

A-U-2 Review



JANUARY



2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Whew, we made it through another calendar year without closing down or not being able to have our meetings. It was so great to get hugs from everyone and feel the friendship, the love and warmth around the chapter rooms. So a big thanks to all of you who came to the Official Visits and attended your Chapter meetings. You are very special people indeed.

2023 brings us some unique challenges for the future of our Order. One of my goals when I became Worthy Grand Matron, was to try and replace the members we have so sadly lost over the last 3 years. This is not something I can do alone nor can you; but I do think that if we all work together as a team and share ideas with each other, we can make this happen. Marlene Doyle, #145, 303-885-4512, Chairman of Membership, and Brandon Duncan, #98, 303-576-0879. Grand Chaplin and myself are working to put something together for early Spring for a Statewide meeting of anyone interested in helping to increase membership in our Order. So should you find yourself in that unique position as

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Happy New Year to all my Sisters and Brothers;

December was a whirlwind of a month, filled with wonderful Christmas cheer everywhere. I so enjoy driving around in the evening seeing all the beautiful decorations and strings of lights. I hope you all enjoy that beauty as much as I do.

December also was a time to enjoy the fellowship of my Sisters and Brothers as Beth and I enjoyed the 3 Official Visits at Manzanita #85, Excelsior #66 and Loyalty #145. It is interesting to experience the wide variety of themes our Worthy Matrons have chosen. We have so many creative members among us. Beth and I

also had the honor and privilege of presenting Sister Susan Sweeney with her Grand Representative Commission at Excelsior #66's OV. At our regular meeting in Garden City #3, I was honored to commission Sister Alice Moody with a Grand Representative Appointment, as well. Congratulations Sisters. I hope you will have a chance to visit your respective jurisdictions.

I hope everyone kept warm and safe during our deep freeze of frigid temperatures, snow and high winds.

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one of those members, please contact one of us and let us know of your interest. I do believe this is a Goal we can achieve. We just need to work together. More information will be coming in the future on this meeting.

In the World we live in today, I really think sometimes it is really brave to be kind to someone. Why would I say that? Well. . . Example: it really is "none of our business" when a parent is struggling to soothe a toddler having a temper tantrum in the supermarket or we see that a pedestrian is trying to cross the street, or we see a stranger crying while sitting on a park bench. Most of us would just keep walking by, because let's face it, we have no idea how that person might respond if we ask if we can help. I believe it takes courage to care. This I call Brave Kindness.



Sisters and Brothers, for some time now, I have been experiencing health issues. Finally, after extensive tests, I have been recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Now don't panic. The Doctor is confident that we caught it in the very early stages and with surgery to remove the contained tumor, I will be just fine, but it will take some time for me to heal and recover. With that said, Gary and I have decided to postpone all Official Visits in January and February 2023, except for Garden City #3 on February 25. When we have the new schedule of Official Visits, it will be posted immediately. Thank you all and I welcome your continued prayers. They would no doubt be a blessing to me.

May you all have a Blessed New Year and remember "You never need to apologize for being Kind."



Star Love & Kindness, **Beth**
Worthy Grand Matron



appreciated.

I would like to thank all the Chapters for all the wonderful, thoughtful gifts that have been given to me at the Official Visits. Your monetary gifts have been a blessing to help with expenses. Also, the donations made to the Fisher House are greatly

Please join with me in lifting up prayers for our WGM, Sister Beth as she battles Pancreatic Cancer. I have no doubt that as prayer warriors, God will hear and answer our prayers for a full recovery.

I pray that 2023 will be a year of good health, renewed and repaired relationships, safe travels and as Beth says, 'Brave Kindness' for all mankind. May God watch over each of us, our nation, our leaders, the military, the first responders, nurses, doctors. May He shower us with blessings of comfort, strength, kindness, peace and love.

Happy New Year everyone and I hope to see you all next year. God Bless.

Gary

Worthy Grand Patron



NEW YEAR'S EVE TIDBITS

Over 50 tons of trash are left in Times Square after New Year's Eve celebrations.

About 3,000 pounds of that is confetti — that's a lot to clean up!

The confetti dropped in Times Square is holding secret messages. The confetti in Times Square has thousands of people's wishes written on them. In 2015 "wishfetti" became a part of the tradition. People write their wishes for the new year and submit them to the Wish Wall in Times Square (or online) and those wishes are turned into the confetti that falls over the crowd at midnight.

Chapter News Reel



COLORADO #2 – LEADVILLE

Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

Another successful year of fund raising has finished. Preliminary collections will make a \$1700 profit to support Colorado 2's projects and activities.

Colorado 2 members contributed significantly to the Knights Templar / Knights of Columbus Conclave. There was enough food for a tasty OES dinner the following evening before the Star's regular meeting.

Colorado 2 only has one meeting in December to prepare for Christmas and to enjoy a winter break. Happy Holidays to everyone!

GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

First off, Garden City would like to wish everyone all the happiness and blessings God has in store for each of you.

