

A-U-2 Review



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2023



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

Sisters and Brothers,

Where has the time gone? Last year at this time, I was looking forward to the Schools of Instruction and meeting all my fellow Sisters and Brothers from all the different Chapters. I cannot tell you how awesome that was for me and Gary. The memories you gave me will never go away. I may not sometimes remember your name, but the smiles and hugs and most of all, your prayers will never be far from my heart. The kindness you showed me and the Grand Family is something we all will remember always. Thank you.

I know you are all trying to figure out in what direction you should head with the letter you received from the Board of Directors. You all know that we need to look in our own lives and decide what the Order means to us. I for myself was very lost before I became active in Eastern Star again. I found a family again. I found a place where I truly felt I belonged. Where I had friends who I could share my sorrow with and my happiness with and believe they were happy for me. So I think in this uncertain time you should ask yourself. "What does the Order mean to me?" and then make your decision from there. I do believe if you keep the good of the Order in your heart, you will definitely know what to do. Each of us has a choice and no matter what anyone tells you, it is your choice and yours alone. Enjoy your summer and I cannot wait to catch up with you in the fall. Remember you never need to apologize for being Kind.

Be Kind Always, *Beth*



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

I thought that after the Homecoming for our WGM, the month of June would 'settle down', but in fact, it was a whirlwind. On June 1, I was humbled to have the Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Allen Ross, present me with my 50 year pin for my years of service in the Masonic Lodge. What a memorable evening it was, starting with a wonderful full spread stuffed Turkey Dinner shared by over 30 members, family and friends. Not only was the Grand Master present, but he

was joined by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lecturer, Grand Tiler, Grand Treasurer



and District Lecturer. Brother Allen allowed CherylAnn to place the pin on my lapel and give a short dedication on my behalf. Memorable – indeed.

The rest of the month is a blur, with a 6 day trip to Indiana Grand Chapter, then off to Trinidad to present Brother Russ Sharpe with his commission to the state of New York. With one day breathing room, we were honored to bring greetings to the DeMolay/Rainbow Grand Session and a week later we extended greetings (cont' page 2 – Gary)

to the Job's Daughters Grand Session, as well.

I also attended the Silent Film Festival at the Estes Park Tower Theater for Excelsior #66's Fundraiser.

I must not forget to Thank the members of Dawn #125 and Heritage #154 for a wonderful homecoming for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Beth. Every detail was to perfection. What a great day.

Next week, on July 3 at 7:00 pm, please join Sister Beth and me, as we will enjoy the Masonic Band Camp Concert to be held at the UNC University Center & Ballrooms 2101 10th Avenue; Greeley. (top of the hill) This concert is amazing as these young men and women join together from all over the state and in only 4 days, prepare not only for this concert, but to march in the Greeley Independence Stampede parade on July 4. This incredible band has taken 1st place in the parade for many, many years. Dr. Mayne and his assistants, volunteer their time to lead these high school students at the camp. Brother Marvin Feldman had quite the vision 19+ years ago. What an accomplishment.

As we approach the 4th of July celebrations, I hope you all stop for a minute or two and truly remember the 'real' reason for this celebratory day. It is just not another day off from work. May you have a wonderful, but safe 4th of July weekend.

Be kind to one another, *Gary*

THE 4TH OF JULY



When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.



On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for

independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations and Traditions

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

7 Events that enraged Colonists and led to the American Revolution

Colonists didn't just take up arms against the British out of the blue. A series of events escalated tensions that culminated in America's war for independence.

The American colonists' breakup with the British Empire in 1776 wasn't a sudden, impetuous act. Instead, the banding together of the 13 colonies to fight and win a war of independence against the Crown was the culmination of a series of events, which had begun more than a decade earlier. Escalations began shortly after the end of the French and Indian War—known elsewhere as the Seven Years War in 1763. Here

are a few of the pivotal moments that led to the American Revolution.

1. The Stamp Act (March 1765)

To recoup some of the massive debt left over from the war with France, Parliament passed laws such as the Stamp Act, which for the first time taxed a wide range of transactions in the colonies.

“Up until then, each colony had its own government which decided which taxes they would have, and collected them,” explains Willard Sterne Randall, a professor emeritus of history at Champlain College and author of numerous works on early American history, including *Unshackling America: How the War of 1812 Truly Ended the American Revolution*. “They felt that they’d spent a lot of blood and treasure to protect the colonists from the Indians, and so they should pay their share.”

The colonists didn’t see it that way. They resented not only having to buy goods from the British but pay tax on them as well. “The tax never got collected, because there were riots all over the place,” Randall says. Ultimately, Benjamin Franklin convinced the British to rescind it, but that only made things worse. “That made the Americans think they could push back against anything the British wanted,” Randall says.

2. The Townshend Acts (June-July 1767)

Parliament again tried to assert its authority by passing legislation to tax goods that the Americans imported from Great Britain. The Crown established a board of customs commissioners to stop smuggling and corruption among local officials in the colonies, who were often in on the illicit trade. Americans struck back by organizing a boycott of the British goods that were subject to taxation and began harassing the British customs commissioners. In an effort to quell the resistance, the British sent troops to occupy Boston, which only deepened the ill feeling.

3. The Boston Massacre (March 1770)

Simmering tensions between the British occupiers and Boston residents boiled over one late afternoon when a disagreement between an apprentice wigmaker and a British soldier led to a crowd of 200 colonists surrounding seven British troops. When the Americans began taunting the British and throwing things at them, the soldiers apparently lost their cool and began firing into the crowd.

As the smoke cleared, three men—including an African American sailor named Crispus Attucks—were dead, and two others were mortally wounded. The massacre became a useful propaganda tool for the colonists, especially after Paul Revere distributed an engraving that misleadingly depicted the British as the aggressors.



