

A-U-2 Review



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2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I traveled across our state and to others this past year, I encountered both kind and unkind people when stopping at gas stations and restaurants. I carried my kindness cards with me and if I found someone (like a waitress or cashier) who was rude, impatient or frustrated, I would give them a card. I also would hand a card to those who were kind, friendly and helpful. In either case, it reminded them that kindness is needed in this harsh world.

Here is a firsthand anonymous account of kindness that "made a difference".

A couple of years ago, I stumbled off the subway in Upper Manhattan, exhausted after a long and stressful day at work, dreaming about the warmth of my bed. I stopped in a 7/11 on the way to my apartment to buy a bag of popcorn (treat yourself!). A man about three times my size stood in front of me at the register buying a pack of cigarettes and turned toward me, telling me I looked tired. I smiled uncomfortably and became noticeably more alert, as a young woman does when a strange man starts talking to her at night.

Cont' Page 2 Beth



Greetings,

What a wonderful month July has been. Beth and I were introduced at the Masonic Band Camp Concert on July 3rd. It always amazes me how over 100 students from across the state come together and in 3 days, they learn & memorize music, learn how to march in formation with a routine and can put on a fantastic concert. 3 days!! Wow!! Brother Marvin Feldman celebrated his 20th year with the Camp. His vision came to fruition and after 20

years, has decided to retire and turn over the reins. Congratulations to Brother Marvin and wife, Marlene for your dedication.

I was so proud to be among the 24 Colorado members who ventured to Scottsbluff, NE for a joint meeting at Sister Cathe Markell's primary Chapter – Dome Rock. Thank you Cathe, for coordinating this event. At the Monday night banquet, we enjoyed delicious food and wonderful fellowship with our NE sisters and brothers. Then Dome Rock members entertained us with a lovely 'fashion' show. It was hilarious. Our own Brother Robert Walker and 2 NE members led us in a sing-a-long. The evening was only the beginning of a great visit. On Tuesday, after a laughter filled breakfast at the hotel, many of the visitors went on a sight seeing tour of the area that

Cont' Page 2 Gary

He turned toward the cashier and said that he was going to get my snack too. I politely declined and was already pulling out my wallet, but this man wouldn't allow me to say no. He handed the cashier a couple of extra dollars to cover my popcorn and told me that he hoped my night got better. He walked out of the store and I never saw him again.

The world could use a little more kindness. It's so easy to get caught up in your own routine and everyday personal worries that sometimes we just don't remember to tune into those around us. The simple act of kindness of the man who paid for the popcorn, should inspire us to pay it forward to others who look like they could use a hand. What a simple gesture it was, to pay for a bag of popcorn. And yet, to the young lady, it probably was the best thing that happened to her that day. It feels great to be kind, so it's a win-win!

Sisters and Brothers, be kind to one another. Even just a smile could make the world of difference to another. Remember – You NEVER have to apologize for being kind.

Be Kind - *Beth*



ended with a trip to Dairy King. That night we enjoyed a wonderful meeting. We later found out that the WM was a first timer AND this was her very first meeting after being installed. Wow!!

From Scottsbluff, CherylAnn and I took a little non Eastern Star vacation trip to Wisconsin. We spent 4 glorious days at a campground, just sitting around a campfire – doing absolutely nothing. Temperatures were in the high 70s, with a gentle breeze and an occasional rain shower. It was a time for us to rejuvenate & recharge to prepare for Grand Chapter.

It has been a great year and I look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Session in September. Even though deadlines are September 1, remember to make your reservations for the banquets and hotel as soon as you can. **Legislation will be addressed at the Friday afternoon session.** Very important matters will be voted on at this time. The amendments can be found on the website. Please read them and talk to the proposers if you have questions, so that you can be prepared to vote for the Good of the Order.

Election of our future leaders will be on Saturday morning. Letters of Intent have been submitted by:

Associate Grand Conductress -

Cathe Markell, #157 and Karen Wilson, #154

Grand Sentinel –

Herb Carr, #85

Board of Directors –

Dan Brooks, #155; Alex McIntosh, #154 & #124 and Alene Childs, #1

Grand Treasurer –

No one has submitted their name yikes!

