise and well attended. Marvin Hannigan will celebrate his 93rd birthday on April 5th. A milestone for sure. We are happy to report that Sky Pearce, daughter of Amee Pearce-Waldvogle is going to be able to attend Band Camp in Greeley! She came to help us with the German Dinner and we are happy to sponsor her for this camp.

We look forward to our Friendship Night on May 18. We hope many will plan to attend. It will be a fun and festive occasion. More to come next month! We are also collecting items for the Dolphin House here in Montrose and look forward to a speaker from this wonderful charity at our next meeting.

Don't hang up your warm coats or boots just yet, but enjoy Springtime in the Rockies. I have seen it snow 6" on June 6th! Don't you love Colorado weather!



Star love and Easter Blessings to you all.



SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

It's Friendship Night at Sunshine #53!!

Our bunnies invite your bunnies to a Friendship Night Potluck and Meeting.



Tuesday, April 4 at 6:15

at the Masonic Temple in Grand Junction ~2400 Consistory Court

Please bring a bunny to visit. Preferably NOT live!

Questions? RSVP?

WM Nancy Eriksen

970-270-8421 or nancy.eriksen@yahoo.com



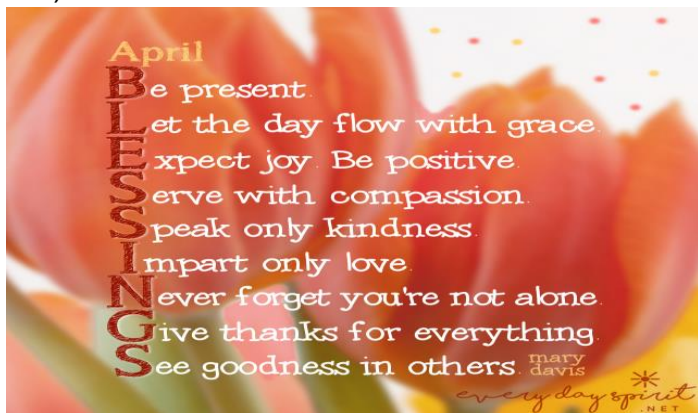
Hoppy Easter! We are looking forward to our Friendship Night on April 4. We have invited everyone to bring their bunnies (hopefully stuffed – although I really like bunnies....) It should be a fun evening! More on that next time.

We have been busy collecting jewelry for the Jewels for Hope project and are about half done on the Purses with Purpose project for Catholic Outreach. We have gathered small-medium purses and are filling them with essentials: Kleenex, chapstick, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other things. The purses will be stuffed and then taken to

our local Catholic Outreach for distribution. I hope this project might continue but we shall see. Pictures next month.

We draped the Altar for Brother Jack Stanfield, PGP of Arizona and member of Sunshine #53. He and Beverly used to spend time with Palisade #90 each year and we truly enjoyed seeing them.

My dear mother would be 111 on Easter. We all loved her and her stories of living in Paonia, Leroux Creek and picking fruit in California will stay in our hearts forever. This is a thought for April dedicated to her (Marian Katherine Lee-McNabb-Dodge 1911-2012)



Until next month

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

On February 23rd Manzanita #85 cancelled its regular stated meeting. This will come as no surprise to those of you in the Denver metro area. As I submit this on the first day of spring, just a month ago the temperatures were subzero with icy sidewalks and roads. Our Worthy Matron cancelled the meeting and advised us to stay home and stay warm. I know we have more snow coming before spring really arrives here but let's hope the bitter cold is behind us.

Our next meeting was March 9th. At that meeting we had several distinguished guests. WGM Beth Spangler, WGP Gary Lindblad, AGC Andrea Smith, and John Warren. During introductions (Grand Representatives, of course) the Worthy Grand Matron asked for a minute of the Chapter's time. Always so exciting, to try to guess who will be our

new Grand Representative. Justin Smith is the new Representative of North Carolina in Colorado. Congratulations to Justin—enjoy your travels! Our newest member by affiliation, also Justin Smith, signed our bylaws. Welcome to our Chapter!



Our organist and the Grand Secretary René Ballinger won at BINGO. The first, or so she says, she has won anything in Star in 30 years. Come play BINGO with us, for the chance to win fabulous prizes!

