

COLORADO

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Sharon Parrish, WGM

## Be The Light of Kindness

Ken Ashwood, WGP

Happy March! As each of you may be aware, Easter is just around the corner. So I thought that today I'd speak a little about this Christian holiday - knowing that not all our members may be Christian - but hopefully the message applies equally to people of all faiths.

On April 13, 2001, President George W. Bush said: "For Christians everywhere, Easter is a day when, in the words of the ancient Exultet hymn, the earth "rejoices in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of its King." It is a time to be humbled by and grateful for God's sacrifice and boundless love and to rejoice in the sheer wonder of life and the promise of victory over death.

Easter comes at the end of the Lenten season, a period of penitence and solemnity in many Christian traditions. The Lenten season prepares Christ's followers for the joyous affirmation that "Christ is Risen!" Holy Week activities, including Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday, remind the Christian faithful of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Many traditions associated with Easter have become a part of our American way of life. Although these customs may differ, the universal message of Easter draws all Christian communities together. As families and friends gather to celebrate, we renew our commitment to loving our neighbors and giving of ourselves for others. On this joyous day, let us also remember all those in need and those Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith." I personally would like to add that we

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Greetings from

'On the Left of the WGM'

Kathy and I are getting on the road as I write these words. Hopefully the last of the major snowstorms have passed and spring is just around the corner. Spring is less than a week away and the front range is trying to 'dig out' of a beautiful heavy snowfall. Many meetings had to be canceled to keep our members safe.

But there is hope that in the future there will only be rain and won't need to be shoveled.

March has been a busy month. I have gotten to visit with the Masons in Castle Rock about restarting their Eastern Star Chapter. As you read these words, I will have made a trip to Sterling, where they also are looking into restarting their Eastern Star Chapter. Work is just in the preliminary stages, but it looks like people are beginning to see what they are missing and looking to us to light their way.

I hope that you were able to attend Mt. Zion's official visit/multi-state event. I am looking forward to it and I am sure that everyone should have had a wonderful time. April brings two more official visits, Edith Chapter #61, and Colorado Chapter #2. Our Grand trip in April was canceled. The riverboat company declared bankruptcy and stopped all cruises. Ideas are being considered about what to do later this summer as there was not enough time to get another trip scheduled for the same week.

As the nursery rhyme goes: 'If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?' The correct answer for us are the two final official visits of the 'Be the Light of Kindness' Grand Year. On

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need to remember all members of all faiths who are persecuted for their faith.

Another former President said:

"For me, the celebration of Easter puts our earthly concerns into perspective. With humility and with awe, we give thanks to the extraordinary sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We reflect on the brutal pain that He suffered, the scorn that He absorbed, the sins that He bore, this extraordinary gift of salvation that He gave to us. And we try, as best we can, to comprehend the darkness that He endured so that we might receive God's light.

And yet, even as we grapple with the sheer enormity of Jesus's sacrifice, on Easter we can't lose sight of the fact that the story didn't end on Friday. The story keeps on going. On Sunday comes His glorious Resurrection.

"Good Friday may occupy the throne for a day," Dr. King once preached, "but ultimately it must give way to the triumphant beat of the drums of Easter." Drums that beat the rhythm of renewal and redemption, goodness and grace, hope and love. Easter is our affirmation that there are better days ahead – and also a reminder that it is on us, the living, to make them so.

Through God's mercy, Peter the Apostle said, we are given "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." It's an inheritance that calls on us to be better, to love more deeply, to serve "the least of these" as an expression of Christ's love here on Earth.

That President said: "I want to quote Dr. King. He says that we should strive "to see the Lord in every excluded person who is thirsty, hungry, naked; to see the Lord present even in those who have lost their faith ... imprisoned, sick, unemployed, persecuted; to see the Lord in the leper – whether in body or soul – who encounters discrimination."

Isn't that how Jesus lived? Isn't that how He loved? Embracing those who were different; serving the marginalized; humbling Himself to the last. This is the example that we are called to follow – to love Him with all our hearts and mind and soul, and to love our neighbors – all of our neighbors – as ourselves. As it says in the first letter of John, "Let

us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Where there is injustice, we defend the oppressed. Where there is disagreement, we treat each other with compassion and respect. Where there are differences, we find strength in our common humanity, knowing that we are all children of God.

So today, we celebrate the magnificent glory of our risen Savior. I pray that we will live up to His example. I pray that we will be strengthened by His eternal love. I pray that we will be worthy of His many blessings." The President who said these words? Then-President Barak Obama at the Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 07, 2015.

I hope each of you have a very happy Easter, and I urge each of you to be kind to our members, and to non-members, to Christians and non-Christians. When we show kindness, we may be able to attract others into this wonderful organization. May our lives of faith and service be a beacon of light to all the world. I urge each of you to bring light into someone else's darkness by showing them the kindness that is in each of us. Be that light of kindness! *Sharon Parrish*, WGM

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May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be at Silver Star Chapter #40 in Montrose, and the next day, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be in Grand Junction at Sunshine Chapter #53 for the homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon. We hope to see many of you there. This has been a wonderful adventure, getting to travel the state and to get re-acquainted with all our sisters and brothers. Until next time. Keep your powder dry and watch the horizon. There are great times ahead for Colorado Eastern Star. *Ken Ashwood*, WGP



### Easter Prophecy

Isaiah 53:3 (ESV)

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

## Chapter News



### COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

*Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter*

Colorado 2 and Corinthian 35 hosted an information venue and tours of the Lodge Hall as one of the events of the Leadville Winter Carnival and Ski-Joring on March 11 & 12.

The weather was the reason for no quorum for the second meeting in February. For the first meeting in March, members met at a local restaurant and then had the regular meeting. Two items, the Dessie Powell scholarship and preparations for Official visit in April were the main items of business. Sixteen students submitted applications for the Dessie Powell Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship is renewable for four years.

### GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

*CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter*

Our first meeting in March started off the month with a 138<sup>th</sup> Chapter Birthday celebration. Everyone enjoyed birthday cake during refreshments.

Garden City then hosted a Friendship Night on March 13 for those daring



enough to get out in the snowy weather. Snacks, fellowship and games were enjoyed by all.

On March 19, we read a petition and expect to exemplify initiation on April 16. We also 'pre-welcomed' the first day of Spring. At our meeting on April 2, Maude, our Worthy Matron asked everyone to wear their favorite decorated Easter Bonnet or Hat in celebration of Easter. There will probably be an Easter Parade for all to enjoy, with prizes as well. As mentioned, April 16 will be initiation.

On April 27, Garden City will host a luncheon to honor the 50 year members of our Chapter and we are including the 50 year members of Amaranth – Fath Court #18, White Shrine – Mahi #18 and Century Lodge #190. What a great way to bring our Orders of the Century Masonic Hall together in Celebration of our esteemed members.



### Easter Prophecy

Micah 5:2 (ESV)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

### COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

*Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter*



### Happy Spring to All



On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Collins #26 initiated 2 new members into our chapter. Kelsey Fraser and Grace Fraser who are in fact real sisters and now our newest members. They had a

small fender bender on the way to our chapter before the ceremony but made it in time for us to start as scheduled and even had a few minutes to meet our members before we started.

Initiation went very well. Ellie Brooks came up from Colorado Springs with her parents to help us out by being ADAH for us. WM Sarilyn gave each of our





new members a Sunflower motif covered notebook, and a Bee the Light change jar. We got our work done in one and one quarter hours. Afterward, our WM explained the different heroines to our new members. We had a small reception after the meeting to welcome our new members.

### WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

*Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter*

Waunita Chapter # 37 Hello from Gunnison, where we didn't get near the snow total the eastern slope of Colorado did. Wow! We had only 4" of heavy, wet snow, but it left in a hurry.

So, three of our members were able to be at the opening of the Grand Court of Amaranth. Our WGM Sharon & WGP Ken spoke, captivating the audience and then pulling a fast one on a "fellow" member who had not been to her chapter's OV. They gave a Grand Representative appointment to Sister Robin Terry. She and her husband will figure out a way to go to Italy.

Next, there were 4 of our members who attended the OV at Oriental. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, and wonderful meeting. And a very nice incident was experienced by all. We had a surprise visit by the



WGM Cyndie French from WY & her Escort Jewell French (her mom).

The following day, four of us were at Areme's OV. They served an especially delicious lunch, had good visits and joyful presentations. The WM Anna & WP Ed had some very touching stories with their greetings. And then Sister Loree Hoisington was presented her 50-year award. It was an all-around great day.



During the next several days, we visited some chapters unexpectedly,

popped in on some fun meetings, and helped at the Fisher House to cook lunch for Veterans' families.



WGP Ken also presented some information to Douglas Lodge's members and Sterling Lodge's members regarding re-starting Eastern Star Chapters in those areas. Ken was very well received, and there were

some very positive feedbacks that came from those presentation. We are looking forward to re-visiting with them, their wives, and other residents who are interested in joining Eastern Star at another upcoming jaunt.



Our WGP Ken, and his wife Kathy, were able to attend a Square Dance class put on by their son, Mike.

He's becoming quite a well-established caller. The students enjoy his calling, and complimented him greatly on his efforts. It was a fun time had by all.

We wish everyone wonderful travels and visits. Please stay safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.



### Easter Prophecy

Zechariah 11:12 (ESV)

Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.

John 19:34 (ESV)

But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear and at once there came out blood and water.

# EASTER

## WORD SEARCH



APRIL   FLOWER  
 BASKET HUNT  
 BUNNY  JELLY BEANS  
 CANDY  MARCH  
 CHICK   SPRING  
 DYE     SUNDAY  
 EASTER TREATS  
 EGGS



### SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter



date. Silver Star #40 was Instituted on March 6, 1899 and Constituted on March 23, 1899. A beautiful cake was served with ice cream,

Celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Chapter Birthday was so much fun and WM Ashley Krebs did a super job of commemorating the



birthday napkins and decorations. During Good of the Order, she presented a wonderful history of the Montrose Masonic Lodge #63 and our Silver Star Chapter. She also put a lot of it on Facebook if you are interested! *Montrose OES Silver Star #40*. Pretty fascinating history. Chipeta, wife of the Ute Indian leader Chief Ouray, was brought to the Masonic Temple after her death in Utah before she was laid to rest south of Montrose, now known as the Ute Indian Museum. It was delightful.

We also read another petition and draped our Charter for three members. All three were former Garnet #39 members, Nita Casto, PM, Martha Atchley, PM and Kathy Coats. Martha would have been 105 years old on St. Patrick's Day! She joined Star in 1952. These were all dear ladies!

We again served a meal to the Montrose #63 Lodge members and their wives before their



meeting. PM Shelley Hoey was the chairman of this endeavor for March. Thank you Shelley! We will be doing this the second Tuesday of each month.

We have decided to postpone our Friendship Night which was scheduled for April 4. The new date is June 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope that the new lift will finally be installed by then. Living in a "Construction Zone" has lost its charm!!!

We balloted on our new petition and will be doing our second initiation on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been working with our new DLs, PGP William "Bill" Carlson assisted by PGM Marcia! Yes, it takes two of them to keep us all in line! We look forward to more instruction at each meeting. We also want to acknowledge and thank PP Jack Ward for his service as our former DL. Thank you Jack!

We are also preparing for our Official Visit of the "Be the Light of Kindness" Grand Officers and Escorts on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope many of you can join us for this special evening.

