



FEBRUARY

2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

Greetings to all my Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to everyone for all the well wishes, get well cards, for the meals that were brought to my home, for the baskets of goodies that were delivered and for all the prayers this past month. I am still on the road to recovery, gaining strength daily. Please know that Gary and I are working on

rescheduling the OVs and as soon as we have them confirmed, we will send out a revised schedule. Until then, please be patient, kind and understanding. We must all work together to make this work. Kindness **IS** The Key. And remember, You never have to apologize for being kind.

Spreading Kindness on Valentine's Day

Kind regards, Elizabeth Spangler, Worthy Grand Matron

KINDNESS IS THE KEY



Gary Lindblad, WGP

Happy Valentine's Day.

First of all, I wanted to extend continued well wishes to Sister Beth as she continues to regain her strength. What a blessing that surgery was not as extensive as the doctors first thought it might be.

This month while Beth has been recooperating, I was honored to assist Brother Larry Wullbrandt in presenting Sister Jane Wullbrandt with her 60 year pin.

CherylAnn and I ventured to AREME #124 to surprise Sister Marian Rogers with a

Grand Representative Appointment to Ontario. She was so excited. Congratulations to both of these Sisters.

I also enjoyed the delicious pot luck dinner at Manzanita #85 prior to their meeting. During the meeting I was privileged to witness a rare occasion of a 75 year pin presentation.

On Friday evening, CherylAnn and I broke bread with the members of the Masonic Fraternity at the All Masonic Banquet, hosted by the Grand Lodge of Colorado. The next day, we attended a very lovely memorial service for Sister Valerie Grundvig. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in all the preparations.

As we approach Valentine's Day, don't forget to be kind to the waitress – she may be pulling a double shift; be kind to the Cashier who has no Control over the Cost of food or plastic bag regulation; be kind to the Mom who's Child is screaming in the restaurant because they (continued Page 2) are having a bad day too; be kind to the elderly gentleman who Can't seem to find the exact Change to pay for his McDonald's cup of coffee. You know what? How about we just be kind to all those we meet every day, because you do not know what their problems are or situation may be. Even a warm smile may be the best thing of the day for them and for you.

As the temperatures dip again for a Couple of days this week, may you all stay safe and stay warm.

Take Care and God Bless each of you,

Gary Lindblad,

Worthy Grand Patron

14 ACTS OF KINDNESS TO DO ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is usually just for couples, right? Those who aren't in relationships see the holiday as just another day in their lives: another day in class, another day at work. It doesn't have to be that way, though! Random acts of kindness are things you can do on Valentine's Day, and every day, to make someone's life a little brighter.

Random acts of kindness may be simple things that we incorporate into our daily lives, but the impact they leave on others is tremendous. Below are just a few examples of what you can do this Valentine's Day, and every other day, to cheer someone up.

- 1. Shovel your neighbor's driveway
- 2. Pay for the drink/food of the person behind you in the drive-thru
- 3. Remind someone that you appreciate them
- 4. Write a handwritten letter or make a handmade card for someone you love
- 5. Donate clothing you haven't worn in a while to a thrift store
- 6. Eat and shop locally to support local small businesses, restaurants, and farmers
- 7. Donate books you have already read and loved to a used book store or library
- 8. Compliment someone
- 9. Hold the door open for someone
- 10. Leave sticky notes with happy messages or quotes on a public restroom mirror
- 11. Send a thank you note to someone who has helped you before
- 12. Leave some pocket change in the vending machine for the next person
- 13. Return stray shopping carts to the corral in parking lots
- 14. Be aware of your surroundings and help someone you see struggling

REVISED OFFICIAL VISIT CALENDAR

February 11	Oriental #98 - Denver
February 25	Homecoming
	Garden City #3 - Greeley
March 18	Bethlehem #56 – Monte Vista
March 24	Pueblo #7
March 25	Trinidad #1
March 31	Collins #26 – Fort Collins
May 5-6	CO/NM Exchange
LaPlata	a #83 Durango / Aztec Farmington NM
May 12	Metro #157 - Denver
May 13	Fountain Valley #155
	@ Pueblo Temple
May 20	Colorado #2 – Leadville
June 3	Joint OV Homecoming
	Dawn #125 – Aurora

& Heritage #154 – Denver

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS OF THE WGM / WGP

- February 16 18 Grand Court
- **Order of the Amaranth** April 15 – 22 Hawaii Cruise May 9 – 11 **Nebraska Grand Chapter** May 15 – 18 **Wisconsin Grand Chapter** June 8-10 **Indiana Grand Chapter** July 10 – 12 Scotts Bluff Road Trip August 2 – 5 **Arizona Grand Chapter** August 9 – 12 Wyoming Grand Chapter September 21 – 23 Colorado "Kindness IS The Key"

Grand Chapter



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE Bob Trezise, PP - Reporter

Colorado 2 members enjoyed a long Christmas vacation and resumed meetings in January. WM, Loretta and WP, Jim treated the members to a delicious supper of soup, salad and dessert.