If you are interested in any one of these offices, please submit your letter of intent and resume (for the Board) to our Grand Secretary.

I wish everyone a wonderful rest of your summer. Be safe and have fun. *Gary*



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Colorado 2 hosted a real party for its last meeting on June 27. Sister Sharon Parrish, AGM, was present for the meeting. At that meeting we honored Sisters Pat McCollum, Judy Epperson, Phyllis Everitt and Betty Roeder and Brothers Steve Everitt and J. Robert Roeder, who were all presented with their 50 year pins. Receiving her 25 year pin, was Sister Charlotte Hood. These members shared special highlights of their OES careers.

WM Loretta McIlhenney recounted the service of Colorado 2 and to the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

Election was held and Betty Benson and George Benson will be WM & WP of our Chapter for 2024. Colorado #2 is on vacation for July and August.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

Like most Chapters, Garden City is dark for July and August, so there is not too much to report.

We are gearing up for our major annual fundraiser, with a food booth at Greeley's Arts Picnic in Lincoln Park – downtown Greeley. There will be over 175 booths of artisans coming from near and far to show off their talents and sell their beautiful creations. There will be anything from stained glass, woodworking, yard art, household items and more.

Hours: Saturday 9:00 am – 5 pm and Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Come see Garden City in the food court. We sell sloppy joes and tons of homemade baked goods.

On August 19, our Hall Association will host their annual Corn Feed fundraiser. Menu: Fried Chicken, variety of salads, brownies for dessert and of course

fresh locally grown corn on the cob. 11:30 – 1:00. Please join us. Come early and take time to peruse our parking lot garage sale.

Not much illness or distress. However, Brother Larry Moody seems to be gaining control of his balance issues and Sister Genie Meyer is holding her own. Sister Pam Park's cancer numbers have stabilized and is on a low dosage of maintenance chemo. Please keep Sister Elizabeth Spangler in your prayers as she will have cataract surgery on both eyes on the 27th.

Sister Maude O'Connell and Brother Gary Lindblad were elected to the East for the ensuing year. Plans are well underway and it looks to be another great year for our Chapter.

Our Chapter wishes the best for Beth and Gary as they are making their final plans for their Grand Session. It's a busy time of year for them and I have no doubt that as we watch the frogs and Holstein calves walk into the sunset, Beth and Gary will reflect on their journey as a fun and successful Grand Year to add to the history book of Colorado.



PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Hi all - Happy Summer

✨🌟☀️🌟🌟🌟 Congratulations 🌟🌟🌟
to our newly elected line officers

WM: Glenda Renoux

WP: Rick Calhoun

AM: Marie Elizabeth

AP: Ralph Newby

Conductress: Mary Beth Walker Messer

Assoc Cond: Cara Cancel

Some are seasoned vets, others are newbies. Either way it will be an amazing year.

Pueblo 7 is usually pretty quiet during the summer except for the occasional practice and summer

picnic 🍔 🌭. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you all at Grand Session.

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Hoping you all are having “FUN in the SUN”

The June 27th meeting was well attended. We had balloting on two petitions for membership and two affiliation memberships. We accepted the two affiliation petitions and welcomed Chuck and D’Ann Downing, who are formally from Leadville #2 and 17 yr. members. We are thrilled they have decided to be a part of Collins #26. We also balloted on two new petitions for membership. Taryn Clark and Shantel Lopez were successfully accepted to receive the degrees on July 11 at 7:30 pm.

The next order of business was to decide on officers for the ensuing year. Sarilyn Stein accepted a second term as Worthy Matron and Gary Stein accepted a second term as Worthy Patron. Lydia Shelley was elected Assoc. Matron and Roger Cornet was elected Assoc. Patron. Becky Huffman agreed to do another term as Secretary, and Janet Malara, will be in the Treasurer’s position again. At this time we are without a Conductress or Assoc. Conductress but that is subject to change.