4. The Boston Tea Party (December 1773)

The British eventually withdrew their forces from Boston and repealed much of the onerous Townshend legislation. But they left in place the tax on tea, and in

1773 enacted a new law, the Tea Act, to prop up the financially struggling British East India Company. The act gave the company extended favorable treatment under tax regulations to sell tea at a price that undercut the American merchants who imported from Dutch traders.

That didn’t sit well with Americans. “They didn’t want the British telling them that they had to buy their tea, but it wasn’t just about that,” Randall explains. “The Americans wanted to be able to trade with any country they wanted.”

The Sons of Liberty, a radical group, decided to confront the British head-on. Thinly disguised as Mohawks, they boarded three ships in Boston harbor and destroyed more than 92,000 pounds of British tea by dumping it into the harbor. To make the point that they were rebels rather than vandals, they avoided harming any of the crew or damaging the ships themselves, and the next day even replaced a padlock that had been broken. Nevertheless, the act of defiance “really ticked off the British government,” Randall explains. “Many of the East India Company’s shareholders were members of Parliament. They each had paid 1,000 pounds sterling—that would probably be about a million dollars now—for a share of the company, to get a piece of the action from all this tea that they were going to force down the colonists’ throats. So when these bottom-of-the-rung people in Boston destroyed their tea, that was a serious thing to them.”

5. The Coercive Acts (March-June 1774)

In response to the Boston Tea Party, the British government decided that it had to tame the rebellious colonists in Massachusetts. In the spring of 1774, Parliament passed a series of laws, the Coercive Acts, which closed Boston Harbor until restitution was paid for the destroyed tea, replaced the colony’s elected council with one appointed by the British, gave sweeping powers to the British military governor General Thomas Gage, and forbade town meetings without approval.

Yet another provision protected British colonial officials who were charged with capital offenses from being tried in Massachusetts, instead requiring that they be sent to another colony or back to Great Britain for trial.



But perhaps the most provocative provision was the Quartering Act, which allowed British military officials to demand accommodations for their troops in unoccupied houses and buildings in towns, rather than having to stay out in the countryside. While it didn't force the colonists to board troops in their own homes, they had to pay for the expense of housing and feeding the soldiers. The quartering of troops eventually became one of the grievances cited in the Declaration of Independence.

6. Lexington and Concord (April 1775)

British General Thomas Gage led a force of British soldiers from Boston to Lexington, where he planned to capture colonial radical leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock, and then head to Concord and seize their gunpowder. But American spies got wind of the plan, and with the help of riders such as Paul Revere, word spread to be ready for the British.

On the Lexington Common, the British force was confronted by 77 American militiamen, and they began shooting at each other. Seven Americans died, but other militiamen managed to stop the British at Concord and continued to harass them on their retreat back to Boston.

The British lost 73 dead, with another 174 wounded and 26 missing in action. The bloody encounter proved to the British that the colonists were fearsome foes who had to be taken seriously. It was the start of America's war of independence.



7. British attacks on coastal towns (October 1775-January 1776)

Though the Revolutionary War's hostilities started with Lexington and Concord, Randall says that at the start, it was unclear whether the southern colonies, whose interests didn't necessarily align with the northern colonies, would be all in for a war of independence.

"The southerners were totally dependent upon the English to buy their crops, and they didn't trust the Yankees," he explains. "And in New England, the Puritans thought the southerners were lazy."

But that was before the brutal British naval bombardments and burning of the coastal towns of Falmouth, Massachusetts



and Norfolk, Virginia helped to unify the colonies. In Falmouth, where townspeople had to grab their possessions and flee for their lives, northerners had to face up to "the fear that the British would do whatever they wanted to them," Randall says.

As historian Holger Hoock has written, the burning of Falmouth shocked General George Washington, who denounced it as "exceeding in barbarity & cruelty every hostile act practiced among civilized nations."

Similarly, in Norfolk, the horror of the town's wooden buildings going up in flames after a seven-hour naval bombardment shocked the southerners, who also knew that the British were offering African Americans their freedom if they took up arms on the loyalist side. "Norfolk stirred up fears of a slave insurrection in the South," Randall says.

Leaders of the rebellion seized the burnings of the two ports to make the argument that the colonists needed to band together for survival against a ruthless enemy and embrace the need for independence. This spirit ultimately would lead to their victory.



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trezise, PP - Reporter

Colorado #2 hosted the "Kindness IS The Key" Official Visit of May 20. Sixty-Six members enjoyed the afternoon. WGM, Beth Spangler and WGP, Gary Lindblad shared interesting accounts of their official visits. Organist Bob Trezise played two of their favorite songs, "Bali Hai" and "Wolverton Mountain", respectively. Everyone was concerned about Grand Chaplain Brandon Duncan's report of present and future membership decline.

The Official Visit was also an appropriate place for AGM Sharon Parrish and AGP Ken Ashwood to announce two of their appointed officers for 2024. Grand Esther will be Myrna Salberg and Grand

Warder will be Jim Evans, the present WP of Colorado #2.

All of a sudden the year is ending. Colorado #2 presented 5 50 year pins at our meeting on Tuesday and held elections for the 2024 officers.

GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter



Prior to our meeting on June 6, we presented the Weld County Sheriff's Department with 18 blankets from our

"Operation Undercover" project.