The Charter was draped in memory of Sister Joelyn Linn, a 50 plus member, who died December 24. She was an accomplished musician on piano and organ and served many years as organist for Colorado 2 and the First Presbyterian Church of Leadville.

The Scholarship Committee's work will begin soon.

All members of Colorado 2 send get well wishes to WGM, Beth Spangler.

Happy New Year 2023!!!



First of all, Garden City sends get well and thinking of you greetings to Sister Beth. Prayers have definitely been answered, but we lift up additional prayers for her continued healing and road back to great health.

Our Chapter was honored to serve a dinner for Mahi and Damascus White Shrine for their Supreme Inspection and visit of the Supreme Worthy High Priestest. Our very own member, Brother Jerry Hager is the Supreme Second Wiseman and is a member of Mahi #18, Garden City #3, Century Lodge #18 and several other Masonic Bodies.

Because of extreme high prices of crab these days, we have canceled our Cajun Boil scheduled for February 12. We are however, gearing up for our annual Smorgasbord Fundraiser on March 11. We will serve dinner from 5:00 – 6:00, but fellowship may continue until the last light is turned off. We will have fried chicken, ham, lasagna, Swedish meatballs, chicken enchiladas, sauerkraut & ribs, vegetables, salads, rolls, beverage and dessert – all for only \$12 a person. We look forward to seeing you there and if you have 4 members from your Chapter, you earn 25 points towards your Honor Chapter Challenge.

On January 24, we initiated Katie Little. We look forward to welcoming her into our Chapter. Our Chapter would like to thank Sisters Sheryl Nalley, AM Centennial #58 and Jenna MacGregor, AM Excelsior #66 for assisting in our initiation ceremony as Adah and Martha. All the Officers did a fantastic job and we believe Sister Katie received a favorable impression. Also a huge thank you to our DL for all

of her instruction, patience and kindness.

On January 31,



our Chapter hosted a Friendship night. All members of Eastern Star were

welcome, as well as their family and friends. We started off the evening with a fellowship time, followed by a chili & chicken noodle soup dinner, which was then followed by games, more fellowship and lots of fun. By the sound of the

volume of conversation and laughter, everyone had a wonderful time.

The Golden Link of our Chapter has been broken by the passing of Sisters Irma Nielson, Donna Meyer and Brother Leo August. Sister Margaret Rusch is



worth vear's of health issues, but feels she is now on the right road to recovery. Sister Donna Schmidt went home this week. Sister Maude

O'Connell is getting over bronchitis, as is Sister Zanna Thurow, along with a case of RSV. Sister Dorothy Love spent a couple of days at rehab recooperating from pneumonia and is now back at "The Bridge" skilled nursing facility. Several other members have battled colds, that horrible sounding cough and ear infections. Prayers for all of these members.



Don't forget to send in your reservations for our Official Visit Luncheon on February 25, to Zanna Thurow 970-302-1157 Limited

zlawth@hotmail.com seating. Hamburgers and Brats will be served at noon with the meeting starting at 1:30 pm. This is the homecoming of the WGP, Gary. An afternoon of food, fellowship, fun, fun, fun, fun and lots of laughter are on the agenda.

PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

For some reason I had a hard time writing this month's article. I'm not sure why... I love LOVE. It's one of my favorite times of the year. I was blessed to be loved by my Robert for 27 years. He was my high school sweetheart. We were inseparable. His

love is what keeps me going now. I know many of you have found this same kind of love, hold it close and cherish it always.

I often find myself watching people and kind of studying them as I go about my daily life. People are fascinating. I often find myself watching the couples walking hand in hand and wonder... what keeps them together? How did their love begin? What is the secret to long lasting love? All I know it that I had it and it was AMAZING. As you go thru your daily life always try to show love and kindness. Give someone a smile...that might be the only smile they get that day. Show love in all you do every day. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

COLLINS #26 - FORT COLLINS Lydía Shelley, PM - Reporter

The Golden Gleaners Club of Northern Colorado Cordially invites you to attend the Golden Gleaners Meeting Sunday, February 19, 2023 At the Fort Collins Masonic Temple 225 W Oak St; Fort Collins

Golden Gleaner Chapter Line Officers meeting at 11:0<mark>0 noo</mark>n Italian Lunch @ 12:00 p.m. Followed by the Golden Gleaner Club meeting Including Valentine's Themed Entertainment

> Send your \$12 reservation to Becky Huffman, Secretary 970-482-2752 Rhuffman12@yahoo.com No later than February 13, 2023

flosting Chapter - Collins #26 Sarilyn Sting, WM Gary Sting, WP

WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

First, we would like to say Thank You to all of the members and visitors who contributed to our silent auction at our OV. It was a wonderful success!