Now Manzanita #85 needs to document our activities and step up our activities so we can be an honor chapter at Grand Chapter.

Butterflies in the Bible

Butterflies are not expressly found in Scripture, but as part of God's natural creation, they provide a beautiful picture of spiritual transformation.

The metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has striking parallels to Christian conversion, resurrection, and transfiguration.



The word *transform* is *metamorphéo* in Greek, from which we get the English term *metamorphosis*. It describes the type of change a caterpillar undergoes to become a butterfly. The same word is used to explain Christ's transfiguration. The idea conveys a radical change or complete transformation. At Jesus' transfiguration, his physical appearance was temporarily metamorphosed from an ordinary human to a divine being in all his glory:

As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. (Matthew 17:2, NLT)



Eastern Star- Fundraiser at Movies

June 4th is a special Benefit Show all ticket sales go to Excelsior Chapter OES

Silent Comedy Movie Festival



3 Days only :
May 28th @ 7pm
May 31st @ 2pm
June 4th @ 2pm
(pianist starts 30 min before movies)

Tickets are just:
Adults \$13
Seniors \$10.50
Students \$10.50
Kids: Free



HISTORIC PARK THEATRE



3 Short Silent Movies each day

1. Out West- Fatty Arbuckle
2. The Bellboy- Fatty Arbuckle & Buster Keaton
3. The Rink- Charlie Chaplin

Scott Wilseck, Estes Park's own virtuoso pianist, accompanies Charlie Chaplin films, and others of the most popular comedies of the early 1900s. It's great entertainment for the whole family!



@ The Historic Park Theatre -130 Moraine Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517
www.historicparktheatre.com 970-586-8904

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

At our March 7th meeting, Dawn Chapter learned about the show, "Guys and Dolls". This show is set in Depression-era Times Square and is about a couple of big city gamblers and the women who love them. It tells the stories of high-roller Sky Masterson, who falls in love with mission worker Sarah Brown, and the lovable rascal Nathan Detroit, engaged for 14 years to Miss Adelaide, a headliner at the Hot Box Club. Some of the most memorable tunes from the show are "Adelaide's Lament", "I've Never Been in Love Before", "If I Were a Bell", and the classic "Luck Be a Lady". After the meeting, we enjoyed many laughs and fellowship downstairs as we celebrated with St. Patrick's Day treats and decorations.



At our meeting on the 21st, we learned about the show, "A Chorus Line" and enjoyed hearing PGM Cheryl play several of its songs, including the iconic, "One". "A Chorus Line" is a musical about a musical. It is about a group of highly-skilled dancers who travel from chorus to chorus. Broadway, at the end of the 1970s, was not the glitzy, glamorous district we think of now. This show brought prosperity and reason to visit the Great White Way.



During this meeting, we also voted on several proposed By-Law changes and performed our 2nd Initiation. Unfortunately we didn't have a "real" candidate again this time!

Now we're really looking forward to our meeting on April 4, as we will host another Friendship Night, hoping that all of the Metro Chapters will visit! This will be a 50's Party as we highlight the show "Grease". So come dressed in your 50's clothes and be prepared to show us your hula hoop or jump rope skills and enjoy some special refreshments!



Other upcoming activities planned are our Social Club dinner on April 25 and providing an Ice Cream Party for the residents at the Home on April 27. At our Social Club dinner in February at Senor Ric's we had 17 members and 3 guests! What a wonderful evening that was!

Many of us have been enjoying attending the Pentalpha Shining Stars meetings. At the one on March 17 at Areme, there was a Dance-Off between Manzanita Chapter and Dawn Chapter, as we tied with 7 members of both chapters in attendance. Our Sister Sue Schultz gave it a valiant effort, but alas, Brother Herb Carr from Manzanita was voted the best dancer! It was still great fun!

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Krista Shaner, PM - Reporter

It seems old man winter keeps ruining our fun and gatherings for our organization. Worthy Matron Jane Rivette had big plans for her stated meeting for Pentalpha Shining Stars party in February. However, snow and ice caused her to cancel the meeting. So Loyalty will celebrate Marti Gras with the Pentalpha Shining Stars as our guests hopefully in May.

The piano at the lodge had developed some problems and so Sister Jan Schneider donated her piano; after her husband bought a new one for her. Sister Nancy managed to make do with the old one but with the new one she is sounding better than ever. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful and giving Sisters. Nancy and her husband Alan will be going overseas to travel and cruise on March 27th and I have not heard when they will be coming back.