We are so proud of our Sister Alice Moody. WGP, Gary presented her with a Grand Representative Appointment to Texas. She was surprised and a bit shocked. Her mom and dad spent many-a winter in Texas, on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico as they enjoyed fishing and warm weather.



Sister Alice held the office of Secretary for over 25 years in our Chapter, retiring just before Covid hit. What a blessing she is to our Chapter. Congratulations, Alice.

Our members prepared 21 shut in boxes with a variety of cookies, candies, fruit and bars.

We had a successful Cookie Walk / Soup Luncheon Fundraiser. This was held in conjunction with the Installation of Officers for Century Lodge #190. WGP Gary, was installed as Tiler for the ensuing year.



See how Sister Rose McDonald is beaming with pride as she was presented with her 50 year certificate. Sisters Norma Schaffer and Mary MacKenzie were by her side and had the privilege of pinning Rose's Grandmother's 50 year pin on her. Rose was initiated into Manzanita #85. From there she went to Johnstown #114 and then to Eaton #67, finally Garden City #3. She was Worthy Matron in Eaton. Garden City is blessed to have her as one of our own members. Congratulations, Rose!



Because Mother Nature reared up with high winds, freezing temperatures and snow, Garden City had to cancel their Friendship Night. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday January 31. A chili soup dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by games, fun and fellowship. Please come join us. Our Chapter purchased 3 wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" project. On December 17th,



Sisters Amethyst Nagy, Zanna Thurow and CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad and Brother Gary Lindblad attended the Ceremony at Linn Grove Cemetary and then assisted other volunteers in laying hundreds of wreaths at the graves sights of our Veterans. Two Junior Marine Brothers sang the National Anthem. What a beautiful duet. The key note speaker was a local minister. In tribute of our



late Veterans, there was a 21 Gun Salute, followed by the playing of Taps. It was a moving and touching day.

Please join the members of Garden City as we honor the "Kindness IS The Key" WGM, Elizabeth and WGP, Gary and their Grand Family at our Official Visit on Saturday February 25, 2023. A lunch of hamburgers and brats (two of Gary's favorite foods) will be served at 12:00 noon, followed by a fun filled meeting at 1:30 pm. After the OV, we invite you to attend the after party which will be held at the Candlelight Theater. The tickets are \$67 for dinner and the show, which is Brigadoon. Paid reservations must be made no later than January 28, 2023. Come join the fun.

PLEASE JOIN GARDEN CITY #3
AT THE

CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATER

4747 Marketplace Drive; Johnstown, CO
on

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

AFTER THE OFFICIAL VISIT

SHOW: BRIGADOON

DINNER & SHOW \$67.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION
PAYABLE TO CHERYLANN CRAVEN-LINDBLAD
11119 CR 76; WINDSOR, CO 80550-2705

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 28, 2023

TEXT: 970-396-3364 EMAIL: asap4sure@gmail.com
PAYMENT **MUST** BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
JANUARY 28



The Members of
Garden City #3
cordially invite you to
attend the
Official Visit
honoring the

"Kindness IS The Key"

Worthy Grand Matron, Elizabeth Spangler
and

Worthy Grand Patron, Gary Lindblad
and

Their Grand Family
on

Saturday, February 25, 2022

Century Masonic Hall

2532 9th Avenue; Greeley

Hamburgers & Brats Lunch @ 12:00 noon

Grand Family - No Charge

All Others - \$10.00

Meeting @ 1:30 pm

Make your lunch reservation no later than February 20

Zanna Thurow, Secretary

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CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, WM

Kent Craven, WP



Sister Donna Schmidt is at the Center Rehab - not doing well. Genie Meyer went home the day before Christmas. Jacqui McDonald lost her Father. Pam Park has only one more cancer treatment and is doing really well. Deb Deselms' Sister is doing well as she can right now and her brother didn't need a stint after all. Cathy & Rachel Voshel are visiting Larry & Alice Moody. Unfortunately, Cathy & Rachel have some kind of rash going on.

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO
Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



Happy New Year

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters

Pueblo 7 celebrated Christmas and our many blessings at our last stated meeting. We enjoyed a potluck treat table, we played games and had a white elephant gift exchange.

May this new year bring you many blessings

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS
Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter



Holiday Greetings and a
Happy New Year
from Collins #26

We only had one meeting this month on the 13th. Dinner was served before the meeting. We collected many, many food supplies for the local Food Bank from our members that night too.

This reporter has been ill so was not able to attend. But I did hear that there was a Jobs Holiday Bazaar at our Lodge on December 3rd. Our chapter served a Chili Lunch for fair vendors and attendees. Many enjoyed a hot lunch and good conversation. Hope some of you were able to get there and see all the pretty crafts.

WAUNITA #37 – GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

First, we hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! We sure had a wonderful time with our families. Then our own AGP, Ken Ashwood, with some of his family members and others from our chapter attended Manzanita's OV in Littleton. It was a lot of fun.



Also, some of us visited with the residents of the RRESMC the next day and delivered some needed tissues.

