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A MUSICAL JOURNEY

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*Worthy Grand Matron
Cheryl*

Greetings from our

and

*Worthy Grand Patron
Keith*



Greetings,



Today, as I write this, I find that it is the first day of Spring!!! Yahoo!!! I'm sure we will have snow several times before April is over; however, wouldn't rain be a nice change. I'm ready to plant flowers and have lots of color and green stuff around my home.

I am really busy with OV's, meetings and ways to help this order grow and prosper. This is a very challenging journey, so I hope that you will join me, not hinder me, with positive attitudes and with positive suggestions, not with doing something on your own and not letting WGM or WGP know of your ideas. This is the trend right now and I'm really struggling to smile and be patient.

We had Colorado/New Mexico exchange on March 11 & 12. We had a lot of fun and it was so nice to have so many of our grand family attend as well as the New Mexico members demonstrating initiation and listen to the words of the WGM/WGP of New Mexico. I think we all had fun and I do hope that these will continue. New Mexico, like Colorado, is struggling with membership and with trying to get out of the myer of traditions that seem to replay as the rules.

We will once again be going to OV's and I have attended several stated meetings around the state. Never know when I might appear. Since word seems to get out and I am no longer a surprise

(Cont' Page 2 Cheryl)

Greetings to my Sisters & Brothers:

The months are certainly going by fast. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were traveling to Denver for the Official Visits in that area. Since then, we have travelled to Trinidad and Raton New Mexico for their respective Official Visits and the Colorado/New Mexico Exchange. Shelley and I started the weekend going to Gunnison for the regular meeting of Waunita #37. It was great to see our Eastern Star sisters and brothers in that chapter. We managed to surprise everyone, but mostly Dan McDonough when we presented him with a Grand Representative appointment to Maine. He shared, that his birthday is the same time as Grand Chapter in Maine, so he may give himself a birthday present of a trip to Maine. Congratulations Dan!

The next morning we were on the road headed to Alamosa. We found some items of interest for our travel program scavenger hunt, so we stopped to take pictures to share with our travel program director, Sharon Furukawa and to have lunch with and her and her husband Dave, Ken and Kathy Ashwood and Sharon Parrish.

From there we travelled onto Trinidad, finding other things to take pictures of. We had never heard of the Ludlow Massacre. If you haven't, you should look it up and visit this historical site just north of Trinidad. I also stopped at the memorial sign for fallen Colorado State Trooper Larry Enloe. I want to thank those of you who are participating in our travel program and if you haven't started, you.

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attendee, you might be totally unaware of where I am really going to attend. Surprise!!

Please join us as we continue our Journey and hopefully, are making a difference in how we look at and change some things. We are NOT trying to change the ritual or any secret work, we ARE trying to catch up to the real world and the ways we now live. No longer are we in the 1800's where dress, all these proper manners (that are unknown to most), and those traditions creating the "rules" we now live by and follow. There is room for growth and for change. Be a part of that!!!

Have a very special Easter with family and friends. We will be seeing you soon and hopefully, you can find room in both budget and time to attend Grand Chapter in September. My special

project – colon cancer research – is going to be doing more fun things, a walk in June, a walk in August (more information to follow soon), flower sales, Andrea Smith's Gnomes (so cute), Karen Wilson's attention to several walk's and projects, and all being led by Laura Schierburg, my Chairman of Special Projects. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this project.

See you very soon. Keep music in your hearts and safe travels! Don't forget to get involved in our travel program headed by Sharon Furukawa, Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista. Lots of fun!!
Star Love,

Cheryl Williams



When Jesus received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit. – John 19: 30



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should, there are so many things to see in our beautiful State.

The Official Visit in Trinidad was well attended by our "A Musical Journey Grand Family" and the "Life is a Labrynth" New Mexico Grand Family. It is amazing how fast lasting friendships are made when we all come together. In Raton NM, we enjoyed seeing everyone again, and seeing how other States Official Visits differ from ours. New Mexico exemplifies initiation at every OV, it was beautiful, with our own PGP Russ Sharpe presiding as Worthy Patron in Raton. The best part of the day was when the WGM of New Mexico, presented a 75 year pin to one of the Raton members. She is still a very active member of the chapter, even at the age of 94.