At the March 27th meeting we celebrated our Esther and the coming birth of her baby. Sister Erika and husband Connor are waiting to see if it is a boy or a girl. The members gave her a



baby shower during the meeting (the bible was closed for this fun and

games). She received gifts and the members wore blue or pink to the meeting. The Worthy Matron planned a competitive baby puzzle game. (I was not at the meeting but several photos show members down on the floor.) I hope they made plans on how they were going to get back up before they went down. Others were trying to complete them on chair seats. I have not been informed who won the game. The members gave gifts and money was collected prior to the shower which was presented to Erika by Sister Jane along with a card.

We will be honoring those who are serving Grand Chapter at the April 27th meeting and hope others will join us in thanking them for their service.

The Easter lily is an addition to Easter celebrations.

Throughout the years, painters and sculptors used the white Madonna lily to symbolize purity and innocence, frequently referring to Mary. This lily

doesn't force well, so nurseries couldn't get the flower to bloom in time for Easter. In the 1880s, Mrs. Thomas Sargent brought Bermuda lily bulbs back to Philadelphia. A local nurseryman, William Harris, saw the lilies and introduced them to the trade. A more practical consideration was that they were easy to force into bloom in time for the Easter season. The Bermuda lily, now the familiar Easter lily, spread throughout the country.



HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

Karen Wilson, PM - Reporter

March began with seven members attending the Shining Star party at Metro Chapter #157 on Friday March 10 as the responding chapter. John Warren, Tom & Lilly Johnson, Drina Johnson, Lynn Brown-Jones, Alex McIntosh and Susan Morrison enjoyed visiting with the sisters and brothers from all chapters, playing games and the light refreshments after the meeting. We were honored to receive the traveling plaque for having the most members at the meeting, and made sure to bring it to the next

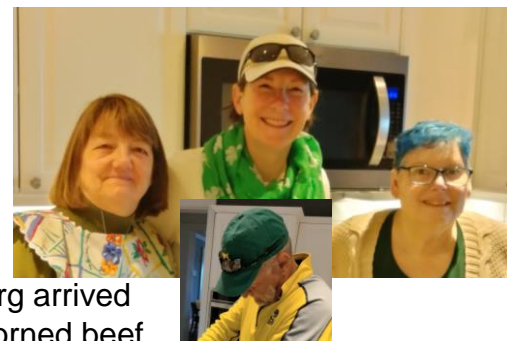
Shining Stars party at Areme Chapter on Friday March 17.

Heritage Chapter was **thrilled** to welcome Sister Connie Skarvan, Grand Representative to Colorado in Wisconsin, at our stated meeting on Monday March 13. Connie is a member of Honor Chapter #1 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and was in town visiting family and skiing. She stopped by to say "hello" and graciously stepped in as Marshal at the last minute. She joined many of our members for refreshments and conversation following the meeting, and promised to visit again the next time she was in town. We can't wait to host her at Chapter again soon!



On Wednesday March 15, John Warren, Karen Wilson, Lilly Johnson, Gale Rhoades, Laura Schierburg, and Cheyenne Espinosa (future Star member???) visited the Job's Daughters International meeting for Bethel 40. Honored Queen Isabelle and all the members and guardians gave us a warm welcome. They honored their founder, Ethel T. Wead Mick, with a ceremonial triangle and poem. Their librarian presented an informative PowerPoint presentation about "Mother Mick's" life and accomplishments. (Librarian's reports have come a long way since I copied a poem out of a book!) The meeting concluded with their closing triangle and their angelic chorus of Nearer My God to Thee. If you haven't been to a Bethel meeting lately, I highly recommend you make time to support the next generation of Eastern Star members.

St. Patrick's day found four adult-sized leprechauns preparing an Irish feast for the guests and staff at the Fisher House in Aurora. Karen Wilson, Lilly Johnson, and Laura and



Scott Schierburg arrived early to prep corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, and carrots, with freshly baked Irish soda bread. We enjoyed talking with the staff and providing comfort food for the guests to enjoy when they returned from an emotional day with their loved ones. If you would like to provide the

Fisher House with a meal or treats, contact House Manager, Khristie, at 720.723.7683.