Recently, a few of our members went to help Sunshine # 53 in Grand Junction with their initiation of 2 Rainbow girls. It was great!

We all had a great holiday season, and now we are getting snow almost every day! There's more than a foot on the level.

Then, almost all of the upcoming OVs were cancelled, due to our WGM having surgery. We all sent lots of prayers and good thoughts to her for a speedy and healthy recovery!!!

Next, our chapter went forward with more instructions from our District Lecturer, and we are planning our mock initiations. It was great to see our 3 newest members in attendance and they are learning more every day!

There were numerous ideas stated about what we could do as fundraising events and upcoming dates to plan those. More to come in future meetings.

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Where does the time go? I think there is a song about that and it was never as appropriate as now!



(*Turn Around* sung by Harry Belefonte). However, we keep moving forward and are blessed in every step. Sometimes the

J - Dessings are tear drops (another song! Blessings by Laura Story)

At our recent Silver Star meeting, we draped the Altar for PMWGM Helen Cox and GSE Valerie Grundvig. We also draped our Charter for Brother Jack Clark. We continue with the "trustful faith of Martha".... They will be missed and remembered fondly. We were also privileged to present a 50 year pin to Brother Bill Harris. PGM Cindy

Wardlaw and PGP Keith Hoey travelled to his home to make the presentation.

We celebrated with Worshipful Brother Ross Allen and 60

of



providing an elegant dinner for the "Deputy Grand Master Roast". We are very proud of Ross who will be installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado by the time you

read this, and his lady, Beth Allen PM, and member of Silver Star.

his

friends.

Lee Teague's robotic surgery went well and he is home recovering. Suzanne picked up COVID while she was with him at the hospital. She has now recovered and is anxiously awaiting her heart cath next week. (It will be all over by the time you get this!)

Janet Bennett travelled to Florida and California over the holidays and picked up RSV. She has been a 'sick puppy' with a cough that is totally unrelenting. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Others with "bugs and issues" were Keith Hoey (back surgery scheduled for February) and Amber Holley has back issues. Bridget Hannah PM came through her surgery nicely and we wish her positive healing and pray for a full recovery.

Our biggest focus, at the moment, is the preparation for the German Dinner which will be held on February 18^{th} from 5 – 7 pm with take-out or dinein both available. This is a fabulous dinner for \$15 and we hope many of you will make reservations (970-615-0916 Jacqui) or buy tickets. It will be a busy day with Sister Valerie's memorial in Grand Junction the same day.

We are also looking forward to speakers at our next three meetings. These are outside entities that we support and will enjoy hearing from them as to how we can help and what they do in the community.



On the Occasion of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, We Express Our Gratitude to the Officers Who Are Always There for Us. Warm Wishes to You.

We celebrated L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Day) with cards to all of the Law Enforcement Offices in the

area and donation to C.O.P.S. in their name. Sandwiches and cookies were also taken to local the State Patrol Office.



Good news: Amee Pierce-

Waldvogle is now working for Hope West Hospice. Her nursing skills will be much appreciated. She also received a scholarship to continue her education and receive

her Family Nurse Practioner Degree. Jacqui Quint has earned her CDL and is driving a school bus! Congratulations and best wishes to these lovely ladies.

We wish you all a wonderful Valentine's Day with the ones you love. Some say this is the hardest day of the year for individuals who are alone. So if you know a single person, reach out and help them celebrate. After all, love is the perfect gift and we all need it!

SUNSHINE #53

Nancy Eríksen, PM - Reporter



It's LOVE month! Sweethearts, Dove candy, Valentine's and President's Day. What else could we possibly need?

Sunshine Chapter didn't accomplish anything in January due

to the cancellation of both meetings. Illness, weather, etc. combined to make us stay home. We will be catching up in February, though!

We are launching the "Jewels for Hope" project which will actually cost YOU nothing! If you go to <u>www.childrensdiabetesfoundation.org/jewelsforhop</u> <u>e</u> there are forms and information on this project. The jewelry goes to an ETSY site which does photos and sells it very reasonably. This to honor my 14year old grandson who was diagnosed 2 years ago with type 1 juvenile diabetes. He is going so well, and we would like to keep it that way! If you have questions, please either email or call me at <u>nancy.eriksen@yahoo.con</u> (970-270-8421) and I will do my best to assist.

We will have a Valentine Meeting on February 7 so hopefully everyone will participate and bring lots of Valentines for everyone! (Just like Elementary School!)

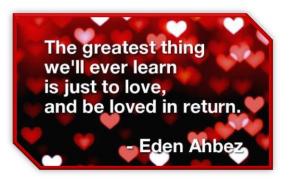


February 21 will bring us Mardi Gras and some fun things. Check in next month for pictures.

Here's hoping you have a blessed February and we will



see you again in March.



MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

The members of Manzanita #85 have been out and about and ever busy. Last month I failed to report that every year Manzanita decorates a Christmas tree at the Home the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The group then took down the decorations the first Saturday in January. Also, the first Saturday morning a group from Manzanita attended the Pentalpha Shining Stars breakfast. The breakfast was the only event I attended this month, and I can report that the food was good and visiting with our Stars was very good. Several of our members are active in Pentalpha: Herb Carr is president and Jane Wullbrandt is secretary. Kim Carr and Alysia Fankhauser regularly attend, and I showed up once. I would urge members in the Denver area to attend to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and help keep us active. Believe me, it was worth the 45-minute drive to get there. The rest of you must live closer.



At the January 12th Chapter meeting WGP Gary Lindblad and PGM CherylAnn Craven- Lindblad attended. WGP Gary had the

honor of presenting PGM Jane Wullbrandt with her 60- year



pin. Congratulations to PGM Jane—that is really Happy News!

In addition to that Happy News, our Associate Conductress Angela Tobar's daughter was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 40 JDI.

It was not Happy News on January 12th. The memorial for Sister Janet Staats was read and the Charter draped in her memory.

Also, Carolyn Goodrich-Vigil, our Warder this year, has sold her home in Englewood and will be moving to Fowler, CO soon. Carolyn is a new member but has a Masonic heritage. Getting to know Carolyn has been fun (she has a great sense of humor) and we're hoping to see her a lot even with her move. I know Fowler is in Otero County (I had to look it up) so I do not know how realistic my expectations are.

Tom and I missed the January 12th meeting. Tom fell off a ladder and has a compression fracture of a vertebra. Our grandson, Eric, who lives with us tested positive for COVID on January 12th and Tom tested positive on January 17th. Eric had a mild case. Tom was not as lucky, but the antivirals are helping, and he is recovering from both the fall and COVID.

Next month, I hope to be full of just Happy News for our Chapter, me personally, and all our Stars.

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

I'm really not a fan of winter. I don't like being cold! The snow is beautiful as it falls and sparkles, however after a few days, having caused numerous problems, I'm over it! Especially when it has caused our Chapter to have to cancel both of our meetings in January! Now we have rescheduled our Star Point Party for our first meeting in February, the 7th. Hopefully Mother Nature will be kind to us this time and we can enjoy a party with our friends! Remember,



everyone is welcome to visit, not just Star Point officers. The more, the merrier!



We'll highlight "My Fair Lady" that night and enjoy some of the show's beautiful music as well as celebrating

Valentine's Day! At our meeting on February 21, we

will learn about the

show, "The Lion King" and enjoy it' s music as well. At that meeting we will also celebrate Presidents' Day. Dawn Chapter's Golden Chain



has been broken again by the passing of our 50 year member, Sis. Irma Dunlap, On another sad note, our Warder, Sis. Sunnye Conaway suddenly lost a son on January 19. Please keep Sunnye and her family in your prayers. We also pray that Br. Harold Potter is recovering well and feeling much better after his surgery on Jan. 23. And of course, we're so happy that WGM Elizabeth Spangler's surgery went so well and that she's recovering nicely. Keep those prayers coming, though!

Several of us ladies from Dawn Chapter are looking forward to performing the "Pink Lodge" skit at Aurora Revelation Lodge's meeting on Feb. 14! It should be fun!

Fun Fact: Saint Valentine's Day first took place in Paris on February 14, 1400.



LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER Marlene Doyle, PM - Reporter

Learning the OES Way - by Jane Rivette

I was initiated in March of 2015 being surrounded by the kindness of WM Ruth Phinny, Glena & Chuck Anderson, Lina Byrd and other Loyalty stars. Although I came from a masonic family, I had no previous masonic experience of my own; not having been a member of Job's Daughters or Rainbow.

Learning the rules of OES is counterintuitive sometimes. What is accepted as expected respectfulness, isn't always the same to former outsiders. In my professional life, I was a high school teacher. Being in the middle of the front "dias" area of the classroom is essential while teaching. Moving around; keeping students' attention. However, the Star doesn't like that; it is disrespectful to the open Bible nearby on the altar.

I didn't want to appear religiously disrespectful with my newly found sisters and brothers. How to break this deeply entrenched habit? I would arrive early, before Chapter had begun and criss-cross across the front as many times, quickly, as I could. It stuck in my head and feet. I am still learning.