In 2008, our Worthy Matron, Sister Nicole Potter had a vision and started this project. At first, we used sheets and gently used blankets to create a warm tied blanket. This then turned into crocheting granny squares to make the blankets. Blankets are donated to nursing homes, police, sheriff and fire departments, battered women's shelter, NiCu units at the local hospitals, and any other area of need. Our Chapter has been crocheting



granny square blankets for over 14 years. We estimate that Sister Carmen Bockenstette has crocheted well over 4,000 granny squares. Sister Genie Meyer would crochet the squares together and now we have Sister Maude O'Connell crocheting blankets, as well. We are so grateful for all the donations of yarn we have received over the years. If you have yarn you would

like to donate, we would gladly and gratefully take it off your hands.

At the same meeting, we were honored by the visit of several Collins #26 members. That night we also honored our Brothers in honor of Father's Day. The WM wrote a special program for them and the Brothers were given either a Masonic car Emblem or candy bars.

Of course, at our 2nd meeting, elections were held. Unfortunately, the office of AC was declared vacant. We look forward to first time WM in Garden City, Maude O'Connell, taking the reins for the ensuing year. Maude joined our ranks in 2019 as a PM from California.



Taking a wonderful idea from WM Alysia Fankhauser of Manzanita #85, at both June meetings, we played a rousing game of BINGO.

The WP called numbers in between the orders of business. We never cleared our cards, we just kept playing. When all the prizes were claimed, bingo winners were allowed to steal prizes from those who already won. There definitely were a couple of coveted items, such as boxes of Girl Scout cookies and Starbucks gift cards.

Brother Larry Moody continues with his therapy to improve his strength and balance. Sister Genie Meyer is struggling with her Lupus. Sister Lorita Seidler also struggles with balance issues and her son has been in and out of the hospital several times this past month. Ongoing back pain and migraines seem to plague Sister Zanna Thurow. She is enjoying this week at the ball field with softball tournaments, as she attends 2 or 3 games a day to watch her granddaughter play.

It was reported that we are less than \$50 away from reaching our fundraising goal. We have one more annual event coming up at the end of July. This will be our 38th year at the Greeley Arts Picnic to have a food booth. This year we will sell homemade baked goods and sloppy joe sandwiches. If you are in the Greeley area on July 29 & 30, stop by Lincoln Park downtown to see the artistic talents of over 175 venders. And then stop by our booth in the Food Court for a delicious sloppy

joe and some home baked rhubarb, pecan or apple pie and so many other wonderful, delectable items.

Members of Garden City also had a wonderful time as we participated in the Friendship Night hosted by Collins #26. The food was fantastic and the fellowship was even better. Thank you Collins, for hosting a great evening.

We then ended the month with a Chapter Potluck Picnic at the home of the Lindblad's on June 28.

Have a great 4th of July weekend and a fun summer.


PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



Hi everyone
Happy Summer

I have never really enjoyed Summer lol. It's way too hot and the sun doesn't like me and the feeling is mutual. No matter what kind or how much sunscreen I apply, I still end up burnt. Therefore, I stay a cute little white girl all year. Whatever your summer plans are I hope you enjoy them but try to stay out of the sun.

On a personal note...by the time this article is posted for you all to read I should be moving into my new house. So  excited for new adventures.

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter



Happy 4th!!

May 30: Our last meeting in May was Friendship Night. It was decided to have some games and good food. The menu for



the evening was Sloppy Joes, variety of salads, corn on the cob, baked beans, and dessert. We had visitors from Lafayette chapter and

Greeley chapter. We had VIP's Maxine Blooding and Darlene Proctor. As it was closer to Maxine's birthday, we decided to sing her "Happy Birthday".

96 years young and still able to blow out the candle. Sarilyn MC'd an intense game of BINGO, and then we mostly visited with our guests. We also had a prospective member attend and get a chance to meet our membership and ask questions.

June 16: Celebrating Father's Day, table decorations on our tables for pre-meeting dinner were things like tools, gambling stuff, Coffee cup and fake donut, and other Dad type things. Our meal for the evening was Fried Chicken, some delicious salads and cookies.

Our temple's small dining room is being remodeled, so we served the meal in what used to be called the Wicker Room. Looking forward to a new look to our gathering place.

Also in attendance at the dinner were prospective candidates and two folks who are interested in affiliation with us, the Downings, who have moved to Ft. Collins from Leadville and want to stay active and attended our meetings.

Also, in a special ceremony, Pat Allen, PGM, was given her 25 year pin and thanked for her dedicated service to our order.

During our dinner and meeting, Sarilyn gave us Dad Jokes as greetings, and WP Gary has begun to quiz our members on the Landmarks of Eastern Star. In May it was the first one, belief in a Supreme Being. This time it was the second landmark, Five Degrees of the Order. Siting that it is important that we remember these landmarks, he is reviewing them each meeting.

We also read two petitions for membership and examining committees were decided on, and at our second meeting in June, we will vote on them. Then if all goes well, we will have an initiation at a special meeting on July 11th.

For our second meeting in June, we will be electing our next line of officers for the ensuing year at this meeting. The theme for the evening is Hawaii. Members were asked to wear something fun, so photos will hopefully be in the August newsletter.

Our very own Sister Becky Huffman, was installed as the Job's Daughters Grand Guardian of Colorado at their Grand Session at the Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs on June 24th. Congratulations!! We know you will do a great job leading these young women.



SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Greetings to all from Sunny, Windy, Wonderful Western Colorado! Looking forward to seeing you all at the SOI on July 8th.

June is definitely a prelude to July and August as members are out & about and enjoying the ability to travel. It is difficult to get back to Chapter Meetings after school is out! We did manage to have a quorum at each meeting but missed those who were able to get away and those who were ill. And those were many!

Bonnie Lamb had fallen in April on her birthday and is still having problems getting around. Rehab has helped but she is only recently able to drive her car. Not that she couldn't drive, just great difficulty getting in and out of the car. We are glad she is back buzzing around.