We had another surprise guest at our March 27 meeting – Melissa Brewer, WM and past Grand Electa from Alabama, came through Denver with her husband Mike, and two daughters on their way to New Mexico. They stopped by South Denver Lodge, then Melissa stayed for our meeting while her family went for dinner.



Spring has sprung, and Easter is near. Wishing you peace, love and joy today and throughout the Easter Season. Remember, "Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket."



Sister Carrie Andree is missed, and still in our hearts and minds at Heritage Chapter. Our 'Patriots and Paws' year is dedicated to her and all the love and joy she brought to so many people. She loved animals, and for her beneficent project this year, she chose the Denver Dumb Friends League. To honor her wishes, Heritage Chapter has formed a team for the 2023 two-mile walk at Washington Park on Saturday May 6, 2023. Many chapters have supported the DDFL over the years and this year we would love it if you would join Heritage for the walk (in person or virtual) or support those of us who are walking. I've included a link to my personal fundraising page, but you can support any of our chapter members who are walking to raise \$1,000.

Thank you for your support! Carrie would be so grateful.

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 ended February with a wonderful time at the All-Things Wine and Chocolate event on the 24th. Many Fountain Valley members enjoyed the wonderful band and helped with clean up. We are thankful to Sheryl Nalley for spearheading the organization of a great event.



Later in February members of the chapter helped at the Bald for Bucks Charity event held at Rampart High School. Raymond and Charles Lingley raised close to \$300, donated then shaved their heads for Leukemia and lymphoma research.

The Lingley boys after shaving their heads- Raymond and Charles

The chapter has their new Official Visit Date, so please mark May 13th in your calendar. We are still hosting the mule manure bingo for \$10 a square and are also selling earrings for \$15 (\$10 going back to benevolent funds.)

On April 29th we will host our Annual Spaghetti dinner! Please see any member of the chapter for tickets

During the Month of March our chapter earned more honor chapter points when there were 11 members at the WGP's Homecoming, assisting with a local fundraiser, attended Pikes Peak Court Installation, Attended the Mule Train Fundraising breakfast, and finished up with another official Visit in Monte Vista. We hope to see more brothers and sisters traveling.

Please plan on coming to the Spaghetti dinner April 29th!



Fountain Valley OES # 155
15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Lemonade

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Fountain Valley Masonic Lodge 509 N. Main St., 80817

\$10.00 – Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under

All First Responders (Police/Fire/EMT)
are our GUESTS!

Contact Sharon Heintzen, Secretary @
fv155.oes@gmail.com for further information.



SAVE THE

DATE!!!!

Sunday,

May 21st

*The Golden Gleaners
Club is Honoring the*

“KINDNESS IS THE KEY”

GRAND OFFICERS

Hosted by Excelsior Chapter #66
More details to follow when it
gets closer but the
entertainment will be fun so I
look forward to seeing you there!
Mike Jones, President

What Would Life Be Without A Masonic Family?

Submitted by Thresa Arney, PM #145

One Saturday morning in 1975 there was a knock at the front door. My father (a Master Mason) answered the door. The young man at the door said, “Hello, I’m a member of Lakewood Chapter DeMolay and I’m selling Pancake Breakfast tickets. How many would you like to buy?” My father bought five tickets for the breakfast the next Sunday. At that breakfast the Master Councilor of Lakewood DeMolay gave my brothers each a petition for membership. Needless to say that started our lives in the Masonic family.

Both of my brothers went on to become Master Councilor (MC) of Lakewood DeMolay. My brother Alan went on to be State Master Councilor (SMC) and International Master Councilor (IMC). I was proud to be present when he was installed IMC. When he was asked to introduce his family he was so nervous that he couldn’t say my name. He said, “She is pregnant with the IMC 20 years from now.” Haha. My son did join DeMolay, became MC and was a State Officer.

As soon as my brothers were initiated in DeMolay Bethel 8, Lakewood, CO Jobs Daughters presented me with a petition for membership. Back in the 70’s if you didn’t join the Bethel at 13 you would never be Honored Queen. I held a few offices till I joined the U.S. Navy at 18. When I came home on boot camp leave, I took my Majority in uniform.

