



A-U-2 Review



MAY

2021

ANNA PETERSON, WGM

THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

BOB HARPER, WGP



SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Here we are, it's the first of May, one of the softest and most beautiful times of the year. This month is a time for transitioning. It's a time when the exuberance and sometimes painful rebirth of life that is spring settles into a more predictable pattern and we know that life once again has renewed itself. I think that's why May in particular was chosen to celebrate mothers. When I think about it, it kind of reminds me of that moment in the delivery room after my first son was born when the pain was forgotten, the anxiety and fear are gone, and for the first time I felt that new life that once was within is now a part of the world. And for at least a short time, that little one belongs to only me. I think it's as close as a human being can get to feeling the kind of love that God feels for all his creation. So May and motherhood just seems to go together.

Motherhood is about more than physical birth and there are all kinds of mothers. There are those who nurturer the emotional well-being of another human spirit. And there are those who through their love and humanity provide guidance, nurturing and support to hundreds, if not thousands, of people and inspire us to be better human beings.

The true meaning of motherhood is exemplified through the life of such a women, Mother Teresa, who while never giving



"God doesn't call you to be successful, He calls you to be faithful."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

physical birth, did through her kindness, love, caring and nurturing spirit give birth to thousands and served as an example of God's love to millions. In some way whether we know it or not we have all felt that type of

love.

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DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Well, last night we had another spring snow storm only this time just a few inches of snow with ice all over the roads, sidewalks and driveways. Very treacherous for those going to work in the early morning or for an appointment like I had to attend. We need the moisture, but the 2 degree temperature we had overnight made quite a mess for the morning commute. Fortunately, by mid-morning, everything had melted and was just wet.

The initiation the Grand Officers did for Excelsior Chapter#66 last Saturday went very well and there are now 4 new Sisters in that chapter and we welcome them into our Order. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

The good news is the Worthy Grand Matron and I have begun to complete the remaining Official Visits for the Chapters we had not visited along with the Grand Officers and Escorts and we are planning on having our Grand Chapter Session in September. After a year of staying in and away it will be great to see everyone again and enjoy the fraternal relations we have so dearly missed. Keep checking the Grand Chapter Website for more information and some exciting news about this year's session.

Remember to register for the Colorado OES Challenge. The virtual race with different categories. This is open to friends, family members, co-workers and Sisters and Brothers from other OES Jurisdictions. You don't have to run you can walk, and even make it a group activity and go for coffee or lunch or ice cream afterwards.

I hope you and your families are well and looking forward to a reduction in restrictions and a return to familiar activities.

Fraternally,

Bob Harper, WGP



This quote by Mother Teresa seems to say it all.

*People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centered.
Love them anyway.
If you do good,
people will accuse you of ulterior motives
Do good anyway.
If you are honest people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today
may be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have
and you may be kicked in the teeth.
Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end it's between
you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway*
- Mother Teresa

May is also a time of solemn contemplation and reverence. For those who have been fortunate enough to have been born in this country, or like me and my family who immigrated here to find opportunity, freedom, and self-determination then the last day of May is a very important day. It is a day dedicated to the solemn remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms and our way of life. As we close the month we should all take stock of the many blessings we have as Americans and pay solemn tribute, honor and gratitude to those who gave their all for us.

It is not a day meant for celebration but a day meant for contemplation and reflection so that those who have died in battle for our freedom, as President Lincoln said, "shall not have died in vain". This year let us pledge to recommit ourselves to a better understanding of what it means to be an American and let us also renew our dedication to preserve those principles for which so many have fought and died for so that succeeding generations may know what it means to be a free people for we are one nation under God with Liberty and Justice for all.

*In Faith and Love,
Anna Peterson, WGM*

CHAPTER NEWS REEL



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter



Brother Dave Salberg, a Past Patron of Colorado #2, was presented his 50 year pin by his daughter, Kerrie Ferran, at a recent ceremony at Collins #26, Ft. Collins. Brother Dave was a longtime secretary of Corinthian Lodge #35 in

Leadville, Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Colorado and served as Grand High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Colorado.

Colorado 2's main project is to plan for the Official Visit of the OES Grand Officers on May 7. We are arranging for 40 members and visitors to join us in this event.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter



The Members of Garden City would like to thank everyone who attended our Dinner Playhouse Fund Raiser last month. We had a blast.

Gary Lindblad, AP played the Villain, who ended up being the good guy. Vic Czapenski, AM played the damsel in distress, who, in the end, we found out was the villainess.