Next, was Excelsior's OV in



Lafayette, which was very informative. And finally, we attended the Grand Representative meeting, and Loyalty's OV in Westminster. Their entertainment was exceptionally good. The gentleman played lots of different instruments with lots of different hats on!

Because our weather hit the deep freeze and many of our members are out of town, we chose to reschedule our Masonic potluck for a warmer weekend. And a few of us enjoyed the Christmas music put on by New Mexico. It was a zoom meeting for 2 hours with some really great "oldies but goodies".

Next, we will be helping Sunshine # 53 in Grand Junction with their initiation of 2 Rainbow girls. We are really looking forward to it! And the next OV coming up is Canon City # 21. We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday season, so we can see you all again in the future.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TIDBITS

ABC's 'New Year's Rockin' Eve' show is a long standing tradition.



Dick Clark began hosting the show in 1974. In December 2004, Clark suffered a stroke and Regis Philbin stepped in at the last minute to host. In 2005, Clark officially

handed hosting duties over to Ryan Seacrest.

Most New Year's resolutions aren't taken too seriously.

Nearly 80% of resolutions made at the beginning of the year are forgotten by February. So no worries if you need to restart!

SILVER STAR #40 – MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

We are certainly glad Winter finally arrived! These dark days are so depressing and now we can actually enjoy more daylight every day! It is amazing how noticeable it is!

And of course, with Christmas hustle and bustle past, all we need is to get the "merriment" cleaned up so we can enjoy the New Year!

We voted not to hold our second meeting in November since we had held initiations for four candidates the prior two meetings and hosted the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family for our Official Visit. It was nice to have our new members attend our O.V. and our first December meeting and begin to get into the swing of things. We enjoyed delicious homemade soup prior to the meeting and the fellowship was grand.

Members enjoyed a cookie/cocoa party and tree ornament exchange following their second meeting in December. We also made cookie trays to take to our shut-ins along with cards, signed by all members.

The ornament exchange was such fun. Many members chose the totally appropriate ornament for them. Amazing how that worked out.

On December 6th, our new member, Christian Castravet was sworn in as a new officer for the Montrose Police Department along with two others. A large contingent of Masons and OES members attended in support to congratulate Officer Castravet! His wife, Victoria Mart, also our new member, pinned his badge on him!



We learned at our meeting that our Secretary, Lin Mussman is a new great-grandmother! This is her first great-grand child. Nate Hoey, grandson of PGP Keith and Shelley Hoey travelled to Fort Worth, TX to compete in the Cowntown Christmas Championship Rodeo. This was quite an honor and we wish him well.

We served a Brunch to the Masons following their Installation of Officers on December 17th. We also discussed our up-coming German dinner which will be served on February 18 from 5 pm - 7 pm. Make plans to attend as this is a fabulous meal for only \$15. You may contact Jacqui Quint 970-615-0916 for reservations. Stay tuned for further information but *save the date!* You won't be sorry. Take-out will also be available.

We will be honoring C.O.P.S. with donations received at our first meeting in January and mailing cards to all local law enforcement offices remembering L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Day) which is held nationally on January 9th.

Our members are working hard on completing our visits to other chapters for the Honor Chapter Award Criteria. Several members attended Sunshine Chapter #53 for their initiation.

We wish you all a Happy New Year filled with Peace, Health and Love. We are all so blessed and thankful to have such wonderful Sisters and Brothers. God bless you all.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TIDBITS

You can thank a pope for making our new year start on January 1.

The Gregorian calendar was introduced in October of 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII as a revised version of the Julian calendar.

It took almost 350 years for the world to get on board. Turkey didn't make the switch until 1927.

The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years.

Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare January 1 a national holiday. He named the month after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back.

Caesar felt that a month named after this god would be fitting.

SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Our December 6 meeting found us packing cookies for our shutin members!

I think we took out 12 or 13 bowls of cookies, along with crocheted candy canes from



Sister Tommie Clark. I have heard good reports on this effort. We also had an ugly sweater contest with the WM and AM copying each other.

The last quiz of the year had 10 questions and 2 winners. I will continue this in January because I think everyone is enjoying it!