Turning the pages of the calendar to April is always exiting. It signals the beginning of warmer days, flowers blooming and also upcoming yard work. "*The day the Lord created*



HOPE, was probably the same day He created SPRING", said the British philosopher Sir Bernard Williams. In my view, it is this hope that makes Spring the most positive season of the year.

It's so easy to connect to the feeling of a spring day, each time we step outside to the songs of chirping birds and warmer weather, we hear and feel the hope they have brought back from winter into the warm months ahead. With each passing day, let us allow the feeling of Spring to wash over us, lifting our outlook, mood and activity level.

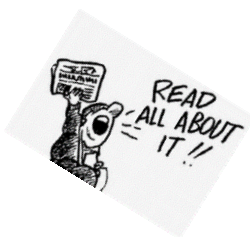
In closing, we should all pray and bring the feeling hope to the people of Ukraine.

Happy Easter! to all of you!

God Bless,

Keith Hoey

CHAPTER NEWS REEL



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE *Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter*

The Scholarship Committee received fourteen applications for the Dessie Powell Scholarship. This is a renewable scholarship for four years at \$1000 per year. The scholarship awards night will be held in late April.

Another community activity is attending the high school play "The Wizard of Oz". Colorado 2 members go as a group and wear their distinctive vests.

Preparations are in progress for the Official Visit on May 21sr.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter



blessings to each of you.

First, our Temple Board would like to thank everyone who ordered Krautburgers last month. We had orders for well over 300 krautburgers.

Next, our Chapter would like to thank all those who attended our Annual Smorgasbord Fundraiser dinner. Our next fundraiser dinner will be a CAJON BOIL on June 4. We will serve from 5:00 – 6:00. More details will be forthcoming in future issues, so please mark your calendars.

At our meeting on March 8, our Chapter celebrated our 136th birthday. Amazing!

On March 17, our Chapter cooked dinner for our local lodge, Century #190 as they had a program about the Revolutionary War. We had several Masons from other Lodges attend, as well as family members and friends. It was a very entertaining,



informative presentation and the wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all. Here are some pictures captured during the program. Do you know what these items are and what purpose they are used?



March 22 brought an evening of fun and laughter as we celebrated “National Goof Off Day”. Greetings were Disney Jokes as Goofy was a definite goof for sure. Refreshment time brought us goofy games..

April will bring celebration of Easter and who knows what our Worthy Matron has planned for National Pretzel Day.

Brother Larry Moody had surgery for an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. He is home now and slowly recuperating. Prayers for Larry for a complete recovery and his caregiver and wife, Alice for much needed rest. Sister Genie Meyer is holding her own. The Lupus is slowing taking over, but Genie continues to keep a positive attitude. Sister Donna Schmidt suffered a stroke. She was airlifted to Swedish in Denver, where Doctors performed a successful surgery removing the blood clot in her brain. She was reported to be sitting up, talking and walking with a walker. Her next step will be a rehab center.

May you all have a blessed Easter, as we celebrate our Risen Savior. God Bless.



COLLINS #26 – FT. COLLINS
Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Traditions of Easter

The Easter Bunny

According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in [Pennsylvania](#) and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called “Osterhase” or “Oschter Haws.” Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S.



and the fabled rabbit’s Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

Easter Eggs

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus’ emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts

and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was president. The event has no religious significance, although some people have considered egg rolling symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus’ tomb being rolled away, leading to his resurrection.



Lamb and Other Traditional Easter Foods

Lamb is a traditional Easter food. Christians refer to Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” though lamb at Easter also has roots in early Passover celebrations. In the story of Exodus, the people of Egypt suffered a series of terrible plagues, including the death of all firstborn sons. Members of the Jewish faith painted their doorposts with sacrificed lamb’s blood so that God would “pass over” their homes. Jews who converted to Christianity continued the tradition of eating lamb at Easter. Historically, lamb would have been one of the first fresh meats available after a long winter with no livestock to slaughter.

Easter Lilies

White Easter Lilies symbolize the purity of Christ to Christians and are common decorations in churches

and homes around the Easter holiday. Their growth from dormant bulbs in the ground to flowers symbolize the rebirth and hope of Christ's resurrection. Lilies are native to Japan and were brought to England in 1777, but wound their way to the U.S. in the wake of World War I. They went on to become the unofficial flower of Easter celebrations across the United States.