Len and Cindy Wardlaw are doing better too but still having issues. We understand that Len is gardening anyway and doing a fine job of that! Keep on getting stronger, both of you!

When Suzanne Teague had her stroke in April, several other issues were discovered and she is dealing with those, one at a time. You know how medical appointments are at least six weeks out! So we make appointments and wait. All said and done, both she and Lee are doing well.

Connie Pittenger, WM is in the process of waiting as well. A heart catheterization is scheduled the first part of July. She is carrying on just as she always does but will be most thankful when the procedure is accomplished. Hopefully she will be feeling better. You ought to see her flowers! She has quite a beautiful garden!

Mary Melton also had her second wrist surgery and Jennifer Ruben's sister had un-successful shoulder surgery. We are keeping all of these members in our prayers.

We had a lovely Memorial service for Chapter members who joined the Golden Chain on High this year and draped the Charter in their memory: Jack Clark, Genneve Sage and Betty Hebrew. It was also mentioned that we have TWO 100+ year old members, Dahlgren Andrews and Martha Atchley, both going strong!

WM Connie & WP Keith visited Gladys Carpenter to present her 50-Year Pin and Certificate. Several

other members accompanied them. Congratulations Gladys!!!

We held our Annual Election of Officers and the following will be serving Silver Star Chapter this coming year: WM, Ashley Krebs; WP, Scott Krebs; AM Shelley Hoey; AP, Keith Hoey, PGP; Secretary, Lin Mussman; Treasurer, Janet Bennett; Conductress, Connie Pittenger; Associate Conductress, Jacqui Quint. Janet Bennett will continue to represent our chapter as a delegate and Suzanne Teague will continue to report for 4-U-2 Review.

The School of Instruction was discussed. Donuts and coffee will be available before the SOI. Silver Star Members will bring assorted salads and sliced turkey will be provided for the luncheon. Ice Cream bars/sandwiches will be available for dessert. A donation of \$10 will be appreciated.

AM Ashley and AP Wayne Quade approached the East, informally, and presented WM Connie with a lovely red columbine plant & wild flower seeds and WP Keith was presented a lovely weed to add to his garden since he and Shelley have just finished getting rid of all of theirs, and a red columbine plant as well. Much laughter and applause thanked them for their fine service this year. Connie & Keith's final meeting will be on September 7, 2023.

Open Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Enjoy your Summer and Celebrate AMERICA!!!

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Happy Independence Month! While we do have 2 Schools of Instruction on the Western Slope, Sunshine is basically dark until September 5. Time for the new officers to learn their parts and the old officers to catch their breath..

Our June 6th meeting was a quick one. We read a petition for a new member – **YAY** – Willis gave a great talk – we have enjoyed his memories all year. We were joined by PGM Lloyd and Bridget Hannah. As you may know, they are now living in Grand Junction.

The June 20th meeting was a busy one. We were overjoyed (seriously!) to have Bridget Hannah play for us. It's so much better with music. We balloted on a petition for Robin Taylor and the ballot was clear. She will be initiated at Nancy and Willis' last

meeting September 5. So excited to have a new member

Being the last meeting in June we then held Election of Officers for the 2023-24 term. Niccole Gray was elected Worthy Matron with Harry Clark, PP to share the East with her. Carol and Curtis Cloud, PM and PP will be in the West. We will have guidance from our Secretary, Beth Nelms and our Treasurer, Janine Briscoe. They are both returning (thank heavens!) next term. Sharon Parrish will be our Conductress again and Associate Conductress will be vacant.

I will stay on as the For You to Review reporter as well as next year's District Lecturer.

Congratulations to all the new officers. We know you will do a great job!

One of the meeting highlights was a 50-year pin presentation to Margaret Cook who is a member of Bethany Chapter in Green River, UT. Her whole family were members and she has all their



50-year pins, too! Presentation was done by PGM Lani Asay and PGP Rodney Asay (current WP of Bethany) of Utah.

We adjourned the meeting to the Snack Room for our annual Ice Cream Social

It's rhubarb season and I LOVE rhubarb!! I have a "few" rhubarb recipes in my books so I thought I should share one:

Here's Rhubarb Cookies.

The texture of these cookies is perfect and so addicting! Chewy, sweet cookies are studded with bright pink bits of tangy rhubarb.

Total Time 22 minutes

Ingredients:

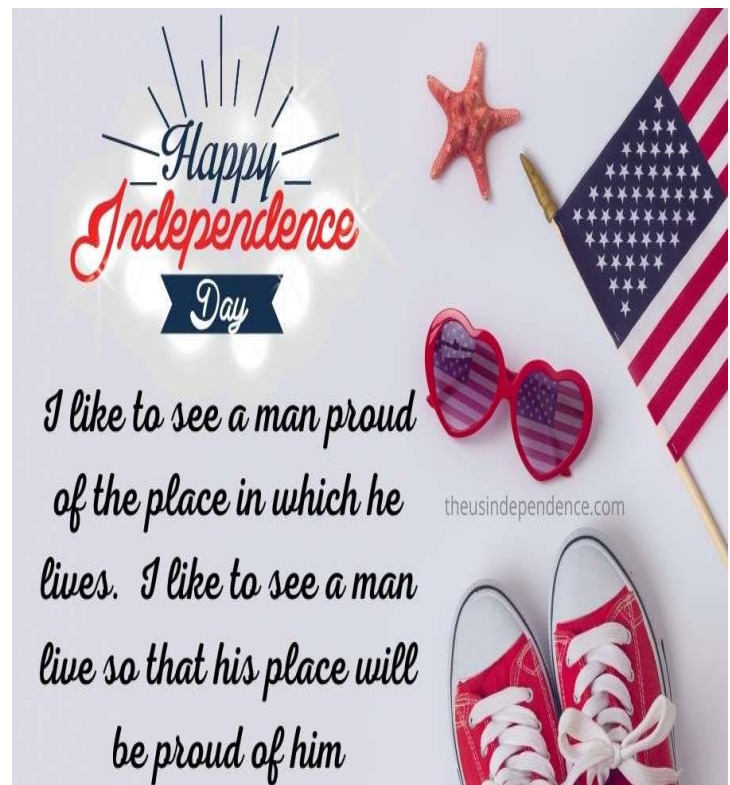
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter softened
- 1 egg
- 1 ¾ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup finely diced fresh rhubarb or frozen rhubarb