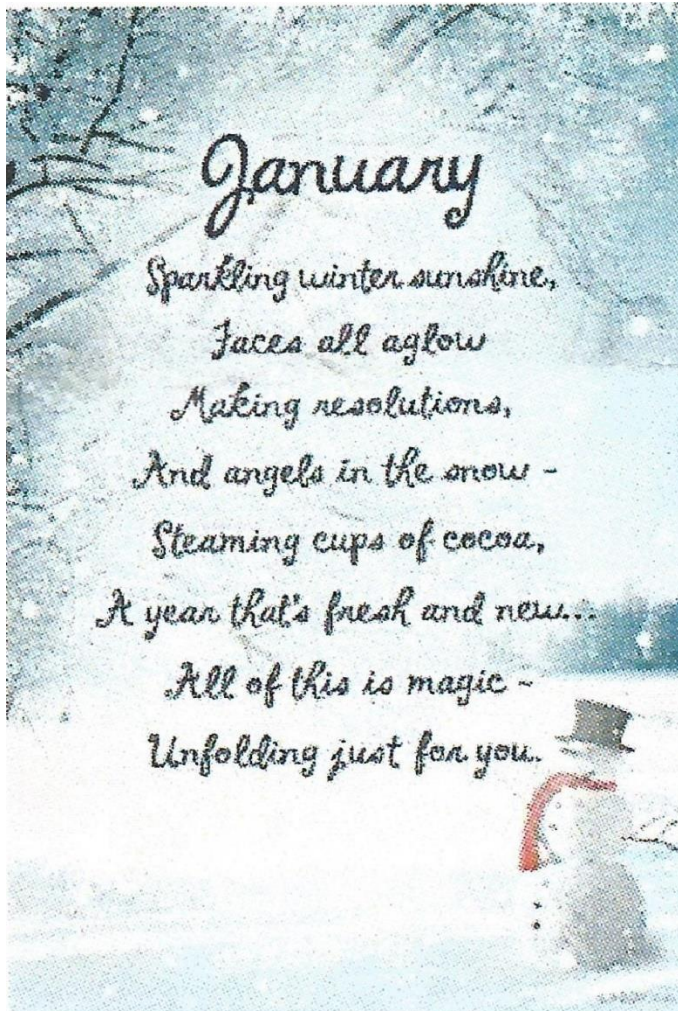
Happiest of New Year's to everyone! Sunshine ended 2022 on a very positive note with the

initiation of Deidre and Cora Grey! Prior to the meeting, we were treated to soup and sandwiches by our Conductress, AM Sharon Parrish. The Star Points (thank you Kathy Ashwood, Cindy Wardlaw and Barbara Bond), a substitute Marshal (thank you Janine Briscoel), a temporary substitute Associate Patron (thank you to Ken Ashwood), a substitute organist (thank you Beth Nelms, it was lovely), and a temporary substitute Secretary (thank you Shelley Hoey). It turly take a village and the ceremony was beautiful after all the substitutes, etc., I completely forgot to get pictures!

We also draped our Charter for our beloved Valerie Grundvig. A lot of tears were shed.

Also, kudos to Brother Harry Clark who was selected Mason of the Year.

Coming up in January, a project for Juvenile Diabetes; Jewels of Hope. More on that next time!



Manzanita #85 continues to be busy and productive.

On November 26th, our members GSE René Ballinger, PGP Larry Wullbrandt, PGM Jane Wullbrandt, Kim Carr, and Herb Carr visited Sharon Sage at the senior facility where she lives. They



presented Sharon with her 70-year pin. Sharon cannot attend our meetings now and she is sorely missed. At a practice last year our District Lecturer, Sara Hady, said one

Star Point had performed their initiation speech flawlessly. Alas, it was not me, but Sharon Sage. In addition to being a fun person to talk to, Sharon also does beautiful ritualistic work.

December 1 found us gathering to practice for initiation. Our Worthy Matron, Alysia Fankhauser, even made the practice fun. Well, at least as fun as any practice can be.

December 8 was the date of the big event, our Official Visit. The Grand Family really turned out for us. The evening began with a performance by two young ladies from the HIKE choir. The girls performed "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." I am sure most know about the HIKE choir, but I have been told (yes, CherylAnn, I was listening) to explain any ambiguous terms so I copied this from HIKE Fund - Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment - Free Way to Support Us! (goodshop.com) as a refresher:

About HIKE Fund - Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment

HIKE is an acronym for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment.

HIKE is the philanthropy project for The International Order of Job's Daughters. A Masonic Organization for young women.

Since The HIKE Fund, Inc. creation in 1985, the Daughters have raised a total of \$3,287,897.45

to provide various types of hearing devices to over 1,789 children with hearing disabilities.

Our goal is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing loss from newborn through twenty years of age.

The HIKE Fund, Inc is administered by a Board of Directors composed of individuals from the fields of Audiology, Business, Education, Labor, Law, and Medicine.

The HIKE Fund, Inc. is a non-for-profit charity under the law of the State of Nebraska and registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charity.

The choir performs sign language to recorded music. The hippopotamus song took me back to Kiowa where I first joined Star. It was our opening ode and I had never heard it before then.

Our ritualistic work at the OV was not flawless but very good. More importantly, we had a good turnout and had a lot of fun. During introductions, we played BINGO, several of our visitors were winners. A highlight for me at the OV was the use of our

Grand Adah's sword and veil on our pedestal. I also got to sign Ellie Brooks', Grand Adah, box as Adah for Manzanita #85. WGP Gary talked about the kindness of a colleague. WGM



Beth had us all laughing at her mishap of sliding beneath her stalled car at an icy intersection. A kind stranger rescued her and took her home. With all the strange and exciting events Beth has had in her life, it's easy to see how she knows that kindness is the key. Most members of the Grand Family were able to join us and we appreciated their coming.

After the meeting we gathered for refreshments downstairs. People enjoyed the social time and Christmas goodies provided by Manzanita's line officers. It was close to midnight when we got home.