On July 11, our chapter held Initiation for Taryn Clark and Shantel Lopez. It was a very hot day outside and our chapter room is not air-conditioned, so we got the ceiling fans running and it wasn’t too bad.

All our officers performed their parts beautifully and we had live accompanying music by Sonja Mast. Our two initiates were happy and intent on the speeches during our ceremony and we are so glad they have come into our chapter. After our meeting we enjoyed a delicious “Welcome” cake with fruit and meat trays.

We are going to be having a chapter Picnic on August 27th at 2pm at the Parkwood Club House in Ft. Collins, and we are encouraged to bring non-members to enjoy the friendship and food.

The next Collins #26 meeting will be September 12th and our Installation of Officers will be held on September 17 at the Collins Masonic Temple at 1 pm. It will be an open Installation so family members can attend.



From left to right are: Shantel Lopez; Taryn Clark; Sarilyn Stein, WM; Gary Stein, WP; D’Ann Downing; and Chuck Downing

WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

Summer has arrived in Waunita Chapter, and what a busy time we’ve had. What a wonderful time was had by several of our members at the Colorado/New Mexico exchange. A wonderful dinner was served in Durango, and a square dance by our own Ken Ashwood was enjoyed by all. NM did an initiation of a real candidate in Aztec during the following day. Many friendships were renewed, and several new ones made.

A few of us were able to attend Nebraska’s Grand Chapter, and like the CO/NM exchange many friendships were renewed and new ones made. On return from NE, we were able to attend Metro’s OV and Fountain Valley’s OV. They were a lot of fun, and numerous people attended.

Next on the agenda was the Colorado # 2 OV in Leadville. The meal was good, the presentations were fun, and the meeting was very well done. To finish out the trip, Ken & Kathy were able to attend the Golden Gleaners meeting at Excelsior. Their fun event was playing Jeopardy with questions about WGM Beth & WGP Gary.

Finally, some of us attended the Homecoming of the WGM. They had a really nice meal and a great meeting. It was a wonderful day.

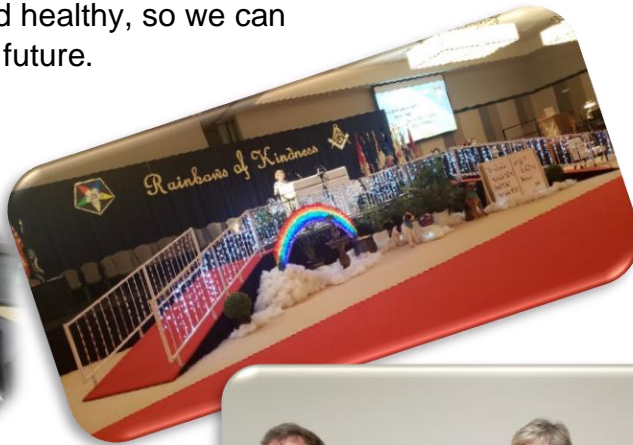
And now the fun of summer has arrived. The first School of Instruction was conducted at Loyalty and overseen by next year's Grand Lecturer, Rebecca Walker. Both Sharon Parrish – WGM elect & Ken Ashwood – WGP elect, had the full initiatory work performed. The incoming Grand Officers did a marvelous job. Waunita Chapter is very proud to have our own member, Melissa Robinson appointed as next year's Grand Adah.

The second School of Instruction was held in Montrose, and our WM, Claressa Brigham was also able to attend. Both Schools of Instruction were packed houses.

The Ashwood family was able to celebrate Father's Day by going to the 100th National Marbles Tournament in Wildwood, NJ. Melissa Robinson is a National Marbles Champion and participated in the Alumni Tournament. They had a fun time.

Please stay safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.

Picture recap:



SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Greetings from the Sunny Western Slope! It was such fun to have so many of you join us for the School of Instruction! We are certain that AGM Sharon and AGP Ken and their Appointed Grand Officers really appreciated your loving support. They did their work well and we learned a lot. The luncheon provided by Silver Star was also greatly appreciated. And, it is always fun to visit with our Sisters and Brothers from all around Colorado. Many had not been to the Western Slope.