Notes

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F and coat a large baking sheet or cookie sheet with butter or nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, cream the brown sugar and butter together until light and fluffy. Add the egg and beat to incorporate.
3. Add the flour, cinnamon, salt, baking soda, and baking powder. Beat well until the dough is well combined.
4. Add the chopped rhubarb and beat to incorporate it.
5. Using a cookie scoop (1 inch), form balls of dough and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake cookies in the preheated oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown and baked through. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



Hope you try these. Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July and we'll see you at the Schools of Instruction.



EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE



On June 4, WM CherylAnn and AP Gary of Garden City #3, along with the WM & WP of Collins #26, Sarilyn & Gary and 4 members and friends of Excelsior #66, Gwen and husband Ed; John & Deana and AM, Jenna MacGregor- owner of the historical

Park Theater in Estes Park enjoyed an afternoon at the Silent Film Festival held at the Theater.



Thank you all for attending. Organized by Jenna, this was a fundraiser for Excelsior #66. The piano player was awesome. It's amazing, being a silent film, that the piano player could make you hear someone fall down a staircase or get shot - just by the music he played. What an incredible experience. If you are ever in Estes Park, take some time to stop in to see the Theater.

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Manzanita does have some exciting news to report. Before last month's 4U deadline, AGM Sharon and AGP Ken with their escorts came to Manzanita. The visit of the Associate Grands towards the end of the year, can surely only mean one thing—an announcement. We were not disappointed and we're so happy that Kathy Sullivan, PM, has been appointed Grand Electa for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Kathy and we're so happy and proud. I would have liked to report this right away but did promise to wait until this month's 4U.

In preparation for next year, Manzanita had 10 members attending the School of Instruction at Loyalty chapter on June 10. We thought it would be a good idea to get a group picture of all of us who



attended, however, we spectacularly failed at this. We got a group picture of 9 of us. Somehow our upcoming Conductress, Angela Tolar, was missing for the group photo, so I got a picture of her separately. In the future, we will try to put the group back into a group photo.

I also took pictures of our working present and future Grand Officers. Grand Secretary René Ballinger, PM, GSE was busy at work. Kathy Sullivan, PM, did a wonderful job. Our Worthy Matron Alysia Fankhauser will be a District Lecturer next year. I'll



report shortly on all of our members who will be serving Grand Chapter in the upcoming year.

Next year promises to be another good year. The new Grand Family did a really good job at School of Instruction. The School was fun which is always a big plus.

At our stated meeting on June 8, we did a mock initiation to fulfill the requirement of 2 each year. We all did a good job. Herb Carr did not make the meeting because of a cold. Kim came but was not feeling that well and left after she had done the Associate Matron part of initiation. Right after she left, a horrendous thunderstorm developed. She got home safely after pulling over for 20 minutes until the rain and hail subsided. Although she made it home safely, she did not arrive home well. She was later diagnosed with pneumonia. We wish her a complete recovery.

We have one more stated meeting before a summer break. During the summer we will be picnicking, 3M'ing (bonus points if you remember what 3Ms stands for), and PM/PP'ing (oh dear, that doesn't come across quite right).

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

I am so proud of Dawn Chapter and Heritage Chapter who presented WGM Elizabeth with a beautiful Joint Homecoming/ Official Visit on June 3. The day began with a delicious catered BBQ lunch, entertainment by a friend of mine, Anne Rowland, whom I have known for many years. Because our theme for the day was the musical "Oklahoma", Anne played several songs from the show on her guitar and asked us to join in on several of the songs. Then members of both chapters presented WGM Elizabeth and WGP Gary with American flags which had flown over the capitol, as well as other gifts. All of the Grand Officers and Escorts received Honorary Memberships. The WGM and WGP received "Ornery Memberships", because, of course they are!

At our June 20 meeting, the theme was "South Pacific", so we all wore our Hawaiian clothes and were reminded that the story takes place on a small island in the South Pacific during WWII. It intertwines the themes of romance, duty, and prejudice to create a story that is hilarious, heartbreaking, and thought-provoking. During the meeting, PGM Cheryl played several of its beautiful songs.

We were thrilled to ballot on the petition of Sis. Janet Godsy for dual membership. Janet is from Arlington, TX and will be another wonderful addition to our Chapter.

WP Bill Young's Honor Station this year is Ruth, and mine is Organist. So Steve Davis, our WP Pro-tem and I invited these two ladies to join us in the East. I read a short poem about being an Organist and presented Sis. Cheryl with a bouquet of flowers. Then three of our ladies presented a short play about the Biblical Ruth and WP Pro-tem, Steve presented Ruth with flowers.

We also held Elections, and the following will serve as our Line Officers next year: WM: Janice Jacobovitz, WP: Steve Davis, AM: Elizabeth Wilhour, AP: Don Shearer, Sec.: Sue Schultz, Treasurer: Wayne Wells, AC: Gaylene Alton.