> HERITAGE #154 - DENVER Laura Scheiberg, PM - Reporter

Happy Birthday

An excerpt from 1992, the Centennial Year of Eastern Star in Colorado book: *"Instituted in the American Heritage Diamond*

Jubilee year, the new Chapter was named "Heritage." Vernon Bensenberg, Worthy Grand Patron instituted the Chapter February 27, 1967, in Radiant Temple. Worthy Grand Matron Ruth Snapp Rathburn was present, along with many of the Grand Officers. Margaret Pierce, Worthy Grand Matron constituted Heritage No. 154, September 30, 1967, soon after Grand Chapter approved the Charter. Worthy Grand Patron Robert Collier and all Grand Officers, except one were in attendance and assisted. Velma Teter was the first Worthy Matron and Ronald Rutter was the first Worthy Patron. Meetings were first held in a school gymnasium, but soon members of Friendship Lodge, AF&AM, purchased a small church building, remodeled it into a Masonic Temple, and Heritage Chapter now meets in this Temple, which holds

130. Sometimes, the Chapter finds it necessary to seek a larger building, especially when the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron is one



of its members. As Colorado Grand Chapter celebrates their Centennial year, Heritage will celebrate their 25th year.

Happy 56th Birthday, Heritage Chapter!

Get On Your Feet, Colorado OES!

Join Heritage Chapter for our upcoming Bowl-A-Thon benefitting Freedom Service Dogs!

Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 1 PM Moe's Original Barbecue – Englewood 3295 S Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113

Get ready for some fun while bowling and raising money for Freedom Service Dogs! \$50 (we will accept more!) in pledges gets your shoes rented, lineage fees, and wings - you have to purchase



your own beverages. There will be door prizes and awards for bowling excellence - plus a presentation by a Freedom Service Dog representative, complete with a Service Dog! This event is open to family and friends; and if you cannot bowl, you are encouraged to support a bowler with pledges. Please RSVP to Beth Shiplett by February 11, 2023. biomedbeth@yahoo.com or 720-686-1679. *Please bring cash or checks (made out to Heritage #154).



Come join us for Eastern Star Night with the Nuggets on Saturday March 25th. If we sell 80 tickets, we will be able to present the United States flag prior to the game as well as have an

information table. This is a great opportunity to promote our organization. Pass the link on to Masonic Lodges, Amaranth, our youth groups, etc. Tickets can be ordered at:

https://nuggets.spinzo.com/denver-nuggets-vsmilwaukee-bucks-2023-03-25-

XFVZM?group=colorado-order-of-the-eastern-starhbvd

If you have any questions contact Karen Wilson at 303-985-5572.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 - FOUNTAIN EUie Brooks, PM - Reporter

Bowl-A-Thon Pledge Form

Please fill out one form per pledge

 Name

 Address

 City _______

 State ______

 Zip

Pledge Amount \$

Please return pledge form no later than Thursday February 11, 2023 to: Heritage Chapter #154 c/o Beth Shiplett 700 S Alton Way, #2D, Denver CO 80247 biomedbeth@yahoo.com Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 - Dark in July and August, as well as the second meeting in September and December.

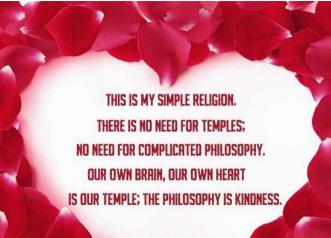
We all had a nice holiday season and are looking forward to getting back into the swing of meetings. On February 5th we will be honoring our brothers during the meeting night and invite all our brothers to our chapter.

On January 13th our own Associate Conductress, Melinda Lingley participated in the National Western Stock Show with the AI Kaly Mule Train and the EI Jebel drovers during the annual Shriners night at the National Western Stock Show.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone when travels resume and hope this finds you all well and healthy.

Fountain Valley #155 Associate Conductress Lady Melinda Lingley at the NWSS





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In the NWSS Arena- the El Jebel Drovers and Al Kaly Mule Train

Bill Carlson and Sharon Law presenting the Bible





METRO #157 - DENVER Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

The members of Metro #157 are enjoying lots of opportunities to gather with each other and our extended families. The Chapter regularly hosts a potluck on fifth Sundays (like the 29th of January!) at the Pick-A-Dilly, to which we invite our friends, our families, and prospective members who would like to get to know us better. This is also a great opportunity for us to spend time with our members who live at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus. In addition, we will be having a potluck at 6:00 p.m. before our February 10th meeting, and will encourage our families and others to join us. Members of other Chapters are always welcome to join us as well, whether or not you're able to stay for the meeting to follow. What a fun way to get to know each other in a relaxing environment! Even better, we are excited that we will have an initiation at our meeting afterward to bring a new member into our Chapter. We will also celebrate our Chapter's 20th Birthday on February 19th with a catered dinner.

Our Worthy Matron, Gladine Dracon, is reminding us in all our dealings, both within the Order and without, to "Be A Star". One of the ways we do this is to share our love and caring in every way we can. We support our Sisters and Brothers in their joys and their sorrows, extending a hand or just a kind word when needed. We continue (as we will all year) to collect clean plastic bags (grocery or larger) 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. A large bag is located in our dining room at Radiant Temple to collect these, and an explanation is posted on our bulletin board to share the information with other groups who use our building.