While I personally don't like changing to Daylight Savings Time, I do like the light, and the sunshine so I thought I would share this advice from the Sun:

- Keep it light
- Rise to the occasion
- Look on the bright side
- Set your sights high
- Renew your energy
- Keep a sunny disposition
- Be brilliant!

Happy Easter to you all and God Bless. Do you know that 2024 is one quarter over? Wow! Where does the time go!



**All I need to know I learned from the Easter Bunny!**

- Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

- There's no such thing as too much candy.
- All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- A cute tail attracts a lot of attention.

**SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION**

*Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter*



**Our Lighthouse Keeper  
has found her way home!**

Please join us as we welcome  
WGM SHARON PARRISH,  
WGP KEN ASHWOOD  
and the Be the Light of Kindness Grand Family

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
2400 Consistory Court  
Grand Junction, Colorado

Luncheon ~ potato bar, salads  
and desserts

At noon cost: \$10.00 per person  
There will be **FUN**, surprises and a  
Silent Auction

Meeting at 1:30 pm  
**Please** RSVP to  
Beth Nelms, Secy  
3257 ½ Friendship Drive  
Clifton, CO 81520  
(970) 640-9185

WM Niccole Grey

WP Harry Clark



## CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

*Trude Davis, PGM - Reporter*



OV picture: WGM, WM Sheryl Nalley, WP Leonard Beasley-PGP, & WGP

Rita Christensen  
New Grand Representative in Maine



Special Easter Greetings from Centennial #58, Colorado Springs.

After digging out 1 to 2 feet of snow, I think Spring is in the air. Hard to imagine with large piles of snow in the streets and yards, but you can think positive. I'm so ready!

Centennial has been busy, investigating another four petitioners as members. We will be initiating two on March 13. We are initiating Stevie Lane and Abigail Handel. Also we will have a pot luck before at 6:00 pm and would love to have as many sideliners as we can. But you won't get this before that time.

We will initiate Bruce and Danette Haymaker on March 27, so try to join us then. It's been so nice to be busy with initiations. You really must see and perform a couple initiations during the year, if only to refresh your own minds as to how beautiful this order is.

Our Worthy Matron has been honoring the special days we have (ie: Pi Day, Raisin day, Pearl Harbor Day, etc.) by presenting facts and then handing out prizes if you can remember the facts and answer her questions. It's been fun, and certainly has made me pay attention. For raisin day I won the box of Raisin Bran Crunch which is now my favorite cereal !

March 24, Palm Sunday, is our Annual Pancake Breakfast. It will be at the Colorado Springs Masonic Temple from 8 – 1. Hope you can make it. There will be much food for everyone.

I would like to end with a writing by our Worthy Matron's son, Sheldon, titled JOY TO SUNRISE!



Sunrise looking east from the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs

*A FRESHLY BROKEN SUNRISE  
UNEARTHED FROM THE HORIZON  
MADE ME FIND MYSELF FORGETFUL  
OF THOSE SAD TIMES.  
IN THE MIGHT OF THE ENERGY  
FLOWING LIKE WATER FROM THE SUN,  
I STOOD IN AWE,  
SOAKING IN THE GRACE OF ITS CREATOR*



*All I need to know I learned  
from the Easter Bunny!*

•Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.

- Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
- Some body parts should be floppy.
- Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans.
- Good things come in small, sugar coated packages.
- The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.
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*To show your true colors,  
you have to come out of your shell.  
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.  
May the joy of the season fill your heart.*

EDITH #61 - YAMPA  
Debra Knott, PM - Reporter



### **"Wonders of Nature"**

**Edith Chapter #61, O.E.S. (Yampa)**

**Cordially invites you to attend  
the Official Visit of  
Sister Sharon Parrish, WGM,  
Brother Ken Ashwood, WGP**

**and the "Be the Light of Kindness"  
Grand Officers!**

**on Friday, April 5, 2024**

**A Soup/Salad Dinner will be served at  
5:00 pm  
with PIE refreshments before & after  
the meeting**

**Meeting at 7:30 pm**

**Debra Knott, WM  
Bernard Knott, WP**

**Please RSVP to Debra Knott  
970-736-8237 or [knottbd@gmail.com](mailto:knottbd@gmail.com)**



### **Easter Prophecy**

Psalm 41:9 (ESV)

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread,  
has lifted his heel against me.

**EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE**  
Jenna MacGregor, WM - Reporter

Excelsior Chapter has been busy! Murial was initiated in January and Kim & Ken in March. Both initiations were beautiful thanks to our wonderful Officers! The next time you visit us please search out our new Sisters and Brother and welcome them to our wonderful Order!

January brought our 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Fun & Friendship Game Nights. Thankfully we had great weather. There were about 24 in attendance which produced lots of great munchies, laughs, and bragging rights for the winners of the games. If you missed it you can join us again on April 30<sup>th</sup> for another fun time. (See the flyer on the next page)

In February we were honored to host the Golden



Gleaners Club meeting where the Grand Family was honored. We provided our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Brunch which was very popular with a

menu of keishes, pancakes, salads, fruit, bacon and much more. We are looking forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual next year!

In February we did a surprise visit to Collins #26's meeting which was a lot of fun. They were so excited to see us and treated us like royalty. Thanks for the memories Collins Chapter! We also attended Lafayette Lodge's Sweetheart brunch which was a blast.

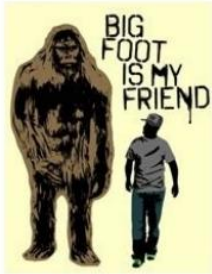
**Please Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for our Murder Mystery Lunch.** If you would like to be a part of the "cast", we can have up to 20 "actors & actresses" participate in the murder so please send an email to AM Pam Jones @ [jonessrom2018@gmail.com](mailto:jonessrom2018@gmail.com) right away. (\*\* If you have already told Pam that you'd like to participate



please resend the request via email as I'm sure she has already forgotten.) 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve as we only have 20 spots.