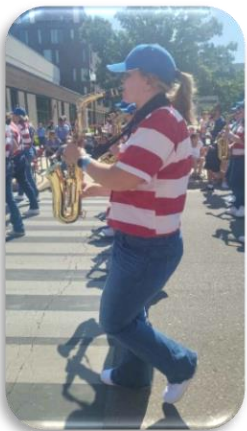
The following Monday evening, PM Beth and Ross Allen, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado as well as Betty Chapman, welcomed OES Members, Masons and friends to their Back Yard Picnic. It was lovely and the food was wonderful. This Paonia Picnic has been well attended for a number of years and it is always fun to see our Sisters and Brothers. Our newest 50 year member, Gladys Carpenter was able to attend and that made it special for us all.

Later that week, Beth and Betty were able to visit Vauna Lee Jacobs to present her with her 75 year pin!

Congratulations to both of these ladies.

We are happy to report that WM Connie Pittenger returned from Denver with positive success. She is now getting back to her regular routine. We are all thankful that it went well for her.

Sky Pearce, daughter of AC Amee Pearce-Waldvogle had a wonderful time at Band Camp. She reported that it was a great experience and she can't wait to do it again next year. We are



proud of you Sky! Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Ross and Beth Allen as they also celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary just after the Annual Picnic. An Open House attended by friends and relatives helped them celebrate.

Other Happy News! PGM Marcia and PGP Bill Carlson will be moving to Montrose on August 1st. They are already members of Silver Star #40 but now they can be ACTIVE members. This is indeed happy news. We promise to take good care of them! We know they will miss their friends on the Eastern Slope. So, ya'all come visit us! Chapter meetings are the first and third Thursday's at 7:30 pm. Along with that, they are gifting her digital piano to our Chapter! What a wonderful gift! Very much appreciated.

All of our members who were ailing are slowly recovering. PGM Cindy and Len Wardlaw even celebrated their 54th anniversary! Congratulations Kids! PGP Keith and Shelley Hoey will be leaving for Alaska on a cruise later this month to celebrate their 50th Anniversary! Bon Voyage! Keith, has been released to go back to work and drive. He will see his doctor again in September and hopefully, then he will be released.

And of course, our Open Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, September 16th at 2 pm. Ashley & Scott Krebs are planning a great year!

We hope you are all enjoying your summer. It certainly is going by in a flash! We will see you all along the OES Road in September.

EDITH #61 - YAMPA

Debra Knott, PM - Reporter



Summer is full of activities and fun for the members of Edith Chapter #61 in Yampa. The grass is green and the water is abundant this year; thanks to the old fashion winter we had. There is still snow on the Flat Tops.

The first activity for us was the Community Award we give each year at the Community Picnic on July 3rd. This award is presented along with a



monetary gift to an individual or individuals who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our community. This year the award went to Jay and Shiloh Whaley for their dedication to our youth in the FFA program. They are also active in many community activities around South Routt.

One of our fundraisers is our Annual 4th of July Pie sales. This year we sold 240 slices of pie within 3 hours. This takes place after the Yampa Parade at the elementary school along with the community barbeque and fun activities. Many come early and get their pie to eat while watching the parade.

On July 14th, a group of us traveled to Steamboat Springs to present Dolly Frentress with her 70 year pin. She was initiated in Hayden Chapter #99 and was excited to get her pin. We spent some time remembering the "Good Old Days!"



Just a reminder that we are not dark during the summer. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. If you want to get away, we would love to have you visit.

"Kindness is free to give, but priceless to receive.

REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENT

DON'T forget to bring your Chapter's stuffy calf or frog to Grand Chapter. As explained at your OV, please dress up your stuffy. They will be placed near registration for out of state guests to vote on the one they like best. AND also at the same time, they will



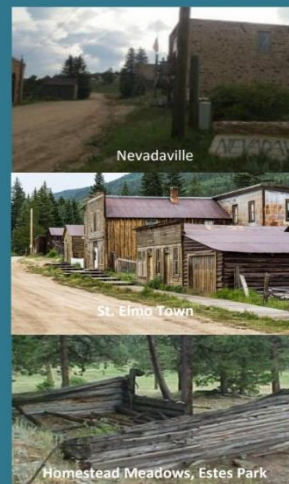
be part of a "Frog/Calf" silent auction. These proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House.