On December 15th, 3Ms met for lunch. I was going to let you all wonder what 3Ms meant, but the Editor said I had to explain. I remember being told it was Manzanita Merry Makers but PGP Larry Wullbrandt explained that it is really Merry Mischief Makers. I cannot vouch for the rest of them but I, of

course, am totally innocent of any lunchtime mischief.

Manzanita's Christmas party planned for the 17th was cancelled due to the illness of our Worthy Matron. Instead, we will extend the season and party at our first meeting on January 12th. We're looking forward to a very Happy New Year!



NEW YEAR'S EVE TIDBITS

Baby New Year is actually really old.



Baby New Year has been a symbol of the holiday since around 600 B.C., starting in ancient Greece when an infant was paraded around in a basket in celebration of Dionysus, the god of fertility (and wine). The baby represents a rebirth that occurs at the start of each new year.

DAWN #125 – AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Happy New Year everyone!

Dawn Chapter learned about the classic holiday show, "White Christmas", at the December 6 meeting. Then we held a mock initiation to finish our Inspection!

At our meeting on the 20th, we learned about "The Sound of Music", then went downstairs for our



Christmas Party. Lots of good treats were shared, music was played, and a fun gift exchange was held. You can see just how festive we were in the pictures that I've sent in!



WM Kay and PGM Cheryl Williams delivered Christmas gifts to our adopted residents at the Home, Carolyn Jacobson and Beverly Booth. These lovely ladies are so much fun to visit with!

Now, we're looking forward to the New Year! On January 3 we will learn about "Les Miserable" and WP Bill and I will honor our Organist, Cheryl Williams, and our Ruth, Ruth Cobern, as they hold our Honor Stations this year.

At our January 17 meeting, Dawn Chapter will host a Star Point Party, so we're hoping to have a lot of visitors come for Fun and Fellowship! Our

Broadway Show focus that night will be on "Chicago", one of my favorite shows!

Now that the Holidays are over, many of us are looking forward to getting back to our Social Club dinners! Our first one will be January 24, but the place has not yet been decided. Everyone is welcome to join us, just contact any Dawn member for information!

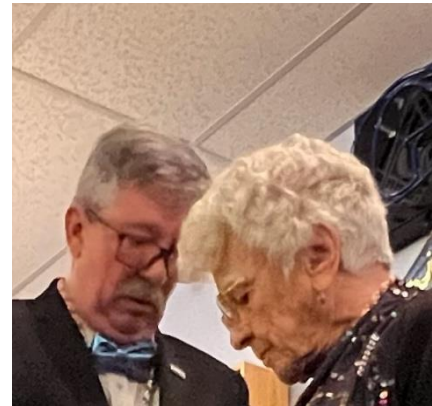
We are proud of our loyal members who are helping serve dinners at Park Hill Lodge twice a month: Wayne and Luda Wells, Sue Schultz, Barb Griffith, Don and Mary Lou Shearer, and myself. Also, we were very pleased to learn that Susan Franzen worked with her students at school to decorate Gingerbread Houses for the Fisher House.

Dawn Chapter loves to have visitors, so PLEASE come visit us anytime!!

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Marlene Doyle, PM - Reporter

We had a regular meeting on the 8th, of course missing Manzanita's O.V. which was held the same night. Always disappointing to not see our Sisters and Brothers at #85.



At our meeting we had a most special presentation of a 50 year pin to Tina Giles. What an honor for WM Jane and WP Mark to be able to give that special award. Congratulations, Tina.



We gained a new member that night, Molly McGuire, by affiliation. We also had a cookie exchange and filled baskets for our shut-ins and our adoptees from the OES Home.

Our big day came as "The Kindness IS The Key" Grand Family arrived on Saturday the 10th to join in the "Northern Lights" fun. So good to be with our Sisters and Brothers from around the state. Our Official Visit started with a luncheon of home-made

chicken Alfredo, Cesar salad, garlic bread, brownies and sweet potato cake. The "Hat Man" followed with musical entertainment. We then went upstairs for a beautiful meeting in our Chapter room. Loyalty was honored to have 80 people attend the meeting, with lots of fun and laughing. Nancy Cayer and Jan Schneider (Grand Organist and Escort) entertained us with a beautiful Christmas song, "When a Child is Born." A very cute skit, written by WM Jane, to honor Nancy and Jan, was performed by many of our members.

We have slowed down now as the beautiful season of Christmas approaches. There is a Christmas Lights bus tour planned for Dec. 22nd. Both busses are full and we're excited to see the wonderful decorations in our community.

Whether the holidays bring you peaceful contemplations, the excitement of family gatherings, or a little bit of both, Loyalty Chapter hopes you find blessings everywhere you look.

On January 7th, Loyalty will be hosting the Pentalpha Shining Stars meeting. Breakfast at the 4G's Restaurant is at 8:30, on South Federal. The meeting will start at 9:00. This is an all-members club, a chance for all to get to know Sisters and Brothers from the Denver area. Please plan to join us. We will have an educational presentation followed by a short business meeting.