We can seat around 40 – 45 for lunch so those not “acting” will be the audience and will try and guess who the murderer is. More details will be revealed later.

Until we meet again



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Excelsior Chapter #66 is having ..... (wait for it....)

### Not 1 but 2 Friendship Events!

Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (The doors will open at 6:30pm.)

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (The doors will open at 6:30pm.)

Just think.... You can visit with anyone who is willing to listen to you (ha) and catch up with many of your friends at one time.

The perks: No cost, no minutes to listen to, you can wear whatever you want, eat what you want, enjoy the company of your friends (or your enemies—ha), possibly gain a new friend and have fun.

- Work and can't be there until 7:00 or later? No problem, you can come anytime and be welcomed.
- Work and can't stay up late? No problem, leave anytime.
- Don't want to play games? No problem just come for the friendship.
- Can't find a ride? Ask a friend to carpool. (Conversations during a car ride are priceless)

\*\*\*Remember, there are no formals to wear, no meeting, no correspondence or old business to listen to.

How fun is that?

Both of these Friendship nights are open to everyone, your family and even your friends. It is casual and the only requirements that you need to know is.....

- Please join us
- Bring some munchies to share
- Bring drinks
- If you want bring, your favorite game and convince someone to play with you....
- You don't have to RSVP
- Most importantly come for relaxation, and a smile.

Our Lodge is located at **701 Baseline Rd., Lafayette, CO 80026**

We are just east of the intersection of Baseline and Hwy 287, east of the Lafayette Public Library, and behind the Sister Carmen Center. The Lodge entrance is located to the rear of the Sister Carmen Center building. Parking is available in front of the Lodge entrance and next door at the Public Library.



**WORD LIST**

APRIL  
 BASKET  
 BUNNY  
 CANDY  
 CARROT  
 CELEBRATION  
 CHICK  
 CHOCOLATE  
 DAFFODIL  
 DECORATE  
 DYE  
 EASTER  
 EGGS  
 FLOWER  
 GOOD FRIDAY  
 GRASS  
 HUNT  
 JELLY BEANS  
 JESUS  
 LILY  
 MARCH  
 RESURRECTION  
 SPRING  
 SUNDAY  
 TREATS

**EASTER**  
**WORD SEARCH**

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**MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON**  
*Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter*

During the past month sadness and happiness have happened at Manzanita. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Golden Chain and hearts were broken by the death of Sister Darlene Tietz. She was born on the Fourth of July 1928 in Bridger, MT. Darlene was initiated into Alice Chapter No. 51, Order of the Eastern Star September 26, 1947, at Fromberg MT along with her husband Warren and his brother Lawrence and his wife Margaret. She received her 75-year pin last year. Darlene thoroughly enjoyed participating in fraternal organizations. She was a Past Matron of Manzanita and served as Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of Colorado in 2000-2001 with the "In Tune with the Times" Grand Family. She will be greatly missed by her Eastern Star family.

In the Happiness category, on February 22nd, we initiated a new member, Laura Lower. Somehow, I didn't take any pictures. I usually take loads of pictures and send them all to our editor and let her sort through them. The only thing I can say in my defense is that I was having a coughing

problem that night and no number of cough drops seemed to help. Maybe, my brain was rattled more than its usual slightly rattled state. Anyway, at the next meeting, I plan to "interview" our new member Laura Lower and include some pictures. Herb Carr did send me a picture of Laura and her children when they attended our Game Night on the fifth Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, which was also the 12<sup>th</sup> birthday of our own Andrea Smith, GC.



Our first meeting in March, March 14, was canceled when most of us had about a foot of snow that day and maybe an additional foot the next day. I did my share of shoveling. I'm so proud of myself because a. I didn't fall and b. I didn't get sore. Now just a few days later, most of the snow has melted at our place. The sunshine with its warmth after a March storm is an amazing phenomenon.

That say spring is here. Happy Spring!



## Easter Prophecy

Zechariah 12:10 (ESV)

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first born.



## DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

The exciting news at our March 5 meeting is that we balloted on the petition of Laura Nelson, WP Steve's daughter. Yea!! Now we're excited to initiate her at our meeting on April 16. We also celebrated our January, February, and March birthdays. Janice passed out candy bars and then after the meeting everyone enjoyed sharing an ice cream cake for refreshments.

Then at our March 19 meeting, we had a WONDERFUL Shining Stars Party! Those of you who didn't come, missed



out on a lot of FUN! Areme #124 received the Traveling Plaque for having the most visitors—9. CONGRATULATIONS to them!



Our Social Club met on March 26 at the East Café and everyone enjoyed some delicious Chinese food.

Our Secretary, Sue Schultz, and WP Steve enjoyed a visit with our two adopted residents at the Home and delivered their Easter baskets.

Our meeting on April 2 will be held at the Home. We encourage everyone to join us there and then of course, we would love to have visitors to welcome our new initiate on April 16.

Dawn Chapter wishes everyone a Very Happy Springtime!!

The Secretary and Worthy Matron and Patron have been very busy catching up with the 50 year plus members with their Certificates and pins. Here are some photos of a few of those that have received them.



Mary Eby



Joan Hodges



Carol Coxen

Shining Stars had lots of fun and good food. It started with a snow ball fight and ended in fellowship and good food.

Worthy Matron is planning Loyalty's Birthday Party.

April showers bring May flowers but the March snow storms bring water to keep the May flowers blooming.





## Mt. Zion, Chapter #133

The Golden Masonic Center, 400 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Golden, CO.



### **\*Breakfast & Movie Fundraiser\***

Join us for a fun meal & uplifting movie!

If this is your station,  
you won't want to miss it!



Sight & Sound Live TV Performance



#### "Ruth, The Gleaner of the Field"

Constancy and plenty with the reward of patient industry gained by the humble gleaner, Ruth. Just an ordinary woman whose loyalty and devoted faith in God that ignites a remarkable story of second chances that change the course of history.