Please do not include your chapter name or number. Bring them to Grand Chapter Wednesday afternoon and they will be assigned an entry number. Again, give them to CherylAnn Wednesday afternoon. Thank you.



EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

You are invited to Excelsior Chapter's
"Colorado Ghost Towns"
 Installation
 Sunday, September 17th at 5:00pm
 Masonic Hall - 630 W Oak Street - Lafayette
 (For additional parking use the Library at the West of the Lodge)
 Worthy Matron elect ~ Jenna MacGregor
 Worthy Patron elect ~ Mike Jones
 Light refreshments will be served following the Installation
 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

On July 3, Donna Haas and Debby Kier help Sister Joan celebrate 70 years of OES membership, at the North home. Manzanita members who were in Harmonaires with Joan and Donna Haas who also attended were Debby Kier, Donna Thomas, Jane and Larry Wullbrandt, and René Ballinger. Congrats from all the Manzanita Harmonaires!

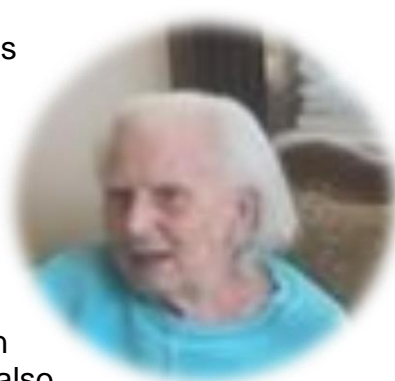
Dawn Chapter 125 WM Kay Finnerty made the presentation. Fellow Dawn Chapter members Sue Schultz, and Frank Hathorn also extended good wishes.



It was so nice to see Sister Joan again and get to visit. She broke a hip last September and has been recovering. We had a wonderful visit and exchanged news of our chapters. Joan played piano for years for Harmonaires, for Dawn Chapter, and Grand Chapter. It was a wonderful visit.

The family of Donna Haas invited members of Manzanita to join them in celebrating Donna's 90th birthday at Littleton United Methodist Church on July 8. Donna's birthday was July 1. Happy Belated Birthday to Donna. On July 20, 3Ms went out to lunch.

Remember Manzanita Merry Makers or Merry Mischief Makers—but not troublemakers. We went to Zane's Bistro on South Yosemite. Believe it or not, lunch for two for \$15. That seemed like a real bargain, but I can



remember—no I won't go there. Kathy Sullivan, Joe Kier, Tom and Mary Robyn, and Jane and Larry

Wullbrandt were there and had a great lunch and fun company.

On the 29th of July, we will be having our Chapter picnic at the home of our Associate Conductress, Angela Tolar. More on that later.

We are really having fun at our "social enjoyments."



DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter



Several of the Harmonaires joined Sue Schultz, Frank Hathorn, and Kay Finnerty on July 3 to present Sister Joan North with her 70 year certificate and pin.

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Krista Shaner, PM - Reporter

The following were elected to serve Loyalty #145 for the 23-24 term

Jan Schneider, Worthy Matron
James Heylmann, Worthy Patron
Jodi Muser, Associate Matron
Mark Short, Associate Patron
Lynn Brown-Jones, Secretary
Sally Skiver, Treasurer
Ardie Dunlap, Conductress
Cati Hosley, Associate Conductress

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron elect will be hosting a "Kick Off" dinner on August 3rd at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. The main dish will be provided by Jan and Jim. Salads, desserts, and other side dishes are to be provided by those attending. There will be no practice that night.