In January we are planning on Initiations at both meetings, with live candidates, I might add. We're so excited to have the New Year start out like this. Our wish for us all, is to have good health, good friends and good fun in 2023.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TIDBITS

The guy credited with Auld Lang Syne didn't fully write it.



Robert Burns took a Scottish folk song called "Old Long Syne" and put his own spin on it in 1788, which is the version we all know today. Auld lang syne means "times long past."

Heritage Chapter spent December playing Santa and spreading holiday cheer. At our meeting on **December 12**, we decorated our holiday memorial tree with 72 patriotic ornaments dedicated to our loved ones. This is our best, most colorful tree yet! Thank you to everyone who purchased an ornament supporting



Heritage Chapter charities.

If you purchased an ornament

and would like to have it before the tree is taken down on January 9, please contact Laura at 206.949.0913.

Pictured: Brother Jim Miles, Sisters Drina Johnson, Lynn Brown-Jones,

Karen Karns and Kathy Easterday.

On **Tuesday December 13** the Heritage sleigh visited the residents at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community. We delivered a pizza party and



holiday cookie buffet where

every resident could load up a "to go" container of holiday goodies to take back to their apartment. Christmas carolers also stopped by to

entertain us all! Every single resident, and even some of the staff, made Santa's "nice list" this year. Jan Blankenship, our adopted resident, topped



the list, and we surprised her with a Christmas hug and a gift basket.

Pictured: Sisters Drina Johnson, Jan Blankenship (157) and Kathy Easterday, Christmas carolers and ESMRC residents. And a HUGE shout out and 'thank you' to Kevin at Piccolo's for helping us make this happen!

FISHER HOUSE

WGM & WGP assist Heritage with Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday December 21** Heritage Chapter, with the assistance of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron,



prepared a holiday feast for the guests and staff at The Fisher House in Aurora.

Volunteers enjoyed laughter and conversation with their sisters and brothers while preparing a turkey lunch with all the fixings. One family in particular was very appreciative and curious about Eastern Star. They saw the meal advertised at the house and made it a point to come. They are here from Texas while their 47 year old son/brother, Brian, is sedated in the ICU at the VA Hospital with pneumonia. Prayers for the whole family would be appreciated.

Pictured: CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, WGM Beth Spangler and husband, Paul, Jim Miles, Karen and Emma Wilson, WGP Gary Lindblad,



Laura Schierburg and husband Scott, Fisher House guests.

Heritage Chapter wishes you and all your loved ones a very Happy New Year 2023!

*"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."
~ Brad Paisley*



METRO #157 – DENVER

Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

Metro Chapter #157 members enjoyed decorating (and eating!) lots of holiday cookies after our last meeting on December 9 – messy but fun! With family events and travel, we are not expecting a quorum for our December 23 meeting, so will just wish all the happiest of holidays and a warm and welcoming New Year.

Our Chapter is looking forward to the visit of the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family on Saturday, January 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Radiant Temple in Denver (lunch at 12:00 – it's not too late to RSVP!) Join us as our Worthy Matron Gladine Dracon encourages us to "Be A Star" in all the ways we

know that will share and spread the love within our Order.

We're still collecting gently used athletic shoes for the "Got Sneakers" program; get those unused shoes out of your closet, and know that they will be re-loved (or recycled), while raising funds for Metro #157. We'll have a bin for collection at our official visit and at every meeting this year. You can also contact Associate Matron Lyric McKnight (mcknightlg@yahoo.com) to arrange pickup in the metro Denver area.

We are also collecting clean plastic grocery bags to assist Nourish Meals on Wheels, which uses hundreds of these every week to deliver healthy meals to seniors and home-bound adults in the South Denver area. Please bring your extra bags to be reused to help provide this vital service.

We hope you all stay warm and feel the love of all your Sisters and Brothers during these cold winter days.

FISHER HOUSE

Fisher House Holiday Gingerbread Village

This colorful, candy-coated Christmas Gingerbread Village is currently on display at the Rocky Mountain Fisher House in Aurora. Thank you so much for your creative and captivating creations. From a tree house to a camper, to warm family homes, their village is filled with activity and love.



The Grand Representative Club

The Grand Representatives Club met on December 10 prior to the Official Visit of Loyalty #145. Sister Imogene Musso, President presided.



Discussion was held as to how can the Club generate more interest and attendance. All in attendance that day was challenged to bring another Grand Representative, past or current, to the next meeting, who was not at this meeting.

Next, the ongoing issue of the bags for the little favors the Grand Representatives hand out, was discussed. It was decided to ask the hotel for a table or two to be set along a wall either in the banquet or in the hall. The bags would be placed on it and the Representatives could then easily drop in their item. Sometime, during the banquet, the hostess/host at the table would go pick up enough bags for the guests at their table.

As for the Hospitality Room, that will be discussed at the General Arrangements meetings.

Imogene asked if anyone had visited their jurisdiction. Wayne Wells just returned from the California Grand Chapter. His report is below.

The following were elected and installed for 2023:
President – Imogene Musso;
Vice President – Kim Brooks; Secretary – Cathy Markell; Treasurer – CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad

Our next meeting will be held on February 18 at 2:00 at Black Eyed Pea. Imogene will send out more information later.