Swiss Steak and Pork Loin were the entre' options for your dining pleasure. We asked our guests write comments and to our surprise, they all reflected the same thing. Here are 5 of the 25 comments. We only had 3

negative comments:

Should have diet Coke, the cocktail sauce was too hot and someone didn't like the shortcake topping.

Plans are already in the works for next year's show.

We have one more fund

Raiser coming up on May 16. We have some members who make great homemade Mexican food. So in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we are hosting a Mexican Dinner Buffet. Don't worry if you can't eat spicy food; we make it mild, but will have hot 'fixins' available so you can add you own extra spice. See the flyer attached at the end.

It is great to return to a 'regular' meeting setting. It's amazing how singing a simple ode adds so much to the meeting. Not much business was discussed at our last meeting. We do, however, look forward to presenting a long overdue 50 year pin to Sister Marsha Biddle. Hopefully, when tax season settles down a bit, she will have time to attend a meeting so we can officially welcome her into the ranks of the 50 year members.

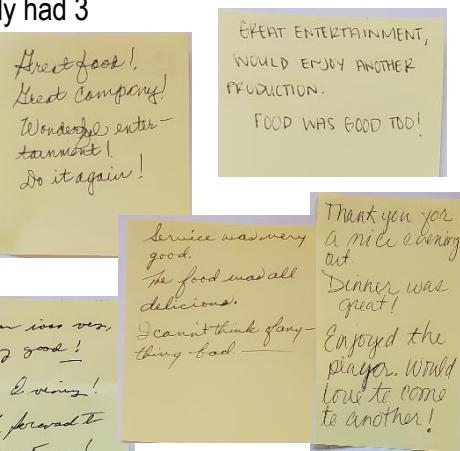
Not only does the Worthy Matron give greetings during introductions, but she will spread her corny one liners throughout the meeting. For example: I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and turned myself around. OR So the Cop asked me where I was between 5 and 6. I looked him straight in the eye and said – Kindergarten. Her final comment under Good of the Order was: Always Remember: Be Kind, Be Fair, Be Honest, Be True. And all these things will come back to you.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Sisters. May you have a wonderful blessed day.

PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Joannie Briggs, PM - Reporter

Pueblo Chapter 7 sends out love and happiness to everyone! Our Chapter members seem to be acting just like

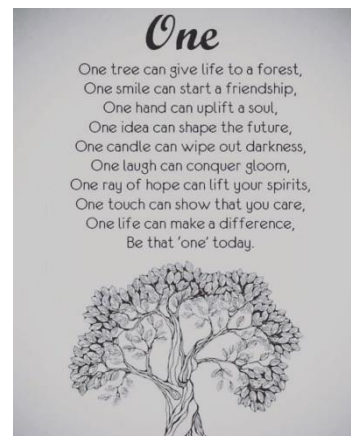


gorgeous tulips in the springtime...slowly popping up and quickly coming back into gorgeous bloom. Since we started having regular meetings this year, our members and friends from other Chapters are beginning to attend again. So much fun to see faces of friends we love and have missed over the past year! Each meeting is more fun than the last, and we have more people in attendance. We are so grateful to everyone for hanging in there!

Spring cleaning is also in the air in Pueblo. The Masonic Temple Board (the group that runs our building) is organizing a cleaning event, which means we will be working to assist them with moving cabinets, and reorganizing items...wonder what treasures we'll find this time??!

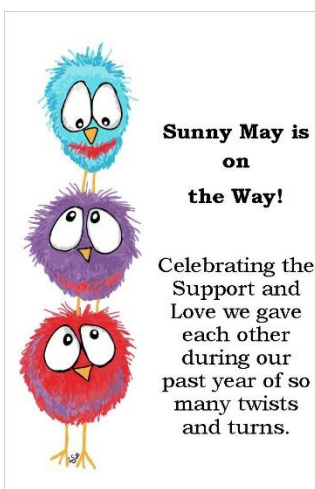
Chapter 7 participated in the Masonic Jr. Achievement Awards ceremony on Sunday, 4/19/21. WM Mary Beth Messer and WP Joe Paseka handed out OES certificates alongside the Masonic awards. Chapter 7 also provided refreshments after the ceremony for guests and award winners. We are very proud of the youth in our local high schools!

The Vidalia Onions will be arriving during the 2nd week of June, so contact any member of Pueblo Chapter 7 (or contact me – Joanie Briggs, 719-429-0063) to order your 10 lb bag for \$15 each. We can arrange pick up or delivery- whatever works best. Please see the flyer and I've added several recipes using the Vidalia Onions. This has turned into our main fundraiser, and we really do APPRECIATE your support!