Ruth 1:16;

*"... and your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God"*

## APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Breakfast & Movie

#### \*All you can eat Pancakes!\*

With eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, orange juice,  
coffee & tea

#### \*Featured Item – Corn Beef Hash!\*

Breakfast 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Movie 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Breakfast Donations:

Adults & Children over 12 yrs. - \$8.00 ea.

Children 8 - 12 yrs. - \$5.00 ea.

Children 5 yrs. & under – Free!

Movie & Popcorn - Donations Appreciated



*"The good we can do together surpasses the good we can do alone"*

- Ben Franklin

*"Brothers & Sisters, while we have this time, let us do good"*

- Francis of Assisi



We are delighted to welcome our newest member, Lindsay Blaum, to Mt. Zion Chapter #133. We are so pleased that she has chosen us! With her wonderful enthusiasm & friendly presence, we truly look forward to getting to know her all the more & having her join in our activities!



*Wishing you all a beautiful Spring!*



Submitted by  
Lorajeane Current, OES Mt. Zion #133

## HERITAGE #154 – DENVER

*Karen Wilson, PM - Reporter*

Please come out and support Jobs Daughters Bethel 40 on Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 6:55 pm for their Masonic Night. Following their meeting they will be having a dessert auction. Bethel 40 meets at South Denver Masonic Temple 350 S. Broadway; Denver.

## FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 – FOUNTAIN

*Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter*

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 - Dark in July and August, as well as the second meeting in September and December.

During the Month of March 2024 Fountain Valley Members could be found being a guiding light while traveling the state! We stayed busy and had our two biggest fundraisers with the spaghetti supper and Mule Manure Bingo! We are pleased to have served over 75 meals and sold 62 squares.



The bible escort this month were our own Conductress Melinda Lingley-escorted by her husband Ray, and then at our second meeting the WGM Sharon Parrish escorted the bible and was escorted by our own Bill Heintzen.



We were pleased and honored that Margaret received her 65 year pin. Thank you to all who made the event special.

March and April will find us going to friendship nights! We hope to see YOU!.

Fountain Valley is working towards honor chapter. Please mark your calendars for Bethel #31's next breakfast April 6th, starting at 7:30 AM.

We look forward to having you join us whenever you can!



## NEW 50 YEAR MEMBERS



Mary Eby  
Loyalty #145. Westminster



Joan Hodges  
Loyalty #145, Westminster



Carol Coxen  
Loyalty #145, Westminster



Margaret Elliott, PM  
65 years  
Fountain Valley #155, Fountain



Loree Hoisington  
60 years  
Arema #124, Denver



Judy Morrison, PM  
50 years  
Mt. Zion #133, Golden



Carolyn David, PM  
50 years  
Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES



Rita Christensen  
Centennial #58, Colorado Springs  
Maine



Robin Terry, PGM  
Loyalty #145, Westminster  
Italy



Michelle Coffman  
Arene #124, Denver  
Wyoming



Gayle Hawkins  
Peace & Harmony #158, Pagosa Springs  
California



Linda Walters  
LaPlata #83, Durango  
Maryland



Shawn Smith  
LaPlata #83, Durango  
Connecticut



Dennis Burch  
Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista  
Rhode Island



Loren Buss  
Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista  
Idaho



Carol Cloud  
Sunshine #53, Grand Junction  
South Carolina

*Congratulations!!! to all of our New Grand Representatives. In your folders you received when you were announced, you will find an application to join the Grand Representative's Club. The current officers and members encourage you to submit the application. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. We also encourage you to contact your counterpart and if possible, attend your State's Grand Chapter Session. We would love to hear about your travels at our meetings.*

**For all Past and Current Grand Representatives, please send your 2024 \$5.00 dues to our Treasurer:**

**CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad  
11119 CR 76; Windsor, CO 80550-2705**

*The Grand Representatives met on February 25 at Mt. Zion #133. Many of us enjoyed the monthly pancake breakfast. Yum! Yum! We then retired to the Chapter Room for our quarterly meeting. New Officers were elected:*

*President: Sheryl Nalley, #58*

*Vice President: Janet Adams, #58*

*Secretary: Drina Johnson, #133/#154*

*Treasurer: CherylAnn*

*Craven-Lindblad, #3*

*Our next meeting is to be held in May. The date and location - TBD.*

*Once again this year, the Club will host a hospitality room at our Grand Chapter Session in September. We are asking our Club members to donate 'Grab n Go' breakfast items, fruit, deli meat, snack bars, etc. (Note: do not 'tray up' your fruit or deli meat. Put these items in zip lock bags, as we do not have refrigerator space). Please let CherylAnn know what you plan to donate.*

*Plans are underway for our Banquet to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 12:00 noon. When the menu and price have been set, we will pass along that information. In the meantime, please plan*



to attend.

*It is customary, but NOT mandatory, for Grand Representatives to have business cards and a small inexpensive token gift to hand out to whomever you want. (This can be anything from a pack of gum to an ink pen) We will have bags at the banquet for each guest, for you to drop in your token gift. Plan on about 150 attendees.*

*We hope to see you all at our next quarterly meeting. Have a Happy Easter and remember "He has Risen - He has Risen Indeed"*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted by Dan Brooks

The Grand Secretary Reported no unusual items for the past month and reminded everyone that the Grand Chapter Session mailing will be going out 1 May. All items must be approved by the WGM/WGP.

The Grand Treasurer reported on the monthly finances, the meeting we had with the financial advisor, Southwest Wealth Advisory Group (SWAG) and answered questions raised in the Finance Committee meeting. The finance committee had questions for the Grand Treasurer which she answered.