PEACHES Reminder:

These peaches come from Palisade and we have worked with the same grower for many years. You will NOT find sweeter, juicier or larger peach in the grocery store. Last year's peaches were almost the size of a softball. All orders must be in by Tuesday August 22, 2023. Please contact Ardi Dunlap @303.278.2600 or Ann Tiff @303.422.1574. They will be delivered to the Westminster Masonic Center and must be picked up on Saturday September 2, 2023.

Loyalty is honored to have Jane Rivette and Jan Schneider serving as Grand Officers with Nancy Cayer and Mark Short as their escorts. There are other members of Loyalty that will also be active with the up and coming Grand Session. We wish them safe travels and we are looking forward to honoring them in our meetings. I also know that they would love to see any of the Sisters and Brothers of Loyalty at some of the Official Visits of other Chapters.

Safe travels and have some fun along the way.



METRO #157 - DENVER

Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

Bittersweet moments at Metro #157: Our Chapter has voted to give up our charter and affiliate with Areme Chapter. This is never an easy decision for a Chapter, but we had lengthy discussions and looked at our options and found this to be the best choice to help our members remain involved and active in the Order. Thank you to those who researched information and all who gave time and consideration to determine our best path forward.

The members of Areme have voted to welcome us with open arms, and we look forward to settling into that group. As they meet in our same building - and we have a number of members in common - it will be an easy adjustment and we hope will leave the group stronger going forward. The Grand Officers will assist us with an affiliation ceremony on August 12th at 2:00 pm at Radiant Temple. We are looking forward to this symbolic joining of our two chapters into one bigger and better one!

The KINDness Song

Lyrics by Barbara Gruener

It's so cool to be kind,
It starts right here with me.
Just cool to be kind;
Sprinkle kindness and see.
It's way cool to be kind
Bucket Fillers we'll be.
Hey friend, it really is
cool to be kind!



Mt. Zion, Chapter #133

August

Special Encore Presentation

****Esther****

Everyone is Welcome! Bring your family & friends!

**"All you can eat Pancake Breakfast"
With Movie afterwards!**

Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Breakfast 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

&

Movie 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

at

The Golden Masonic Center, 400 10th Street, Golden, CO.



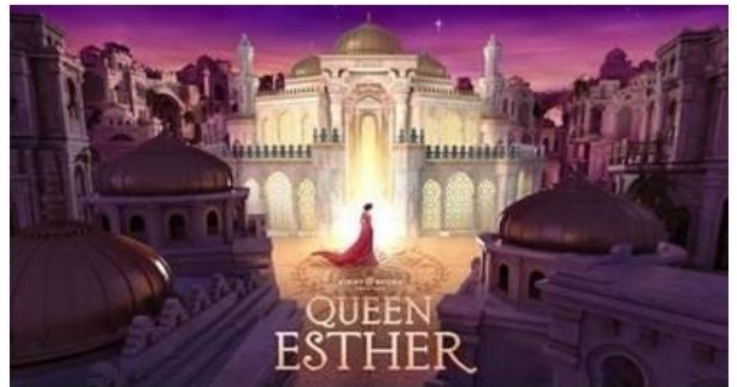
With potatoes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, cocoa, milk & orange juice

Donations:

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

Children 8 - 12 yrs - \$5.00 ea.

Children 5 yrs & under - Free!



Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, **QUEEN ESTHER** is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. **Esther's** ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in **God's** plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this?

Come enjoy breakfast and stay for a Movie!

Have a bag of popcorn, a cup of coffee or a soda as you join us for these special movies

(If you are serving as Queen Esther, you won't want to miss this production!)



We have seen The Star in The East

...as members of the Order of the Eastern Star we believe...

We Believe in the eternal Light, Truth, Wisdom and Guidance of a Supreme Being that rules the Universe for good.

We Believe in our nation, our fellow citizens, and ourselves, and that we have been brought here to these various roles on the road of life, in this place and time, for a purpose.

We Believe the principals of the Order of the Eastern Star of Charity, Truth and Loving- Kindness so closely reflect the Sacred Book of Life that there is no conflict between the two.

We Believe we have the opportunity as Eastern Stars and persons of good will to grow, study, and act our higher principals in our lives and communities.