COLLINS #26 – FT. COLLINS

Art work by Lydia Shelley, PM



I had an interesting thought while riding my bike on this beautiful day: As I was going along the trail, I noticed several places where the roots of some of the surrounding trees had pushed the concrete up. It's amazing how much strength there is in the roots. It's kind of like Jesus. He is the root and we get our strength through Him.....

He can move mountains and is our only access to God. Now isn't that an interesting thought? We are the vine and He nurtures us daily.

- Roger Cornett, #26

Mother's Day

By: easyday.snydle.com

You have given me life
and showed me the light.
Taught the strength to fight,
and difference of wrong from right.

When there are problems,
you always stay
and pick me up along the way.
Show your support come what may,
do everything to make it fade away.

May you have a happy mother's day!
I'll always be proud to say,
you are the best of the most,
and the top of the rest.



SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Spring always makes us feel better emotionally, but meeting in person, albeit "socially-distanced", it's a real jolt in the arm, so to speak! To be able to laugh, talk and plan again is just wonderful.

The planning we are doing is for the Official Visit of WGM, Anna Petersen and WGP, Bob Harper and their Grand Family! We learned that our "room capacity" is 185, so "Ya'all come! It will be May 15th. We are planning a Subway Sandwich Pick-Up Lunch prior to the meeting at Noon. Donations of \$5 per sandwich will be accepted. It will be good to see everyone and be able to visit. We plan to do presentations just prior to the meeting upstairs. Dues cards will be checked at sign-in.

Our three new members have really given us a boost! They are so helpful and willing and **young**! They also have daughters who are interested in perhaps reviving our Rainbow Assembly here and that would be wonderful! And the daughters have friends!

Our members and their families have experienced some challenges. Pryce Hoey, son of AGP, Keith and Shelley Hoey, had shoulder surgery and is recovering. Shayne, their granddaughter, is slowly getting back to normal but has not been able to work, so Shelley has been recruited to fill in at the dentist's office. Shelley is scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery the 26th.

Sister Lucky Cox, our 57 year member living in Oklahoma, lost her youngest sister, Ruth. She is one of the reasons that Lucky relocated to OK, but her death was not unexpected. Thankfully, we share the "trustful faith of Martha".

Bonnie Lou Lamb slipped and fell in her kitchen on April first and spent time in the hospital and then the care center before being released to her home, where her son's care and that of Home Health are making her stronger. Her little Corgi,

Queenie, really missed her, but was well cared for by a friend. The rest of her family is coming from OHIO next month to help in making her home safer for her to be there.

Mary Melton has finally been able to see a doctor about her back. Although surgery has not been scheduled, it is expected soon.

We are also looking forward to the School of Instruction with AGM, Cheryl Williams and our own AGP, Keith Hoey and their Grand Family on July 17. Keith has warned us that "it will be like no other SOI we have attended". He asks that we come with an open mind and be prepared for some major changes, all designed to improve our time together. He says we will be finished by 1 pm.

We hope we will see you all soon and if not, we still send love and prayers to you and yours. May all of your days be filled with sunshine and warm hugs! God Bless!

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

e.e. cummings once wrote "it's spring and the world is mud-lucious and puddle wonderful." How I wish it were!! I'd take a muddy dog any day over dry dirt!

It's May time for May-fetes, May poles and recollections. Sunshine #53 is doing very well with our cookbooks and we would be glad to sell *you* one. Just let me know..

Chapter-wise we are hanging in there. Our musician, Mildred Revere is unable to leave her home and we really, really miss her music. She does have home care coming in but just isn't sure of her ability to walk any distance. Dottie Dillard is not at all well and living at Eagle Ridge in Grand Junction. SS Mathews has been out with COVID but improving.

The Chapter did an Eastern Star funeral on April 23 at the request of the family of Mary Ann Carter. She was PM of Eagle Chapter in 1965-66. It is always an honor to be able to assist a family in this way.

I don't really collect cook books but have a few cherished ones. One is *Fruit Fixin's of the North Fork* which came from Paonia. I found this recipe for May:

Rhubarb Custard Pie

2 cups rhubarb cut fine	1 cup sugar
2 egg yolks	1 Tbsp cream
2 Tbsp flour	1/8 tsp. nutmeg

Mix well and pour into unbaked pie crust. Bake at 350. Pie is done when knife comes out clean. Top with meringue made from 2 beaten egg whites and sugar.

In Mesa County we are “on our own” about masks. Let’s hope everyone is cautious so we don’t regress into staying at home again!



EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

Carol Danford, PM - Reporter

Excelsior Chapter has had an exciting month! At our regular meeting on April 13th, we presented Carol Anderson with her 50 year pin. She was initiated into Queen Esther #5 in Boulder. She remembered that she wore a short dress and saved the napkins from the event which are still in her Bible. We welcomed Patty Wilson from Truth Chapter #262, Kimble, NE. as a plural member. It was a lovely evening!