After the meeting, we all went downstairs to enjoy many delicious treats!

Several of us will continue to serve dinner on the 3rd Thursday nights of July and August to the members of Park Hill Lodge. Also, we served at a Funeral Lunch/Reception on June 24 for the family of one of their Lodge members.

To wind up our activities before we go dark, many of us enjoyed our Social Club dinner at Casa Vallarta on June 27.

Here's wishing everyone a Wonderful 4th of July and a Safe and Happy Summer!

**"To accomplish
great things,
we must not only act
but also dream;
not only plan
but also believe."
Anatole France**

HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

Karen Wilson, PM - Reporter

July is here and many chapters are going dark for the summer, including us. Before Heritage chapter turned off our lights, we co-hosted WGM Beth's homecoming official visit with Dawn Chapter, we caught up with our sister Kelly at her concert downtown, initiated a new member and held elections.

It was truly a celebration when Heritage and Dawn chapter honored our beloved sister and WGM, Beth at her homecoming on June 3. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning, decorating and clean-up, and thank you to everyone that attended!

A group of us ventured downtown on Friday June 23 to hear Sister Kelly perform at the Glass Top bar at the DCPA. She entertained us



for two hours with her great music – a blend of pop, rock 'n roll and blues, some covers and some originals, and even some audience participation. Kelly has two more shows scheduled this summer if you would like to see her perform: August 25 and September 8, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. You can find more information at: www.kellytriplett.com/shows. Let her know you are with Eastern Star when you see her!

Picture: Tom & Lilly Johnson, Laura Schierburg, Kelly Triplett and Karen Wilson.



A huge welcome to our newest Sister, Shari Hughes! Shari grew up in Topeka, Kansas, and was a member of Job's Daughters Bethel 1. She is currently an adult advisor for the Job's Daughters girls of Bethel 40, where her granddaughter, Maya, is a very active member. When she is not traveling with the Bethel or working as an IT tech, she spends time at her house in Florida. We are so excited to welcome Shari to our chapter!

Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected officers for the 2023-24 term: WM Karen Wilson, WP Tom Johnson, AM Lilly Johnson, AP Jim

Miles, Secretary Kathy Easterday, Treasurer Lynn Brown-Jones, Conductress Laura Schierburg and AC Skye Brunick. We look forward to a fun and active year ahead!

Have a fantastic summer and Be Safe!

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 - FOUNTAIN

Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter

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

Oh, how quickly June passed. We are now into our dark months but, have the Lodge picnic for Fountain Valley on July 15th and our New Associate Conductress Elect is hosting a BBQ on August 19th.

We had a special dispensation for elections the first meeting in June and everyone had their best Hawaiian, with many matching shirts and muumus in the room. Congratulations to the Officer Elects are as Follows: WM- Tish Neagles WP- Bob Harper AM- Ellie Brooks AP- Dan Brooks S-Sharon Heintzen T-Daisy Sailor C- Melinda Lingley and AC- Marilyn Lorimor.

Saturday the 3rd of June was the homecoming for the Worthy Grand Matron and Seven members of Fountain Valley were present.

The following Tuesday Fountain Valley hosted Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Pikes Peak Region and had 22 members in attendance with a delicious meal of salad, garlic bread, and Brother Bill Heintzen's Famous spaghetti!!



The weekend after a solid dozen members trekked to Loyalty for the First school of instruction. We had a great day of learning and fellowship.

Then came our Friendship night with over 26 sideliners and 8 visitors from Columbine Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Association. Sister



Shirley and Brother Dan had jokes for their greetings, they were pretty Punny. We are looking forward to the Columbine Grand Chapter in August in Pueblo. Their Grand Worthy Matron Sister Roxanne Rai Garlington was very gracious and even laughed at the greetings. After the meeting we held a pounding fundraiser and raised \$225 for Service Dogs!

Almost every office had at least one counterpart. I think there were the most visiting Associate Conductresses!



In June the Grand Session of Job's Daughters was held in Colorado Springs with four of our members being active. The local bethel, Bethel #31 initiated 4 new ladies! Three of Fountain Valley Chapter Members will hold State Level Adult officer positions this coming year, and five members will serve on council.

We hope everyone has a safe summer and we look forward to Snowflake's friendship night on July 12th!

Mt. Zion, Chapter #133 It's July!

Happy Birthday America!



Come enjoy breakfast and stay for a Movie!

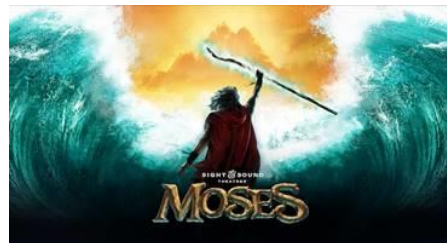
We continue our every 4th Sunday of the month "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast" served from **8:00 AM to 11 AM** & the movie starts at **11:30 AM** & runs to **1:30 PM**.

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

Bring all your family & friends ... let's break bread together, welcome Mt. Zion's new members & have fun meeting new friends & keeping the old!



**July Breakfast with
Sight & Sound Televised Theater Performance
Movie features "Moses". His story starts from
the Nile River to the Red Sea, journey with**



Moses as he leads **God's** people on an amazing adventure toward the

Promised Land. It's great entertainment & timeless stories for all ages of our Biblical Heroines & Heroes!

August's Movie – Queen Esther

Submitted by Gaylene Alton

Fisher House Fundraising Update

On behalf of our WGM Beth and WGP Gary, I want to thank you all for your continued support for the Rocky Mountain Fisher House in Aurora. With your help, we held two successful fundraisers in June.