We also have a new philanthropic project; we will be collecting stamps to send to "Stamps For The Wounded". Stamps For The Wounded (SFTW) is a service organization dedicated to providing comfort and stimulating activity to U.S. veterans through stamp collecting. SFTW sends donated postage stamps and other philatelic material and supplies to wounded, ill, and isolated veterans since 1942. They pay for the cost of the shipping the stamps to them and send out statements when they receive the stamps for our recognition and records.

Stamps collected can be new sheets or from a roll, used from the United States or any other country. Computer-generated postage labels, Postal stationary, envelopes with pre-printed "stamps" and aerograms (a sheet of light paper folded and sealed to form a letter for sending by airmail) are all acceptable. They can also use covers, album pages, mounts, hinges, stock paper, stock books, perforation gauges, tongs, and Philatelic literature such as catalogs and reference books.

We are excited to trek up to Westminster to respond at Loyalty's Pentalpha Shining Stars meeting on February 23rd. It will give us a quick refresher and update before we host our own on March 10th!



Loyalty #145 Souper Bowl

February 11th 4:00 till 7:00 8151 Bradburn Drive Westminster



Enjoy all the soup and chili you can eat



Plus desserts galore \$10 Each Don't miss out RSVP to Marlene 303-885-4512 The Members of Garden City Chapter #3 Cordially invites 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 3209 Grenache Street; Greeley, CO 80634-8943 <u>zlawth@hotmail.com</u> 970-302-1157 CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, WM Kent Craven, WP

PENTALPHA SHINING STARS CLUB

Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Denver and Colorado.

We held our first meeting of 2023 today February 1, 2023 and it was decided to hold our next meeting at the Blue Bonnet Cafe on May 3, 2023.

I have made a reservation for 11:30 in the morning for our Meeting. The Blue Bonnet Cafe is on 457 § Broadway, Denver, CO 80209

It is just south and on the west side of the street from Broadway and Alameda. Save the Date and come enjoy some Mexican Food with us. Guests and Spouses are welcome as long as they are attending with a Past Matron or Patron.

All Past Matrons and Past Patrons are welcome to Join the Club.

Wayne Wells, President

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Dear members,

The Grand Representatives Club will be having a meeting on Saturday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Black Eyed Pea at 104th and I-25. The manager, Angie is excited to have us eat here.. They have a great senior menu, good food, and great service. We will be discussing our bylaws which has been redone. Bring an interesting fact about the state you have represented or currently representing. See you there!!!

President, Imogene Musso



February Meeting When: February 4th at 9 am Where: Grand Chapter Office 2495 South Quebec Street, # 60 Denver, Colorado 80231

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

CONGRATULATIONS

WGP Gary had the honor to surprise Sister Marian Rogers, WM AREME #124, with a Grand Representative appointment to Ontario.

She was over joyed and said that she didn't think she would ever be appointed to this prestigious honor.

She and Ric are already making plans to visit their Grand Chapter Session. Safe Travels, Marian and we hope you have a wonderful experience. We gather with Loving Hearts To celebrate the life of Valerie Grundvig



Valerie's Memorial held at Radiant Temple

Sister Valerie was a member of 14 Grand Families. In ten of

Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chapter of Colorado Order of the Eastern Star

Willis Grundvig, PGP, Sunshine Chapter #53 and Friends Invite you to join us on

Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 pm At the Masonic Consistory 2400 Consistory Court; Grand Junction

There will be a light lunch at 1:00 before the ceremony and time to share your thoughts and memories of our beloved sister and member.

Please RSVP if possible so that we have enough refreshments.

enelms1228@charter.net or nancy.eriksen@yahoo.com.

those families, Valerie served as Grand Secretary. A member of each of the 14 families gave a beautiful yellow rose tribute in honor of Valerie. She loved yellow roses. By the request of Brother Willis, a yellow rose bush will be planted at the RRESMC, in the spring in memory of Valerie. Members of the "Hearts in Harmony" Grand Family and AREME #124 exemplified the Eastern Star Memorial Service. Several members shared memories of Valerie.





MEMORIES

Submitted by Gaylene Alton

Gosh another year is here already - I didn't get all I wanted to get done last year so just have to do t this year if I have the energy. ENERGY is a big word I think, seems like when you are young you have more than you need and when you get OLDER you don't have enough. That really doesn't make any sense does it? Oh well, I ran out of it and gonna stick with it. So if I get things done good and if I don't oh well, just ran out of energy!