On April 17, at 1:30 P.M., the Grand Officers of the Rhythm of Life Grand Family performed Initiation for our four candidates who have been waiting for nearly a year. Everyone did a great job and our new members enjoyed the afternoon. All pandemic procedures were observed, with plenty of hand sanitizers and social distancing. Thanks to all the Grand Officers!



These are our new members: Melissa Bearad, Jennifer Richard, Dana Springer and Angela Wilson. We are looking forward to having them in our Chapter. We have one more candidate who will be initiated at a later date.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Members around the State.

When Don was Grand Warder he always introduced himself with the Beautiful Downtown Bennett and it caught on and now we all say it. I sit here in the office today with the clouds low, starting to rain or snow not sure what it is and I think of Don saying to me after 2018 winter that he would not be here next winter. It was too cold and he was tired of snow. Well he left before it snowed and I am still here wondering what happened! I don't like snow either and the cold but I am here and he and all his buddies are in Heaven looking down at us and probably smiling. I still have a lot of things I want to do but not sure what I want to do first. No I do know I want EASTERN STAR to get started again and I want to see all my sisters and brothers without masks on and I want to be hugged and hug them and not have someone be afraid to touch one another. The masks, the sanitizer, the not standing close to one another, the not hugging and the fun we used to have I miss that so much. I do try and make people laugh but ya know it just isn't the same. I want to go back to the old way. Okay I know I have said enough but I am really upset about all the stuff that has been taken away from us.

Hope Chapter had their first meeting in March and masked up and sanitized we had a good meeting but no sideliners and no meal before the meeting, you could bring a sack lunch and eat your own food but who want to do that. Anyway we had a nice meeting and our WM Carrie had things all laid out for the evening and all went well. It was a fast meeting but Carrie was not feeling well and she needed to get home and rest. Our Worthy Patron and his wife have demitted as he is active in Shrine and felt he could not continue at WM and she was Marshal so we are short 2 officers now. We had our Official Visit on March 27 and moved our Charter to Radiant Temple for the meeting as it was larger than our little room. Our WM Carrie had the meeting well under control with lots of laughter and I hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Worthy Grand Patron filled in for our Worthy Patron and always nice to see him doing the work. Thank You Brother Bob for filling in as Worthy Patron and doing two offices at the same time, you done good! Hope's Grand Officer Sister Julia Krug-Grand Martha was escorted to the East with Alex McIntosh Playing the Bagpipes and that was such an honor for her.

Sister Carrie presented her and she thanked everyone and gave a little talk. Karla Diamond PGM of Colorado is Worthy Grand Marshal and she gave a nice talk and Marian Edwards, PGM of Colorado and Ambassador to Guam gave a nice greeting also. Julia was Grand Marshal in Marian's Grand Family so Julia's Star Mom was with her and that meant a lot to her. It was good to see Barbara and John Harrington Past Grand Matron and Lina Byrd Past Grand Matron. Always so good to



see the past grand come to the OV's it means a lot to the Chapter.

When Don and I joined Eastern Star all the OV's were full rooms with chairs being added as it was always an over flow of any chapter we went too so you got to the chapter as early as possible so you could get a good seat and not sit on hard chairs. We also had an initiation at all OV's and we got home late but we kept going, we enjoyed seeing everyone and wanted to watch the chapters do the work. Pentalpha and Alpha parties we would have lots and when escorted to the floor we would have a half circle from Ada to Electa and we always had fun, it was such a good time to get to know one another and friendship nights were great, just so sorry so many chapters have closed as we used to go every night to a chapter meeting of some kind. Don wore his Tux so much we had to get new pants for him as it as wearing thru and his white underwear was showing thru, I thought about coloring his shorts but he would not have that. Those were the good O'L Days and so much fun was had. I have stories about those days and so do a lot of others. Such Fun was had. One to another month and if no one from Hope sends me some news I will try and tell you a few of the things we did years ago.

Take care have a Wonderful Star Year and see ya on our OV's I hope. Come to Grand Chapter!!!!

Lets overflow the room this year as it has been a wild 2 years and we need all your support!!

METRO #157 - DENVER

Cathe Markell, WM - Reporter

"Change is a gift. With it comes growth, discovery, and adventure. Just as we breathe, so must we adapt to an ever changing world."

Metro Chapter started off 2021 with Zoom meetings in January. On January 8th there were 18 members present for the Zoom meeting. For the January 22nd meeting there were 14 members in attendence. It was nice to see all the familiar faces again.