In 1983 PGP Jack Stubbs gave my mother two petitions for Eastern Star. My parents joined Capitol Hill #98. They were initiated at Grand Chapter and went on to become WM and WP. The next year the Guardian and Associate Guardian of Bethel 8 contacted me and asked if I would like to join Lakewood Chapter #139. That was the beginning of my Eastern Star journey. Sister Gaylene Alton was WM of Lakewood #139 and initiated me 39 years ago. Sister Gaylene and Brother Don have always been a special part of my life.

When my son started his college years Eastern Star awarded him the Glenn Monroe Youth Scholarship three years in a row. I remember one Grand Chapter when he came to accept the Scholarship he spoke of the relationship that he had

with Brother Don and Brother Otis Askren. The membership gave him a standing ovation in the middle of the speech. David went on to join Englewood Lodge.

In my 39 years of membership I have been WM 4 times. The last time was threw Covid. I would not have had it any other way. Loyalty had 200 members at the beginning of Covid. I felt it was my responsibility to call every single one of them. No one had any idea that I would end up doing that 3 times over the time that we were dark. When we were allowed to meet again, Loyalty #145 had lost 26 members. Most of them were from Unity #98 that had affiliated with Loyalty #145 just a year before. It was the lowest time of being WM to have to read those 26 names under Illness and Distress. There are several members that I still have not met in person, but because of those phone calls we still talk on a regular basis.

Today I sit here at the computer thinking, "What would my life be without a Masonic family?" I'll tell you one thing. BORING. A couple of years ago I was in the ER at St Anthony's Hospital. My mother could not be with me so my brother came to sit with me. There was a knock at the door and a nurse came in and said, "Oh you already have a visitor. You are only allowed one a day. Your Sister is here." My brother piped up, "She doesn't have a Sister." "I immediately said it is my Sister Jill Quedenfeld, and she is my Sister." It was sad that she was not allowed to come in.

I love every single one of my OES Sisters and Brothers. If you don't know by now, if you ever need someone to talk to, to take you to an appointment, cook some Navy Bean and Ham Soup, or Turkey for the Thanksgiving Dinner for you, you don't know Thresa Arney.

I know that we are a family. Families have times that not everyone gets along. Does not mean that we should disappear. Please come back. Talk you your relatives, neighbors, friends about the Masonic Family.

Thanks for listening to my rant. Love you all.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives Club is excited to welcome Sister Kari Aldridge and Brothers Justin Smith and Brandon Duncan. We sincerely hope and encourage you to become an active member of the Club. And we invite you to participate in the Cavalcade of Flags at Grand Chapter. Visiting your respective jurisdictions is both fun and rewarding.

If you are a current or a past Grand Representative, we encourage you to attend our meetings. The fellowship is wonderful – rekindling friendships and making new friendships is the best part and no matter where we meet, there is always food.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday May 13th prior to the Official Visit of Fountain Valley #155 at the Pueblo Temple. We will start at 10:00 am.

Remember ALL – PAST & PRESENT Grand Representatives are welcome to attend. Dues are only \$5.00.



To All Metro Area chapters:

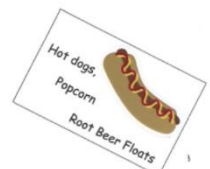
You are Invited to a

Friendship 50's Party

At Dawn Chapter #125

On April 4, 2023

At 7:30 p.m.





The Fisher House in Aurora needs our help. Their closet of **travel-sized** amenities is getting low and they need help refilling their stock. Below is a list of what they need. You can drop them off at the Fisher House in Aurora, 1700 N Wheeling

Street, Aurora CO 80045, Mon-Fri, during business hours.


Travel Sized:

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| Tampons | Panty liners |
| Lip balm | Razors |
| Shaving cream | Hand gel / lotion |
| Deodorant | Q Tips / cotton balls |
| Kleenex | Mouthwash |
| Toothpaste | |


Our generous donations provide the military families with one less thing to worry about while they are visiting their loved one in the hospital. Thank you for your support!

If you donate any of these items, other items (such as the Santa list at Christmas time), food items, etc, **PLEASE** let CherylAnn (970-396-3364 text or voice mail or by email) know how much you spent, so we can add that to our Fisher House donation report that will be given at Grand Chapter.