This month is a happy month I think, Valentines Day is a funny day for me. Let me tell you, before I got married and in school we had so much fun getting Valentines ready for school and that one special person got the best Valentine I could find. Then off to school in Wayne, Nebraska and My Daddy made sure I had a good Valentines day as he sent a lovely card and candy that we all enjoyed. Then when Don and I got married I was so excited to see what he got me for Valentines day. Me??? I fixed him a lovely pair of under ware with a lovely heart I cut out of red material and sewed it on the under ware and I was so proud I had done that and gave it to him and he was glad and happy to receive it. ME? He got me nothing I was so disappointed in him as I even had fixed a nice dinner for us. Well on the 15th day after Valentines Day he brought me a big box of Candy, Red Roses and perfume and a lovely card. When he gave them to me he said "I am sorry you didn't get this yesterday on Valentines Day but I knew everything would be on Sale today so I waited and got them today as knew yesterday it would cost more. So every time Valentines came around I got my present the next day but after we had our 50th anniversary he got me a present and gave it to me on Valentines Day and said he guessed we could afford it now. But you know I will always cherish the day after as it mend a lot to me and still does. By the way the shorts with the heart on it had a big rip in the middle of the heart when they got to the laundry. I ask why he cut a hole in them and he said "Well you covered up the slit in the shorts and I needed a hole so I made one" Leave it to good O'L Don to find a reason! He was so funny and his humor was always fun!

I have been busy going to 2 chapters but we have fun in both of them and being A/C at Dawn has brought a lot of fun. Things are so diffrent than they were before and I am finding I like the old ways better. I had to introduce the men instead of the Conductress doing it and I forgot so we just stood their and the WM as me to introduce the men. I was so surprised I did it but not sure I did it right. We all got a laugh at the way if went but worked out Bye the way it was the WGP and I fine. called him Mr Wonderful as it surprised me then got his name right and away we went. We had a mock initiation and the candidate went out when I did and I forgot to tell her to stay there, that I would be back and she came in with me and had to leave. What a time I have but I do my best and when I went back out I explained to her what was happening and all went well. Then we had a mock initiation at Areme and I did my part good and I was so happy with me and everyone else. I had Adah memorized and it was fun doing it as I have not done initiation in a long time and was glad it went well. Being active in 2 chapters is fun and yet it keeps a mind working but that is good, I miss being Secretary at Hope as it was a busy job but now I find I am very relaxed and enjoying doing what I am doing. Think I will be a perinate Adah and A/C I love both parts and look forward to the rest of the year.

Star is such a good thing in my life and so glad Don and I got involved in such a good origination and such great people. Our first Chapter was Lakewood #139 and what wonderful years we had with them, then we moved to Bennett and went to Hope#122 and what a fun time they were and we had such fun working with them. Then after a few years life took a turn and My Don went home to Heaven and not long after his passing we had to close the chapter in Bennett. NOW I am in Dawn and Areme and having a good time with these two wonderful chapters, Julia and I have been accepted with open arms in both chapters and we know most of the people and feel right at home. They say we are going to get a lot of snow today so went to town and got what I need as not leaving this place with snow so deep and too many out on the streets they don't need me. I now have one of those medical alert devices and when I leave and come back it alerts my son and he calls to see what

I am up too so can't get by with anything these days unless I leave it at home like I did today and both kids yelled at and said that is why I have it so WEAR it. So guess who has it on now? Disgusting Kids!

Ya all have wonderful rest of January and a good February and Happy Days for all! Me I am going to clean off my desk, balance my check book and maybe dust a little, then again the dusting can wait it isn't that deep. Did you know: Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips - Yet you can tip toe but not tipfinger. Think about it!! Live is a kick so have fun.



Notes from the Board of Directors

Submitted by Patsy Troutner, PM #158 Member of the Board

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to preserve the records of the Grand Chapter.

Currently most of these records are paper documents stored in a tremendous number of filing cabinets at the Grand Chapter Office. Paper documents such as these may deteriorate over time or be destroyed by floods, fires or other disasters. Many of the records are handwritten and date back almost 100 years. These older documents are very fragile, and in many cases are the only record of the information.

For the past several years, the Board has been discussing how to protect and preserve these records. It is felt that the best way to accomplish this would be to scan these documents into electronic data files. At the request of the Board, our IT person, George Benson has developed an initial project plan. This will be a multi-year project and accomplishing it will require help from the membership.

On Saturday January 22nd the OES Board of Directors held a Retreat at the Grand Chapter office. The Board began the first steps of identifying the different categories of records and determining the best way to organize them electronically, so they are easily retrievable. More recent documents may be scanned by a multi-page scanner into PDF files. However, older more fragile documents will need to be scanned by hand. In addition, many of these older documents are on index cards or non-standard sized paper and will require special attention. The Board will keep you informed as we move forward on this project.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Gr. Chaplain, Brandon Duncan's presentation at a few OV's I've been able to attend was inspiring! My reaction as I was listening to his speech was wow, something needs to happen. The flyer here is my mustard seed and the purpose of this event is threefold:

- 1. Create an event where ALL Masonic bodies can come together to learn about each other but most importantly to bring potential members for each organization to show them that the Masonic Family can have fun!!!
- 2. Support the WGM/WGP's Fisher House charity project. I have asked the Southern Colorado chapters to work together for this event as one big event should hopefully have a big result! Donations received at this event will go to the Fisher House as this is not a fundraising event for any chapter.
- 3. Have a ton of fun. If you can't have fun when there's going to be lots of chocolate, some wine tasting to pair with chocolate and a LIVE jazz/big band you can DANCE to where the cost is by donation if you feel like it then I'm clueless!