**Report by Wayne Wells -
Grand Representative of California in
Colorado**



We arrived at Visalia at the Grand Chapter Location to get our credentials and meal information. The Registration check-in was fun, as we were first timers the registration Crew cheered us for being first timers.

That evening was the informal opening session, it was opened by a Hawaiian Blessing. It started by sounding a shell horn and then a woman came out onto the main floor and gave a Hawaiian blessing and then she proceeded to give Leis to the Grand Officers. It was a very moving and inspiring opening.

The Grand Representatives were seated on the floor behind the District Grand Matrons (like our District Lecturers).

After the introductions of Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Grand Patron. They then introduced the Most Worthy Grand Matron - Glenda and her officers and General Grand Officers.

After all the Past Grands, it was the time for the Cavalcade of flags carried by the Grand Representatives, I got to carry the Colorado Flag as my counterpart from California was not there as he had to work.

We were escorted to the East as we carried our Flags, they took a picture as each state was introduced, and then we lined up to be introduced as the Grand Representatives and given Grand Honors and a warm welcome from the attendees.

The evening session ended with a Grand March of the Officers, they started out by march with the Grand officers with 2 people side by side marching from the East and then around

the floor and then 4 people and then by 8 people and then by 16 people, it was very spectacular, and it was a fun way to close the evening. The Grand March had not been done since 2014, and I was happy I was there to see it.

**Kleenex Kindness
Needed**

Every year at Christmas, the Eastern Star Home aims to give a box of Kleenex to every resident, and we need your help to make this happen.

**120 Boxes Collected
Thank You!!**

Please bring your boxes to the front of the ESHRC anytime between now and December 20. (Please donate the long rectangular boxes, not the square ones.)

Thank you for your kindness!



**Past Matron and Patrons
of Denver and Colorado**

The President of Past Matrons and Patrons of Denver and Colorado, Wayne Wells, delivered Christmas Cards and Kleenex to the Eastern Star Home.



The Past Matrons and Patrons are honored to give Christmas Cards with 5 dollars to our Sisters and Brothers that are residents of the

ESRMC, and donate Kleenex for the residents of the Home.

The next meeting of the Past Matrons and Patrons of Denver and Colorado will be held at Rosie's Diner 14061 East Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO. on Feb 1, 2023. At 1130 am.

Call Wayne Wells 303-906-1348 or wayne_at_redroad@yahoo.com to let us know you will be there.

"KITK" 2022-2023 ITINERARY

JANUARY 2023 The following OVs have been postponed: Canon City #21, Bethlehem #56 Monte Vista, Fountain Valley #155 Fountain, Collins #26 Fort Collins, Metro #157 Denver

FEBRUARY

Pueblo #7, Trinidad #1, Oriental #98 **Official Visits have been postponed.**

Saturday 25 Garden City #3 Greeley WGP's Homecoming has NOT been postponed

MARCH

Dawn #125 Aurora / Heritage #154 Denver WGM's Homecoming (joint) **Official Visit has been postponed.**

APRIL

15-22 Hawaiian Cruise

MAY

9-10 Nebraska Grand Chapter
15-18 Wisconsin Grand Chapter
Saturday 20 Colorado #2 Leadville
Sunday 21 Golden Gleaner –
Honor Grand Family

JUNE

8-10 Indiana Grand Chapter

JULY

10-12 Scotts Bluff Road Trip

AUGUST

2-5 Arizona Grand Chapter

SEPTEMBER

21-23 Kindness IS The Key
Grand Chapter

Mt. Zion #133 Christmas Joy

Sisters and Brothers from Mt Zion #133 were certainly in the Holiday spirit tonight, as evidenced by the attached photos. The jingle bells were certainly ringing out, accompanied by our Organist, Roberta. Happiest of Holidays everyone!



HAPPY 101 BIRTHDAY



Delphine Mead celebrated her 101 birthday on December 7, 2022! She is still very active working on puzzles, reading books, playing Bingo, getting around to residents at the Legacy and getting out for



exercise. Delphine was the twin sister of Dahlgren Andrew's another OES sister.

As can be seen in the pictures, Delphine went on a train peddle car in South Fork this summer and had the distinction of being the oldest yet at 100.6 years on the tracks.

FROM THE EDITOR

Many years ago my minister told our Bible study group that we should not make a new year's resolution, as usually within a month, a person fails

to keep it. He said we should choose a single word as our resolution,



because it is easier to keep. As an example, the word 'exercise' would be a great choice. Not in the sense of physical activity, but to 'exercise' love,

'exercise' kindness, 'exercise' humility, etc. Now that's a resolution that is obtainable.

At our Christams Eve service this year, our minster was commenting how he loves to see all the different Christmas decorations. Snowmen, Navity Scenes, Santa's, Polar Bears, etc. But he found it interesting to see a blow up green turtle with a Santa hat. That turtle inspired him. In today's world with all the hurry up and wait, the hustle and bustle, busy busy busy schedules, we need to slow down. Enjoy life. Enjoy our time with our children, with our parents, with family & friends. Enjoy the holidays. So he challenged each of us to go through Christmas day like a turtle. Slow things down. Reflect on the real reason for the season. Enjoy the sights & sounds of the day.