Please join us on the Western Slope for another Wine and Dine Fundraiser for the Fisher House. June 4, 2023 5-7 pm Enzo's Ristorante Italiano See flyer →
RSVP to Laura Schierburg 206-949-0913 by May 28



ITALIAN FOOD & WINE PAIRING DINNER




BENEFITING THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FISHER HOUSE
IN AURORA, COLORADO

Sunday June 4, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Enzo's Ristorante Italiano
707 HORIZON DR, GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81506

\$75 + tax and tip



PRESENTED BY COLORADO EASTERN STAR

RSVP BY MAY 28 TO LAURA SCHIERBURG
206.949.0913

Peace and Harmony Chapter 158 is trying to raise the visibility of OES in Colorado by selling Polo shirts with the Shooting Star OES emblem. The proceeds of this Fundraiser will enable Peace & Harmony to support selected local charities.

The link to this fundraiser is on the Colorado OES Web Page. You can go to [Customink.com](https://www.customink.com) and look for the Peace & Harmony Fundraiser. Or, copy the following link and paste in your browser

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/peace-harmony-158-oes-polo-shirt-fundraiser?utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=peace-harmony-158-oes-polo-shirt-fundraiser&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link

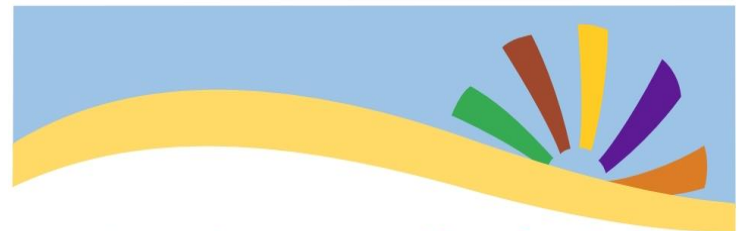
Membership in Colorado OES is declining every year. We are all looking for ways to find new OES members. One idea for doing this is to increase the visibility of Eastern Star in Colorado. We need to let people know that we support numerous charitable activities in our communities. We help out with community projects. We support youth groups and provide scholarships. When we are doing these things, we need to let people know we are members of Eastern Star. We can do this by wearing OES emblems.

Richard and I often wear a shirt or hat with an OES or Masonic emblem on it when we are out in the community or grocery shopping. Many times, people will approach us and say their Grandmother, Grandfather, Mother, Father, or other family members were Eastern Star or Masons. It is the perfect time to tell them about your chapter and ask if they would be interested in learning more about Eastern Star or the Masons and what we do. If they are interested get their phone number and invite them to coffee or to an Eastern Star or Masonic social function. Our local Masonic Lodge has an informal social get together once a month, they invite people who have expressed interest so

they can meet some of the other members. They have increased their membership significantly by doing this. They have also identified people who are interested in OES. Spring and Summer are on the way with picnics and BBQs. Wear a Shooting Star Polo Shirt and invite people to get to know the Masonic Family.

Don't wait to order your Polo Shirt. This fundraiser ends the beginning of April!!!

PS We are also selling baseball caps with the Shooting Star Emblem. If you want one contact our Worthy Patron, Mason Carpenter. 970-903-1034, Or Richard Wholf 970-946-2372



Peace & Harmony Shooting Star Polo Shirt Fundraiser



Peace & Harmony Chapter #158 is selling Polo Shirts with the Colorado OES Shooting Star Emblem to raise funds for these local charities. Meals for Pagosa Seniors, Pagosa Public Schools Lunch Fund, and Community Food Banks.

The fundraiser ends April 5th.
Shirts will be shipped April 21st.

To purchase a Polo Shirt click on the QR Code below!



QUESTIONS? Contact Patsy Troutner WM, 505-927-

MEMORY LANE

Gaylene's notes: Me again, I am really not sure what to write about this time, seems like I have written so much you are all probably getting tired of my rantings. guess we all got thru last month okay and now here we are in March - St Patrick's parade went well. I don't even know how many times I have sat on the Curb down down waiting for the El Jebel Shriners to go by and watchin the T Nobles do their routines in front of us and we yelled like we had never seen it before. We always had such fun and there was always about 20-25 women sitting on our buckets on the curbs of Denver. We were such proud ladies! we always went back to the Shrine Mosque for Carabeef and cabbage and to the dance that evening. Those days were a lot of fun! We wore red shirts with T Nobel Ladies on the back and our names on the front and we all looked so good and so proud of our men. Don't think the women participate now like we did but we always made a day of it and a fun time for all and always had a pot luck after the parades.