On June 4, guests for our Italian Food & Wine Pairing



dinner at Enzo's in Grand Junction were treated to a gourmet four-course meal, with each course expertly paired with a delicious

Italian wine. Mario Scanu, Italian Wine Specialist from Winebow Imports, entertained the group with his knowledge and personal anecdotes. It was a delicious, fun way to spread the word about



the Fisher House, and to raise money at the same time. Thanks to everyone that attended, we raised \$650.00 to help our military families during times of medical crisis. *Pictured: Stacy Hinkle, Classic Wines representative.*

We "Socked" It!!

Our "We Help Two" sock fundraiser ended on June 15 and many of you put your best foot forward to support our cause. Thanks to all of you, we raised more than \$350 for the Fisher House and received 51 pairs of socks for those in need. Thank you, from the bottom of my feet!

You still have time to donate to the Rocky Mountain Fisher House in Aurora. All donations received at the Grand Chapter office before July 31 will be included in the check we present at Grand Chapter in September.



Last night was Dawn's last meeting and it is always a glad and sad time when we stop our meetings, I love seeing everyone and being a dual member of Dawn and Areme I get to see a lot of members and it is always so much fun hearing from all. So have a good summer o things that you would not usually do and just say to H-- with it and have fun! May was a fun month and June became better.

I became a Great Grandma to a wonderful Little boy Kyler Keith 7lb 4oz and he is the such a cute little one and has won my heart needles to say and I am so fortunate or perhaps his parents are fortunate but he lives with me and what fun we are going to have. He and I have already decided when he gets bigger we are going to run away just the two of us and go to Jellystone park or someplace no one can find us and be gone about a week. Can't wait.

My granddaughter from Ohio was here for a week and we had one day together with her hubby & baby and one day we went to Red Lobster. That I always a trip we both so enjoy. Don used to call it a \$100.00 day but now it is more like \$200.00 day but what the heck if it family and we have fun.

July and August are almost here and not sure what will happen this summer but looking forward to being with family and friends, hopefully I will get to visit Ohio to G/Daughters and Iowa to see my Sister in Law as she is 97 and want to spend a much time and have fun as long as we can. I am going to get my nails taken care of as they are so long I hit the wrong keys.

Summer used to be so much fun with Camping, looking on the wood fire, sitting around the fire in the evenings but since I am alone I would not think of going out and besides when we did it we just went and didn't have t make reservations and didn't have to be afraid someone would get shot or get in a fight. Things were so peaceful then and we used to have a lot of fun meeting new people and watching the kids play and having a nice quiet time together. We belong to a camping club and was out most every weekend and traveled to different states to meeting and so many friends in so many places but don't think they do that anymore and our 5th wheel is parked under the canape here on the ranch and in wonderful condition and our Son takes it now and then to Nebraska but sits mostly and doesn't move. I go out at time and just sit in it or if we have company I sleep in it otherwise it just sits there looking at me. ha. I put the plates on it every year just in case it gets pulled out & used.

Well ya all have a wonderful summer and see you at Grand Chapter in September! I so look forward to going to Grand Chapter and seeing everyone. I want to thank everyone of you that have come to me and told me to keep writing in the 4 U 2 Review as you enjoy my articles. Makes me feel good and can't thank you enough for the kind words. Take care have fun and enjoy your summer! Just wondering if you know: Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot!!!! That's all folks!!



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On behalf of the Grand Representatives Club, we are Calling for the help of ALL PAST & PRESENT Grand Representatives: We have finally been allowed to go forward with a hospitality room at Grand Chapter. A poster with all the details will be put in each bag received at registration. Hours of operation will probably be the same as registration.



The Hospitality Room is exactly described in it's title. It's a place where our in state & out of state members can congregate to grab a snack, get a cup of coffee and visit with new friends and rekindle/catchup with old friends.

Grand Representatives past & present, WE NEED YOUR HELP with the following items:

1. 2 Volunteers to be the co- chairmen
2. Donations of:
 - a. Fruit - sliced apples, cutie oranges, whole strawberries, grapes, variety of melons, etc.
 - b. Assorted hor d'vores (finger food, not requiring forks)
 - c. Meat - ham, beef, sausage, pepperoni, etc
 - d. Cheese slices or chunks
 - e. Crackers - Ritz, wheat thins, etc.
 - f. Vegetables - snap peas, carrots, sliced cucumber, olives, sliced red, green, yellow or orange bell peppers, cut up broccoli/ cauliflower, etc
 - g. Individual bags of chips
 - h. Veggie dips

- i. Assorted Juice bottles
 - j. Cookies
 - k. Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated
- These are only suggestions.

Please NO crock pots. Cold treats only.
Please put your precut or prepared food items in disposal containers. DO NOT tray up your items as we do not have refrigerators big enough to store the trays.

For right now, please let me know what you would like to bring and especially if you would like to be a chairman.

Thank you for your time.
World of kindness,
CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad
Treasurer - Grand Representatives
970-396-3364

NEW REPRESENTATIVES

We would like to welcome into the fold, Sister Bobbie Vetter, PM of Edith #61, Yampa. She was appointed Grand Representative to



Brother Russ Sharpe, PGP of Trinidad #1 was appointed Grand Representative to New York.

And Sister Cheryl Williams, PGM of Dawn #125 was appointed to Utah.



Congratulations to each of you.
We hope you have a wonderful time traveling to your respective states.



LESSON FOR MANY

A mouse, looking through a hole in the wall, sees the farmer and his wife open a package. He was terrified to see that it was a mousetrap. He ran to the patio to warn everyone.

"There is a mousetrap at home!".

The chicken that was cackling and digging says: "excuse me, Mr. Mouse, I understand that it is a big problem for you, but it does not hurt me at all."