As many of you know, the organ used for Grand Session and other events has expired. It is unrepairable. We are looking for a replacement and a digital piano. Marcia Carlson, Musician Emeritus of the Universe, suggested procuring a Digital Piano from a music store that was going out of business. The Grand Secretary checked out the piano and stated it was a very nice piano with a price tag of approximately \$900, but may not be around for much longer. The Worthy Grand Matron informed the BOD that someone approached her and wished to donate the Piano at

no cost to the Grand Chapter. The BOD voted to accept this donation. Additionally, someone has offered to donate a three year old organ to the Grand Chapter with the only cost being moving it.

We are moving ahead with a session contract for 2025 to be held at the Stapleton Doubletree Hotel on Quebec Street. As we said before, negotiations with hotels are not the same as when we had 400 participants and inflation was not eating away at the price and quality of lunches and dinners.

It looks like we will have at least three vendors at the session in September. We all know how fun and helpful vendors can be.

Plans for the silent auction are continuing to move forward. Chapters can expect to receive a communication from the committee early in April.

The finance committee had questions for the Grand Treasurer which she answered. The General Arrangements Committee had a question on Comped/discounted meals. The board sent a letter to GA detailing who gets comped and discounted meals at the Distinguished Guests banquet. The General Grand Chapter reception was discussed, but the hotel has not yet provided a price for this BOD funded item. . Due to Covid WGM Cheryl, WGP Keith, WGM Beth, WGP Gary did not have the opportunity to attend a General Grand Chapter Session. Much discussion ensued regarding our current Bylaws. It was moved the BOD pay for these four positions along with what our current bylaws require. This motion carried. We will also create an amendment to bring our bylaws into compliance with the rotation of the GGC. That is, the WGMs and WGP who serve in/during a General Grand Chapter will have their airfare paid to that GGC Session. There was discussion regarding the language in our three funds, George Monroe, ESTARL and Iva Mae Ryan. There will probably be amendments brought forth regarding the language in our bylaws. We are working on an on-line Warrant Approval workflow to comply with our bylaws.

The 2024-2025 budget continues to be refined. And may be affected by changes to our bylaws if the membership chooses to change our bylaws at Grand Session.

## FROM THE GRAND WEST

Submitted by Kaeleen Buckingham, AGM



Hello everyone!  
Meet ...!! Well,  
the poor lady  
does not have a  
name yet. YOU  
can fix that. For  
\$5 you can  
submit a name  
for her. Then  
Kaeleen

Buckingham,  
AGM and Robert  
Walker, AGP will  
choose a winner.  
The winning  
name will be

announced at the 2024 Grand Session. She is collecting money for Freedom Service Dogs (she is a bank). She has special permission to be at every OV for the rest of the year. So, please help feed her at one or more of the OVs (she likes the silver kibble but REALLY likes the green leafy kibble). The idea behind her is to take her out into the community to show that Eastern Star supports service dogs as our philanthropy. If you are going to a festival, street fair, or some community gathering, take her with you. Dogs in Colorado attract attention and she is no exception. She sits about 3 foot tall. She will not disappear when our year is over. Kaeleen and Robert are donating her to Grand Chapter. The Grand Line coming up behind us have complete buy-in and plan on using her in some capacity as well.

## MEMORIES

Submitted by Gaylene Alton, PM #125

Do you ever wonder about why things are the way they are? I DO - so gonna tell ya some things I wonder about if you agree I would like to know if not I don't want to know!

I wonder Why on the Television does all the interviewers sit on high stools and not just chairs. They are always hooking their heels on the rims or men will sit with one foot on the ground as if holing himself on the stool and women have a time with just staying on the chair and not exposing everything if they have a dress on and they all look so uncomfortable. Why not get chairs and sit with feet on floor and be comfortable?

I wonder Do they not make Maternity clothes any more or do people just wear what they have and hope it looks okay. I am so tired of seeing baby bellies and inverted navel on the television, gosh don't they look at themselves when they get dressed and know they look silly. I love babies and pregnant women but use some class and dress according. Wear a full dress that covers but bump, yes we know your pregnant but don't need to see it. Seems to me that a lot of the weather gals have all been drinking the same water and going to same dress classes.

I wonder why the time has to change. Love having mornings dark and evening light. Didn't mind going to work in the dark, I was rested, had breakfast and was wide awake and happy to get the day started. But when it was dark coming home, I was tired, anxious to get home, thinking about how tired I was and what was waiting for me when I got home and not alert at in the AM. Then the time changed and it was light going to work and I was rested, feed and thinking about getting to work and home and what I was going to do that evening. Then coming home in the light I was tired from work all day and just wanted to get home and meet the challenge. NOW I DON'T CARE I AM HOME MOST OF THE TIME BUT I STILL LIKE IT DARK IN THE AM AND LIGHT IN THE PM, BECAUSE I GET TO SLEEP LATE, AND BE UP LATE. When it is dark it is sleep time and when it is light it is play time/ there I said it and I a glad.

I wonder why I get a room all rearranged and then feel I have to change it as it would look better another way? My room in my house is just fine but feel I would like the bed on the other wall, the desk another place, cedar chest in front of the windows like I had it before I changed it and the dressers in another place and oh just all kinds of things but don't dare ask anyone to help me again as they would hang me out to dry or lock me in the room to live with it. Now my office is another things. When I was Secretary for the Chapter at Hope, I was in the room almost 24/7 as that is what a Secretary's life is 24/7 so pay your secretary's good, we didn't have any money to pay me buy that is beside the point, it was fun and I liked it. Any way going back to my office, I am not in it as much as I used to be and it is the clutter room, if ya don't know what to do with it put it in the office

or in the closet in there. Now I can get in there and to the computer but that is about all and when I say I am going to clean it up you should see everyone scatter. That's when I get angry about Don not being here, he would say his favorite expression to me as everyone that knows us he would say "Jesus Christ Gaylene" get in there and let's get it done. How I miss that expression! And him of course. Ha So not sure when it will get moved and cleaned up but not holding my breath. I will just keep wondering when it will get done! Ha.