I got thru my 86th Birthday this month with a quiet day ha! Went to the VFW Hall at 10 AM and helped get tables set up and decorated and helped get food arranged and then opened the doors at noon and by the time we were done had served around 60 people for a free meal. Yes I said free, about 7 of us ladies get together and decided to fix a meal once a month for the Senior Citizens (like I am not one) firemen, and police officers along the I70 corridor and it seems to be growing. It was on my birthday this year so that made my day really special. My son Nathan and Kim came in and ate with me as he had to drive a carriage down town that evening so had dinner with them. My daughter and G/son took me to dinner in Watkins at LuLu's on Monday night so celebrated good. Thanks to all that send me e-mails, notes, and cards and calls for the day. Heard from several people I had gone thru grade and high school with and we keep in touch all the time as I do with my Australian Pen Pal of over 60 years. Good Week. BUT there is always a BUT: I found on the last of February that I have Identity theft and what a mess that has caused. So far they have charged a bunch to Home Depot in Georgia and Florida, Sam's Club a lot has been charged and they tried to change my address and have been applying for all kinds of Credit Cards in my name. I have a fraud claim in and the credit

cards have been turned down, I have closed all my Credit cards except for one and fraud people have been good to keep me in contact as to what they are doing. My credit rating is now trashed but they said it would be back as soon as they get this all taken care of but that doesn't bother me, I am not buying anything. It is just a mess and has kept me up many a night just worrying and now I am hearing a lot of people have had this done or are going thur the same thing right now so guess I am not the only one being picked on right now. But that still isn't stopping me from worrying. I think we have notified everyone I need to but you all watch your accounts as it can happen so fast and if they had not called me to okay a \$600.00 purchase in Georgia I would not have known until I got the bill. I said no to the purchase and that started the fraud investigation. What a time. I am sure it will be months or even years before this is over but have turned it to investigators and God and know it will be okay.

Areme is having the Pentalpha Stars to our meeting in March and we are all to wear green so guess I better find something green. I don't know my Nationality so I just celebrate it all, When I grew up no one cared, we all lived in a little town in Pisgah, Iowa, had good parents and teachers in school so we just took each day at a time and we had a good life. So guess I am a Heinz 57 and I don't care. Don as American Indian Delaware/Lenape (len-Nah-pay) and didn't know that until he was 16 and met is grandfather. So gonna fine my green something today! April brings April Showers and April Fools Day and I can take the showers I am so ired of being cold and the 15th off to Hawaii on the Eastern Star Trip and am sure we will have a good time and not going to complain cause I'm warm, gonna enjoy it! Cleaning the office today and let me tell you this is NOT a fun time. I hate cleaning anything but when it starts getting piled up time to get things thrown out. I now I will throw something way today and want it in a few day but that is life and getting things gone I don't think I want. ha. take care have a happy April and enjoy the heat if it ever gets here. all for now - I just keep praying the good Lord will keep one hand on my shoulder and the other one over my mouth. Love to all!!

TEN EASTERN STARS

Ten Eastern Stars, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Eastern Stars, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Worthy Matron," then there were eight.
Eight Eastern Stars, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Eastern Stars, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Eastern Stars, all very much alive;
One lost her interest, then there were five.
Five Eastern Stars, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
Four Eastern Stars, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
Three Eastern Stars, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.
Two Eastern Stars with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.
One Eastern Star, found a Sister -- true!
Brought her to the Chapter, then there were two.
Two Eastern Stars didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.
Four Eastern Stars saved their Chapter's fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
Eight Eastern Stars, loving their Chapters bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
Sixteen Eastern Stars, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.
So we can't put our troubles at the Chapter's door;
It's our fault for harming the Chapter we adore.
Don't fuss about the programs or
the "Worthy Matron" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.
- Unknown

As long as we have
memories, yesterday
remains. As long as
we have hope,
tomorrow waits. As
long as we have love,
today is beautiful. As
long as we have faith,
anything is possible.

Never regret a day in
your life. 

Good days give
happiness,
bad days give
experience,
the worst days
give lessons,
and the best days
give memories.
unknown