Now, all that's needed is for the word to get out and build enthusiasm. Feb 24th 7p.m.-9.p.m 1150 Panorama Masonic Center Colorado Springs. Please invite your potential members! Please contact me if you'd like a digital copy of the flyer to send to anyone you think I may not have invited. Fraternally,

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FEBRUARY 24, 2023 MASONIC CENTER 1150 PANORAMA DRIVE 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

SOUTHERN COLORADO EASTERN STAR CHAPTERS CENTENNIAL #58, FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155, SNOWFLAKE #153, PUEBLO #7

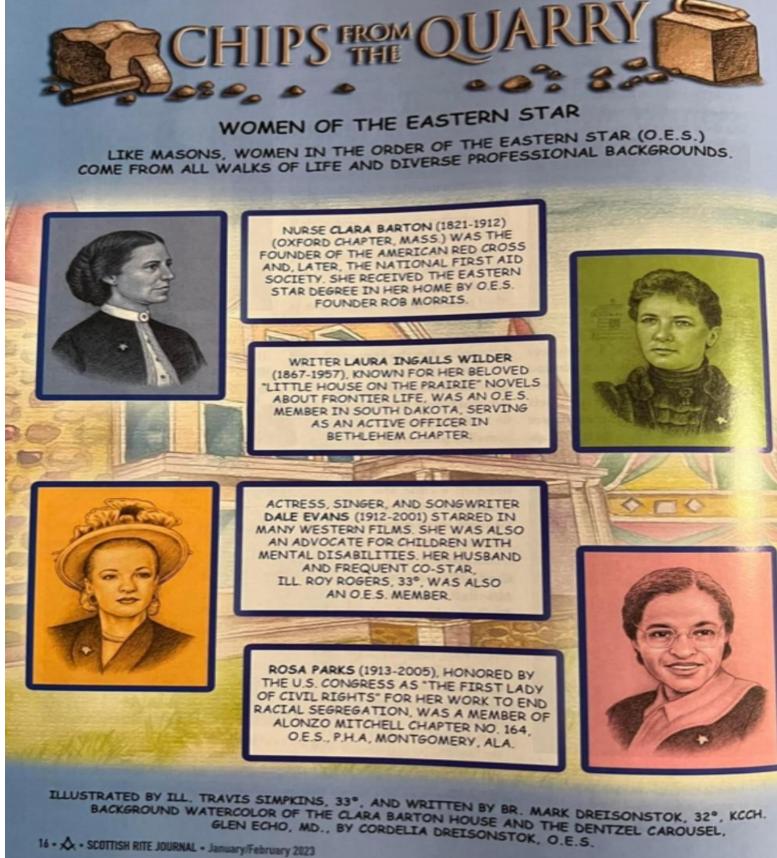
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THIS IS AN OPEN EVENT FOR NEW POTENTIAL MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES AND A COOPERATIVE FUN EVENT BETWEEN ALL MASONIC BODIES

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ESTARL Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership

Submitted by CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, GGCCM - ESTARL

The order of the Eastern Star is looking to help people who are interested in preparing for roles in religious leadership.

Financial awards are made to students preparing for leadership in fields of religious service including:

- Ministers
- Missionaries
- Directors of Church Music
- Director of Religious Education
- Directors of Youth Leadership

The money is used primarily for tuition, but may be used for books, room, board, or medical aid. The student is free to select the School of her or his choice which has an accredited course in the selected field of religious services. Schools must be accredited by The Association of Theological Schools. hhtp://www.ata.edu

Eligible applicants apply for the ESTARL Scholarship by using the Application form found on our website:

https://oes-colorado.org

The ESTARL Committee determines the amounts of the scholarship on the basis of funds available, number of applicants, and need of the individuals.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, but recipients are encouraged to reapply in following year(s).

If you know of someone who falls in the above categories, encourage them to apply for our Grand Chapter ESTARL scholarship.

As the General Grand Chapter Committee Member for ESTARL, I would ask that your Chapter consider making a donation to the Grand Chapter ESTARL fund. Perhaps, your Chapter would consider doing a "Bill Drill" under Good of the Order. Maybe ask every member of your Chapter to donate \$5.00 for every T.V. they have in their house or 5 cents for every light bulb. Be creative, have fun. Maybe have a dine out fundraiser. Every dollar donated will go directly to the ESTARL Fund and be used only for the purpose of awarding deserving, qualified students scholarship to assist in their expenses. If you have any questions, please contact me, CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad 970-396-3364 asap4sure@gmail or our Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee:

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