I wonder why I have all long dress and skirts and nothing to wear to funerals or other things that require regular cloths. I have long skirts for Star, I have Formals for Star, I have fancy sparkly tops, dressy tops, for Star. I have blue jeans, T shirts, un-fancy tops and plain things for home, but nothing for in between things. Here in our town a clean pair or almost clean pair of jeans and clean top is dress up and long skirts, good tops or long dresses for Star and again nothing for in between. OH, I take that back, I have some good dress slacks that I have worn to funeral and other times but don't feel they are good enough for other things.

I wonder why when I enter a Masonic Lodge Building I always feel I need to have on a good dress short or long and never went to El Jebel with out a Formal on and Don in a Tux! I still have a problem wearing jeans or slacks in a Masonic Lodge Building. I wore slack the other evening to a dinner and entertainment the Mason's put on for us ladies and I don't have a short skirt so wore slack and was uncomfortable all evening. Guess I am from the old school and just got to erase it from my head. El Jebel doesn't matter as that is just a room not the beautiful place I remember El Jebel being so slacks not a problem, I don't mean any disrespect but this new building just isn't the same at the Old El Jebel with the ballroom, chandelier, dining room and elegance that it had. Gosh Don and I ate there about one or more times a week and it was lovely.. Miss the old days!!!

I wonder why I am so old and have so many problems, I never used to. I wonder why I can't do things as fast as I did years ago, I am the same person, same body (well littler bigger) but I wonder why it takes me so long to do things I did fast years ago, guess I will still wonder

I wonder why when I get on the floor I can't get up, heck I used to jump up and now I wonder why I need help

So many things to wonder about, I wonder why my nails and hair grow so fast, it is going to break me taking care of them, I wonder why?

I wonder where my glasses are, I wonder why the TV is loud, I wonder where my keys are, I wonder where I am going or I wonder where I have been, I wonder about the kids, I wonder about driving the car, I sometimes wonder why I wonder, do you? Have a good day and don't wonder any more it just makes you wonder more. Enough for now.

## Memorial for Willis Grundvig, PGP

*Areme Chapter 124 will hold a Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for our beloved Areme member and Past Grand Patron, Willis Grundvig, on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Radiant Temple, Denver. We invite everyone to attend, and if you have any memories of Willis that you would like to share at the service, I know his family will appreciate it.*

### Guess who's having a birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>?



Yes, it's true!! Our 'wonderful' Mr. Ed will be ??? years old and I think it's time that paybacks are due. So we're inviting everyone who he has teased, embarrassed or been the recipient of some of his silliness to come and sock it to him. So please come join us in Roasting Mr. Ed at Areme Chapters meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Let's have a good time filled with laughter, fun and, of course, birthday cake and ice cream. Remember - he deserves everything he's going to get.

His Long Suffering Wife,  
Anna Peterson, WM  
Areme Chapter





Colorado #2 Chapter  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
Official Visit of

The Worthy Grand Matron Sharon Parrish  
&  
The Worthy Grand Patron Ken Ashwood  
And the “Be the Light of Kindness” Grand Family

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
Leadville Masonic Hall  
619 Harrison Ave.  
Leadville, CO 80461

A spaghetti Lunch will be served at noon  
With a variety of pies & ice cream for dessert  
(donations for lunch accepted)

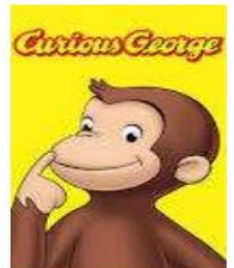
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719 486-1222 or

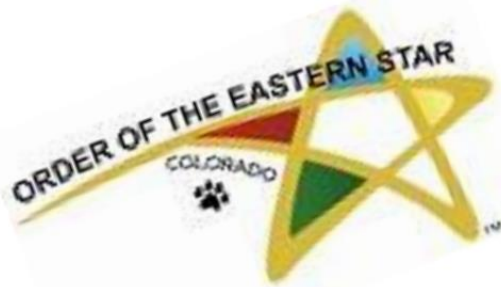
[Betty.benson@outlook.com](mailto:Betty.benson@outlook.com)

Entertainment at 1:00 by Ric Rogers (you won't want to miss this)

Meeting starts at 1:30

Betty Benson, Worthy Matron, George Benson, Worthy Patron





# Cathe & Dick Markell's

## Journey to Scottsbluff, Nebraska

### July 8-10, 2024



#### MONDAY JULY 8

- Head to Nebraska around 10:00 am
- Lunch near Cheyenne, WY around 11:30 am
- **Dairy KING**
- Dinner with Dome Rock Chapter

#### TUESDAY JULY 9

- Explore Scottsbluff on your own or with a friend!
- **Dairy KING**
- Dome Rock Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM in Bayard, NE

#### WEDNESDAY JULY 10

- "Goodbye breakfast"
- Head back to Colorado around 10:30 am

**\*\*\*R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN June 7, 2024, to Cathe Markell at (303) 210-1712 or [catherinemarkell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemarkell@gmail.com)\*\*\***

*See reverse side for trip details*



## Agenda

### • Monday July 8, 2024

- Leave around 10:00 am
- Lunch near Cheyenne, WY around 11:30 am
- Continue to Kimball, NE High Point Welcome Center for a quick break (Potty Stop), then on to **Dairy KING** and Scottsbluff, NE
- After hotel check-in, meet Dome Rock Chapter for dinner

### • Tuesday July 9, 2024

- **This day is on your own.** The hotel offers free breakfast, or you can choose to go to a nearby restaurant.
  - Visit the Scottsbluff National Monument for a great view of the surrounding area,
  - Visit Chimney Rock Monument,
  - Go shopping,
  - Riverside Zoo, Legacy of the Plains Museum
  - Stop by **Dairy KING** again (this is a must!)
- **Dinner is on your own.**
- **Dome Rock Chapter Meeting is at 7:00 pm in BAYARD, 30 minutes from the hotel.**