So, the rodent went to the lamb and he says the same thing: "Excuse me Mr. Mouse, but I don't think I can do more than ask for you in my prayers."

The mouse went to the cow and she said: "But am I in danger? I think not!" said the cow.

The mouse returned to the house, worried and dejected to face the farmer's mousetrap.

That night a great noise was heard like that of the mousetrap catching its victim, the woman ran to see what she had caught. In the dark she did not see that the mousetrap caught the tail of a poisonous snake. The speedy snake bit the woman, the farmer immediately took her to the hospital, she came back with a high fever.

The farmer to comfort her prepared a nutritious soup, grabbed the knife and went to find the main ingredient: the chicken. Since the woman did not get better, friends and neighbors went to visit them. The farmer killed the lamb to feed them, the woman did not get better and died. And in the end, the husband sold the cow to the slaughterhouse to cover the funeral expenses.

The next time someone tells you about their problem and you think that it doesn't affect you because it's not yours and you don't pay attention to it, think twice, "he who doesn't live to serve, doesn't serve to live".

The world is not going badly because of the wickedness of the bad, but because of the apathy of the good. So when someone needs you for their problems, give them your hand or give them a word of encouragement.

May you never lack empathy!
Remember it very well, EMPATHY.



LOYALTY #145 PEACHES FOR SALE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The weather in Palisade has been a blessing to the peach crop, therefore the peaches should be the best ever.

10# box is \$28.00

18# box is \$41.00

Orders must be received by Tuesday August 22, 2023. You may pick up your peaches on Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Westminster Masonic Lodge 8151 Bradburn Drive. Make checks payable to Loyalty #134

Send your orders to:

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ardiedun@msn.com

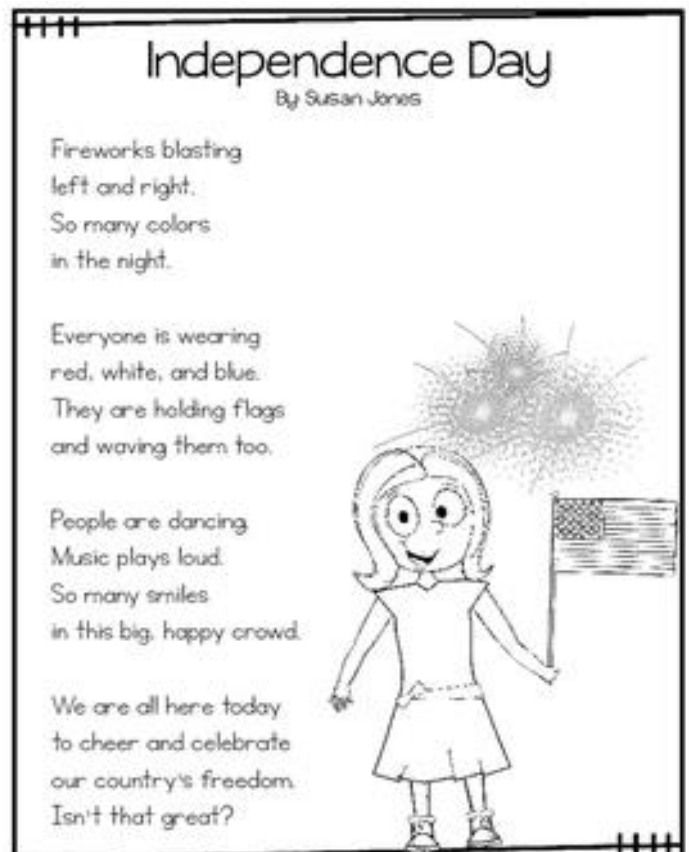
816 Cole Street; Golden 80401

Or

Ann Tiff 303-422-1574

Ant1228@comcast.net

5711 Estes Street; Arvada 80002-2219











DON'T FORGET

Honors Chapter

HONOR CHAPTER CHALLENGE

WMs and / or Secretaries of each Chapter –

Please do not forget to complete your Honor Chapter Challenge form and send it to me. Each entry **MUST** be postmarked no later than August 1, 2023 and you must earn only 150 points to qualify for your Chapter Award.

I have already received forms from 4 Chapters. Thank you. Send them to:

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad

11119 CR 76; Windsor, CO 80550-2705

DRESS UP YOUR FROG OR CALF

Each Chapter was given either a stuffy Frog or Calf at your OV. The challenge is:

1. dress up your stuffy
2. bring it to Grand Chapter by NOON on Wednesday Sept. 20

They will be displayed near registration. We will have our Out of State Guests vote for their favorite one. At the same time, Silent Auction sheets will be available for **everyone** to bid on the stuffys. The proceeds from the sale of the stuffys will be donated to the Fisher House Project.. Voting and Silent Auction of the stuffys will end at NOON on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. Thank you.

BEGINNING JULY 1, YOU MAY BEGIN TO REGISTER FOR GRAND CHAPTER, MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND SIGN UP FOR BANQUETS ON LINE. GO TO OUR WEBSITE: oes-colorado.org
The Golden Gleaner Banquet is limited to the first 100 guests.



THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present 7 wonders of the world. Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes: Great Pyramids of Egypt, Taj Mahal, Panama Canal, Empire State Building, St. Peter's Basilica, Grand Canyon and the Great Wall of China.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not yet finished her paper. The teacher asked if she was having trouble with her list? The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there are so many. The teacher said, "Well tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated and then read, "I thin the seven wonders of the world are: to see, to hear, to touch, to laugh, to taste, to feel and to love." The things we overlook are simple and ordinary and we take for granted, are truly wondrous and amazing.