We Believe The Order of the Eastern Star can be as good as its members want it to be, that we will all be better people, that our Order, our country, and our world will be a better place for our having passed this way.



Submitted by

Lorajeane Current, OES Mt. Zion #133



The Members of Garden City #3
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend
the Open Installation of Officers
on
Saturday, September 9, 2023
at
1:30 pm
Century Masonic Hall
2532 9th Avenue; Greeley, CO

Light refreshments to follow

Maude O'Connell	Gary Lindblad
Worthy Matron - elect	Worthy Patron - elect
Zanna Thurow	
Secretary - elect	

It's Corn on the Cob Time Again!!



The Century
Masonic Hall
Association of
Greeley is again
having its annual
Corn Feed

Fundraiser. All
proceeds will be used for maintenance on
the building and outside area. Saturday,
August 19, 2023 at 2532 9th Avenue,
Greeley, CO from 11:30 am to 1 pm.
Cost is \$12.00. Eat in or take out!
Menu: Fried Chicken, Fresh local Corn on
the Cob, Salads, Brownies & drinks.

**FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Submitted by Betty Roeder & Carol Peck

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to thank all the Sisters & Brothers who have so generously contributed to the Grand Chapter Operating Fund. As of today's deposit, we have received \$22,546 from 92 members. That covers almost 3 months of expenses.

What we really have is a membership problem. If we had 3,000 members, paying \$30 per capita, Grand Chapter would receive \$90,000. We currently have about 1800 members, so at \$20 per member the expected per capita will be 36,000, and our expected expenses remains about \$90,000. That shortfall of \$54,000 must be made up with donations or other sources.

If you haven't already registered for Grand Session, please consider attending the Sept 21-23 2023 Grand Session at the Double Tree, Denver Tech Center. WGM Beth and WGP Gary have made a change for this year's schedule and the legislation will be held on Friday afternoon, September 22. The proposed legislation was sent out to the email group. If you did not receive a copy, it is available at

www.oes-colorado.org/members

home tab. Your chapter secretary can provide you with the login information for the member site. It includes the two proposals to increase per capita, but neither is sufficient to bring per capita close to expenses. What these measures offer are the methods of increases.

1. We can increase per capita, include the IT fee, and provide for a regular annual increase. OR
2. We can increase per capita by a one-time amount. Next year we would need to vote to extend the IT fee, and probably increase dues.

An increase in per capita, will be paid in July, 2024 and may be insufficient to cover expenses. The donations we are receiving and the interest from the Iva Mae Ryan Fund will help get us further down the road. At some point we must come to grips with the revenue or the Grand Chapter of Colorado will need to close. If we all come together, work on membership, support an increase in per capita, and support fund raising efforts, we will ensure the survival of Colorado Grand Chapter.

The Board encourages and recommends that members familiarize themselves with the proposed legislation and attend the Friday afternoon session.
Carol Peck, PM – Member of the Board
Betty Benson, PM – Chairman

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives Club will hold its annual summer meeting at Mt. Zion #133 on August 27. We will meet at 10:00 am to enjoy a wonderful pancake breakfast hosted by Mt. Zion members. At about 11:00, we will hold our meeting where we will honor the "Kindness IS The Key" Grand Family.

We will also discuss the Hospitality Room. All Past and Current Grand Representatives are encouraged to attend. Dues are only \$5.00 and can be sent to CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, Treasurer
11119 CR 76; Windsor, CO 80550-2705

PAST MATRONS & PAST PATRONS

Submitted by Wayne Wells, President

To All Past Matrons and Patrons of Denver and Colorado:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Aug 2, 2023 at the Wishbone Restaurant; 9701 Federal Blvd, Westminster, CO 80260.

We meet for Lunch at 11:30 am and are usually done with our time together by 1:30 pm.

Wishbone restaurant has great food and the company is usually very good!