At our February 12th meeting we celebrated Valentine's Day with Valentine greetings and Chocolate. A favorable vote was taken to have Julia Mesarios join our chapter by reinstatement. She was a former member of Englewood #128.

On February 26th we celebrated National Pistachio Day with a brief history of Pistachio's. Everyone was given a small bag of Pistachios to enjoy after the meeting.

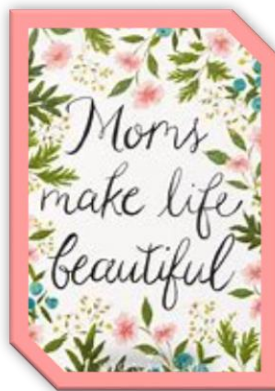


The March 12th meeting was cancelled due to the expected snow storm of 18+ inches.



Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just imagine what they can do when they stick together.

For the meeting on March 26th we celebrated a late St. Patrick's Day and an early Easter. Everyone enjoyed a game of "Bean Bag Toss" St. Patrick's Day style. Carol Peck won first place and Vera Mae Morgan won second place.



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, May 9. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the

holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

VIDALIA ONION RECIPES - *Courtesy of Pueblo #7*

Pear Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups chopped Vidalia onions
- 1 cup diced unpeeled pear
- ½ cup chopped roasted red pepper (from a 7 oz. jar)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh jalapeno pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- ¾ teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

In a medium bowl combine Vidalia onions, pear, red pepper, jalapeno pepper, cilantro, lime juice and salt.

Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 2 days.

Serve grilled with seafood, chicken or hamburgers.

Yields 6 portions, 3 cups.

(Taken from vidaliaonions.com/recipes)

Vidalia Onion Casserole

2 large Vidalia onions, sliced thin and separated into rings
(if they are smaller, use three)

1/2 cup butter, divided (1 stick)

1/2 tsp. seasoned salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup shredded Cheddar Monterrey Jack blend cheese
(can use all Cheddar)

1 sleeve butter flavored crackers, crushed
(like Ritz or Town House)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt 4 Tbs. of the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion rings.

Sprinkle with seasoned salt and black pepper. Toss in the butter and saute just until they start to soften. Don't overcook them – they should still have a little texture after this bakes.

Add the sour cream and toss to blend. Turn the heat off at this stage. You don't want your sour cream to break.

Spray an 8x8 baking dish or a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish with nonstick spray. Layer half of the onion mixture in the bottom.

Sprinkle with 1/2 of the grated Parmesan and 1/2 the shredded Cheddar Monterrey jack blend.

Melt the other 4 Tablespoons of butter and toss the crushed Ritz crackers in it. Sprinkle half of the buttered crumbs over the cheese.

Repeat the same layers all again, ending in the buttered cracker crumbs. Place in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes!

(Recipe from: <https://www.sweetteaandcornbread.net>)



moth·er

[muhth-er, muhth-ers]

noun, plural muhth·ers

1. the person who raises, loves, and cares for you; 2. the one who comforts you when you are sick; 3. the woman who laughs with you and cries with you; 4. the person who loves you even when you aren't exactly lovable; 5. someone who exhibits infinite patience.

Vidalia-Honey Vinaigrette

Serve this over a salad of mixed greens, chopped apple, toasted pecans and dried cranberries.

Total: 3 hrs 28 mins

Yield: Makes about 1 1/3 cups

Ingredients

1/2 cup chopped Vidalia onion

3/4 cup vegetable oil, divided

1/4 cup cider vinegar, divided

1/4 cup honey

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Sauté onion in 1 Tbsp. hot oil in a medium skillet over medium heat, stirring often, 8 minutes or until caramel colored.

Add 2 Tbsp. vinegar, stirring to loosen particles from bottom of skillet. Remove from heat; cool 5 minutes.

Process onion mixture, honey, next 3 ingredients, and remaining oil and vinegar in a blender 30 seconds or until blended. Cover and chill 3 to 24 hours.



PUEBLO #7

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HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80129

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING METRO CHAPTER #157!



GARDEN CITY #3
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

MEXICAN DINNER BUFFET MENU



MAY 16, 2021
Serving
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Century Masonic Hall
2532 9th Avenue; Greeley



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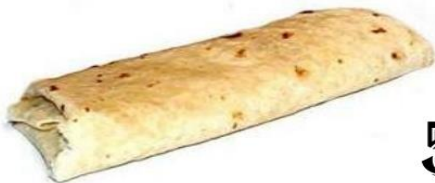
2) ENCHILADAS

3) TACOS



4) BURRITOS:

HAMBURGER OR SHREDDED BEEF



5) GREEN CHILI



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