### • Wednesday July 10, 2024

- "Goodbye Breakfast"
- Leave for home around 10:30 am

## Hotel Information

*\*Due to Oregon Trail Days, July 11-14, in Gering, NE, hotel rates may be higher than desired. Other hotels are available at a higher cost.*

Monument Inn                                      \$99.00 SNGL Queen/\$109.00 DBL Queen (No King), per night  
1130 M Street, Gering NE                      Ask for the **"Colorado Eastern Star Rate"**  
(308) 436-1950                                      *A block of rooms has been reserved for us!*

**Call or use the link below for online reservations:**

<https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/VvdQt7#promo=Colorado%20Eastern%20Star%202024>

**\*\*\*Call Hotel for any special requests. NO ELEVATOR. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*Hotel reservations are due no later than June 7, 2024, to receive the OES rate. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*Carpool and hotel arrangements are on your own. \*\*\***

**Reservations to Cathe are for dinner, hotel room count, and  
to have one point of contact for members going.**

Cathe Markell at (303) 210-1712 or [catherinemarkell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemarkell@gmail.com)



**Come Join the FUN!!**





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- ☐ Hold my order for pick up at Colorado's 2024 "Be the Light of Kindness" Grand Chapter Session  
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*Chapter Name, Number & Location for Pickup @ OV*

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Grand Chapter



Worthy Grand Matron



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Worthy Matron



Worthy Patron



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Associate Conductress



Chaplain



Marshal



Organist



Adah



Ruth



Esther



Martha



Electa



Warder



Sentinel



Chapter Emblem



## LAST CHANCE



Are you getting a  
Colorado Income Tax Refund?

Why not donate part of your refund  
to Colorado Rainbow Grand Assembly.

Beginning in 2020, you may donate part of your Colorado Income Tax refund to the eligible charity of your choice. And your choice can be Colorado IORG!!!! We thank those have given in the past years

Here is how you do it:

- Use Colorado Tax form DR0104CH
- In Line 19 (on back of form) enter amount to donate
- Under Line 19 enter Registration Number: **20083005635**
- Next Line enter Name of Organization: **International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly** See example below, Note must be as listed no abbreviations.

<b>19. Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund</b>	<b>• 19</b>
• Enter the 11-digit Secretary of State Registration Number for the Registered Charitable Organization	
20083005635	
• Enter the Name of the Registered Charitable Organization	
International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly	
<b>20. Total of lines 1 through 19. This cannot exceed the amount on line 37 on the DR 0104. • 20</b>	

Submit the completed Colorado Tax form DR0104CH with your Colorado Tax form.

This information is also posted on our Public Facebook page "[Colorado IORG - International Order of the Rainbow for Girls](#)" and our web page [www.iorgColorado.org](http://www.iorgColorado.org) so please share this with your friends!

## **Colorado/N.M. Cross Border Event!**

**Come to Beautiful Durango and enjoy dinner and an evening of Square Dancing, Cheerful Companionship and Fun! Yee Haw!**

Followed, the next day, by a visit to Scenic Aztec, New Mexico for Aztec's Official Visit

(Please note: This will not be an Official Exchange)

Join us as we welcome Colorado WGM and WGP, Sharon Parrish and Ken Ashwood and New Mexico WGM and WGP Christel Fisher and Bradley "Jesse" James and the Grand Families from New Mexico and Colorado

**We want to see you in your Casual Western Wear  
And put on those dancing boots!**

When: Friday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Mexican Dinner - \$15.00

Saturday, April 27th beginning at 10:45

Accommodations available, contact Hydi Verduzco at

[HydiVerduzco@outlook.com](mailto:HydiVerduzco@outlook.com)

***Please RSVP to WM LaPlata #83 Carol Smith at***

***[carlie658@yahoo.com](mailto:carlie658@yahoo.com)***





# WHO'S BACK NEEDS TO BE SCRATCHED?

Submitted by Susanne Teague, PM #40

We have all heard the old saying: "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours!". I think we can integrate this saying into our Fraternal Circle.

How many of you women have recently encouraged your Master Mason to go to Blue Lodge? I think you should and I will tell you why. If you encourage, just a little loving encouragement, perhaps the attendance at the Lodge meetings will increase, maybe they will initiate a few new members, maybe some of these new members will have a wife, mother, sister, daughter or someone near who could be one of us in Eastern Star, maybe the new /Blue Lodge member would also enjoy Star.

One Chapter I know of has a direct line to the Secretary of the Blue Lodge in their town. After a Brother proves up on his Third Degree, he is soon visited by people from Eastern Star. Another Chapter I have heard of are now planning a luncheon and inviting the members of the Blue Lodges who might have someone available for Eastern Star. This I heartily encourage and I also encourage any or all of you ladies to keep your eyes open for good men who you would feel comfortable in asking if he would be interested in becoming a Mason. There are small brochures which explain Masonry and I am sure you could obtain one of these to give to possible friends, then perhaps follow up by asking a Master Mason that you know, to contact this gentleman to share a bit of friendly information.

*Now all of these things need to be done with Love and Compassion for our fellow men. In this way, perhaps we will all prosper and we can again utilize our "Watchwords:"*

*Harmony with all those around us;  
Love of our fellow men, and  
Happiness of all concerned.*

Provided with permission from Brother Lee Blooding, PGP.  
Brother Lee used this as one of his Official Visit talks when he was Worthy Grand Patron with Sylvia Webster, PGM  
1983-1984

And finally Sisters & Brothers:



If you get a chance to watch "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" with Tom Hanks, please do. It is a really good movie.