Send you RSVP to Imogene so we know how many are coming. imohalloweenbaby@yahoo.com

Masonic Band Camp



24 Members traveled to Dome Rock – Scottsbluff



Fashion Show



Sing a long time



A little waffle with a whole lot of cool whip



Hat time



Naughty Boy Table



MEMORIES

Submitted by Gaylene Alton, PM #125

Gosh here it is the middle of July and summer is finally here and in another month will be gone and snow will probably be flying. Can't wait - Not! If I never see heavy snow fall again it will be wonderful, I think it is so pretty when I look out the window but going out in it is something else. Oh, well time will tell and we will enjoy it or not. I have not done much since Chapters are closed, we used to go camping every weekend, Yes, I have done camping in a tent, back of our pickup, then a pop up camper, 5th wheel and we used to have so much fun. The kids always enjoyed going and we didn't have to make reservations we would just put things in the pickup and go and stay where we wanted. I remember one time we were up by Black Hawk in a camp ground this was before gambling took over and I had on a pair of thongs for shoes and I stubbed my toe, Don was so upset with me he took the ax and cut the thongs up. fortunately I took an extra pair of shoes and never have had a pair of rubber thongs again. ha. I was mad at him at the time, but he said Thongs are only for a shower not for camping. He was right darn it and I hobbled around about a week or so with a broken toe. Hated it when he was right. ha. We used to go to the Spanish Peaks and Don could look at them 24 hours and if he had something on his mind he wanted to talk about we went to the Spanish Peaks. Before he passed he wanted to go back but just couldn't make it but always think about them and wish I could go back on one of these days. We have had a lot of fun camping and wish I could do it again, but the 5th wheel sits under a cover and our son Nathan uses it once or twice a year and I go sit in it now and then and have good memories and we use it for guest to sleep in since we don't have room in the house. Probably should sell it but don't think I will, think too much of it. ha. I have had a busy summer so far as of June 1 I became a great grandma and the Grammy is enjoying every minute of it. I get to play with in every day and he is such a cute little boy, I think he is too pretty to be a boy and when I say that he just smiles. He loves me to sing Jesus Loves Me and You Are My Sunshine and No buddy likes me, guess I'll go eat worms and he just smiles and listens so closely to the songs. He is a good boy

and I do have fun with him. His name is Kyler Keith (Keith was Don's middle name) and I call him Toad, cause I toad him secrets and he toad me his. We do have fun. My daughter & g/son are busy working in the yard & so much for them and my son and daughter in law come up and help on my side of the house so all in all they are getting things up to snuff and I can only watch. The mosquitos love me and I am so chewed up, wish I wasn't so loveable! Ha I m going to Omaha the first of August to see my sister in law as she is 97 and think I better go see her as much as I can. We have been friends since I was 10 or 11 so we have a lot of years of friendship and love her dearly. Don and Wendell her husband are both in Heaven together and am sure they are looking down at us wondering what we will be up too. We always have fun together and Don and Wendell just watched and shook their heads and am sure they will be doing it again in August. I am looking forward to seeing Pisgah again although it isn't the town it was when I grew up in and most of the people I knew are in the cemetery but I still like going back and My Daddy's Cafe is still there but it isn't the same either but fun to go back and have good memories. I will be there about 2 weeks and some I graduated with are still around so will be fun seeing them. Ya all have a great summer and I should have put this in for the 4th of July but I still think it is worth reading: WHO EVER DRANK A 5TH ON THE 4TH - PROBABLY COULD NOT DO 4TH ON THE 5TH. HAPPY REST OF JULY AND MORE FUN IN AUGUST. THAT'S ALL FOLKS

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The Black Telephone

Those of us old enough to remember when the phone was wired to the wall, usually in the kitchen, can relate to this story. I loved this read.

When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box.. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer, the pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway.

The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information, please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head.

A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience..

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked "No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could.

"Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math.

She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please," and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-

ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?" She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please."

"Information," said in the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much.

"Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please." Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well.

"Information."

I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying,

"Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle.

A different voice answered, "Information."

I asked for Sally.

"Are you a friend?" she said.

"Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," She said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up, she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne ?" "

"Yes." I answered.

Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you. The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean."

I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others. Whose life have you touched today?