That message inspired me to choose my New Year resolution word this year - turtle. Like so many of us, I need to slooow down. So that is my personal challenge for 2023 - slow down like the turtle. I need not be so busy that I have no time for the simple things in life. I need to slow down to enjoy time for family, for friends and yes, enjoy time for myself.

So I challenge each of you, whether you do or do not make resolutions to choose one simple word to be your one word New Year's resolution for 2023. God bless this New Year. May it bring good health, much happiness, and a whole lot of love as you enjoy the small things in your life.

MEMORIES OF A MEMBER

By Gaylene Alton, PM

Dear Friends,

Your Christmas gift this year...is ME!! That's right another year of Friendship! Your membership has been renewed.

I don't need an angel on the top of my tree: I already have ONE and SEVERAL more looking down on me!!!

We had a nice Memorial for Carrie Andree at Dawn Chapter with Heritage and Oriental all doing the Memorial tribute to her. Carrie would have been proud and some of us told of fun and good memories we had of her work and time she spent in Star. We had a nice reception after the meeting and great food as usual was

there for us to eat and as we left the building we all had good memories of the evening. Dawn had a meeting on the 6th of December and we had a mock initiation and all went well and we are glad we have that one over and hopefully we can have a live initiation before this year is over. Seems to me that Hope Chapter has fit in well with Dawn and we have mixed together really well and have a good time working together. Our next meeting will be Dec 20th and the meeting will be short as can be as we plan on having a party in the dinning room with lots of food and friendship and exchange of gifts so a good time will be had by all, come join us.

I put my Ceramic Tree up that our daughter made us years and years ago and a Ceramic Tree that we got when I was Grand Marshal in 1994-95. As I was putting together my big tree daughter made I had so many good and sad memories I would laugh a lot and then a tear would creep in, it was so diffrent putting all this up by myself. The big tree has birds that you had to put in the little holes and how my granddaughter Shannon (MaGoo) as we call her loved to put the birds in the holes when she was little. As she grew older she always helped but we decided we would put the bottom and top trees in plastic bags and leave the birds in place and that way we only had a few to put in the tree the next year. I had a few to put in last night and thought about my MaGoo and her Grandpa putting them in so carefully and having such fun not to get same colors close to one another. Good memories for sure. Then a tear or two with memories of them and the fun and things we used to do. She is in Ohio living with her husband and daughter and I am here in Colorado wishing they were around. She did a Video call this AM and was so good to see her and of course she has the cutest little one think as cute as MaGoo was at that age. She will be one on March 1 and her Moms B/day is the 9th and mine the 10th what fun.

Thanksgiving at our house was the Monday before Thanksgiving as was only day we could all get together and Thanksgiving went to a friends home and it was a good day and sure much better than spending it alone. I have not a clue what I will be doing Christmas, imagine Daughter Lynda will be working and Son Nathan will be driving horse and carriage on 16th street mall and grandkids will be a other relatives homes so I plan to spend the day reading and watching the telly and I kinda like it that way. A nice quiet day to myself and my good memories will be a great day for me. I know without not having little ones around for Santa it just isn't any fun. I love the Christmas Music though and really think God and Jesus is trying to tell us to remember THEN and Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. I know we sometimes get so involved in getting

the right presents that we forget what this wonderful time is all about and when I hear the Music it draws me back to thinking about Jesus and not worrying about the gifts and just think about the music and Jesus

My Daddy was always Santa in out little town of Pisgah, Iowa and when I was little thought Santa was the greatest thing that could happen BUT as I got a little older Daddy was the usual Santa at the Church and as the Christmas Program ended Santa came in. My Mother said it just gazed at him and as he left the Church I ran to my Mom and said "Mom, Santa had shoes on like my Daddy" everyone laughed and when I got to the Cafe to help by Daddy was there so guess he wasn't Santa! We always opened our packages under the tree on Christmas Eve and Santa came that night. But one year he brought my Desk and Chair to me Christmas Eve and I still have the desk and chair and lots of kids have sat and used the desk over the years. I also have my last doll Santa gave me and it is in my China Closet probably 80 years old along with a china doll well over 150 years old. I see them daily and have good memories of them both. Isn't if funny how some things can bring back such good memories and other things bad, all the bad stuff I have thrown out and only keep the good things that bring me good thoughts. Good way for me to live! Speaking of Music above:

What was the Kite's favorite instrument?

The Strings!! ha ha ha

Well ya all have a Very Merry Christmas and hope the New Year brings us all a lot of friendships, love and laughter!

MEET YOUR DISTRICT LECTURERS

The District Lecturers of the Chapters have been working hard to teach the members the floor work of our Ritual along with the signs & passes. Here is a list of all the District Lectures of Colorado. When you see them, maybe give them a high five for their dedication and service to the Order.

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