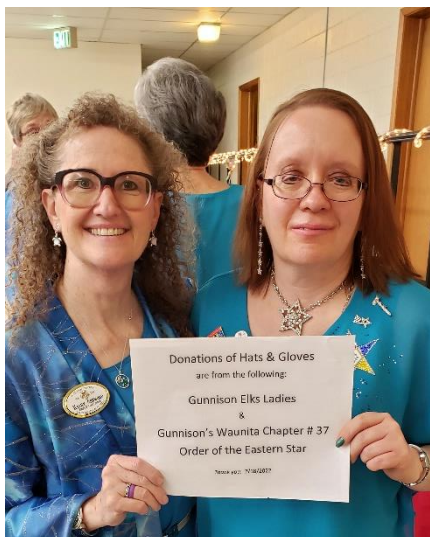
Did you know? The largest Easter egg ever made was over 25 feet high and weighed over 8,000 pounds. It was built out of chocolate and marshmallow and supported by an internal steel frame.

WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

Donations to Marshal Fire Victims

The Gunnison Elks Ladies and the Gunnison Waunita Chapter # 37, Order of the Eastern Star members teamed up to donate to the Marshal Fire Victims. They donated a very large box of hats and gloves to the fire victims, which will be put to good use. These were given to the Worthy Matron of Areme Chapter # 124 in Denver, on February 18th by the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, Sister Cheryl Williams and Brother Keith Hoey. The picture is of Skye Brunick and Kathy Ashwood



One of our members of #37, Sister Melissa Robinson, is a plural member and the WM of the Chapter in Midland, TX. Her Chapter is having a fundraiser with Panda Express on April 15th. It can be used nationwide, just online or via App. No walk ins or drive throughs. What an awesome percentage they were able to give to her fundraiser!



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Three Men, Three Crosses, One Hill.

*One man cursed, One man prayed,
One man promised.*

*One died condemned, One died forgiven,
One died innocent.*

*One died in sin, One died to sin,
One died for sin.*

*One was held by death,
One was released by death,
One conquered death.*

*One lost life, One gained life,
One was life.*

Praise God that we have eternal life.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

What a difference a month makes!!!! We are so thrilled to have initiated three new members on



St. Patrick's Day. We can certainly use them! It was a lovely initiation. We were thankful for the help of Grand Conductress, Sharon Parrish and her lovely Grand Escort, Nancy Ericksen for filling our two missing Star Points. It is so nice to have willing helpers and be able to help each other.

But that is not the end of our good news! WGP Keith Hoey presented our member Joy Venard, PM with a Grand

Representative Appointment to Kansas at our meeting on March 3rd. She was totally surprised when Sister Shelley scanned the room to find her! With Kansas' Grand Chapter coming up soon, she is scrambling to see if a trip is possible.

And then, we just served our German Dinner to over 100 guests on Saturday, March 19th. This is always 48 hours of intense labor but such a rewarding event for our Chapter. WGP Keith Hoey got roped into mashing potatoes! Hey, that dude has quite an arm on him!! I believe this is our 23rd annual German Dinner. Of course, we missed

last year due to Covid and even ended up having it two months later this year because of lingering illness. We did a lot of take-out meals and that helped those who weren't quite ready to mingle with crowds. Those who came certainly enjoyed the food and fellowship.

After consulting WGP Keith and Shelley's schedule, we learned that April 7th was not a good night to have



our Friendship Night. So it has been rescheduled for May 19th with a Taco Bar beginning at 6 pm before the meeting. Plan to join us for our "South of the Border" celebration!

Mary Ellen & Bill Harris' great grandson, Everett, was flown to Children's Hospital in Denver with viral pneumonia. We are happy to report that he is greatly improved, back home in Delta and seems to have no ill effects.

We are sad to report the passing of Sister Michelle Swanson from Paonia. She was taken to St. Mary's in Grand Junction with a blood clot and then another clot came while she was there. Such a dear sister. She will be greatly missed.

As we celebrate the First day of Spring, we look forward to many more of these sunshine days. We still need moisture but that may still come. Just remember, Spring is Nature's way of saying "Let's Party!"



SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter



I love late Easter! When you have more of a chance of wearing pretty dresses instead of mukluks and ski jackets, finding your eggs outside instead in the carpet and behind chairs and enjoying the outside time! Of course, it still could snow (it is Colorado, right?) but chances are better.

Sunshine #53 had one March meeting since we were all too puny to have the March 1st get together. We met on March 15 and did a show and tell of quilts **insert pic here**. There were three awesome quilts but my camera didn't like two of them, so this is

QWP Harry's "Cast Iron Quilt" which he designed and the Baptist ladies made out of polyester. Great job to all! Sharon had us laughing at "Bad" Leprechaun jokes.

Illness and distress: SS Matthews and Nancy Eriksen are in a lot of pain from various issues: SS had a broken wrist which is healing slowly. Nancy has a back (?) issue which hopefully will be dealt with soon. She is in severe pain and having trouble walking. Sister Niccole Grey lost her father as well. Prayers for Brother Emmett Palmer, PM, who is suffering from bone cancer and not doing well. Good news: Sharon had cataract surgery and can see so much better! Niccole's youngest, Gabe, is Master Councillor of DeMolay in Grand Junction.



Please, please consider purchasing tickets for our Quilt Project. They are \$5 each or 5/\$20 and, if you guess closest to the number of buttons in our jar, you get first pick of our two beautiful quilts! Hint: there are more than 100!!!!



We assisted Silver Star #40 on St. Patrick's Day with the initiation of 3 new members. It was so nice to see people coming into the order and we were glad to help!

It seems as though the Grand Junction/Fruita Masonic Bodies are planning to get together once a month for everyone involved. We are doing something once a month with each body taking a turn. This has the potential to be a very strong project and Eastern Star is excited to be a part of it!

What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school? (See end of article)

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur so nice? (See end of article)

What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear? (same)

I was just thinking about: **Easter Seals.** Remember those? In the spring of 1934, the organization launched its first Easter "seals" campaign to raise money for its services. To show their support, donors placed the seals on envelopes and letters. Cleveland Plain Dealer cartoonist J.H. Donahey designed the first seal. Donahey based the design on a concept of simplicity because those served by the charity asked "simply for the right to live a normal life." The lily - a symbol of spring - was officially incorporated as the National Society for Crippled Children's logo in 1952 for its association with new life and new beginnings.



Since its founding in 1919, Easterseals has remained committed to ensuring that the needs of children and adults with disabilities, veterans and older adults are met with services and supports to help them live, learn, work and play in their communities. By combining on-the-ground presence, deep expertise and diverse programs, 69 Easterseals affiliates nationwide are advancing change to assure that people with disabilities and other special needs can thrive in their communities.

Here's hoping you and your families have a Joyous Easter and we will see you soon!

CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

Marcia Carlson, PGM - Reporter

Happy belated St. Patrick's Day! We will all welcome Easter and the coming of Spring, we hope!



Centennial Chapter is very busy right now. We served the meal for Ft. Valley Chapter's Official Visit on March 26. The following day Centennial hosted

"Pikes Peak Past Matrons and Past Patrons" Luncheon Honoring our WGM Cheryl and WGP Keith and their "Musical Journey" Grand Family.

We are thrilled to announce that on April 20 we will be initiating our new member, Jessica Parmenter.

On April 10 we will host our Traditional Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We hope many of you will come and let us "feed you real good!!" We will be serving from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Centennial is starting a new program to honor our senior members entitled, "SENIORITY RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM" to honor our member with the longest membership in Centennial Chapter. PLEASE WATCH FOR MAY's 4U2 REVIEW for a detailed article by Les Bailey PGP which will tell all about this new venture.

EDITH #61 - YAMPA

Debra Knott, PM - Reporter



Edith Chapter is back and running after being dark in January and February. It was great getting back together and catching up with one another. It looks like the winter has been good for everyone.

With Spring, comes our mud season; the snow continues to fall but it is also melting and mud is everywhere. Some of our members will be busy with lambing and calving.

In April, we will be running a booth at the Elementary's Literacy Carnival. There will be booths that promote reading, writing, and math with games. Each student earns punches that are traded for books. Each student has the opportunity to go home with a least 5 new books. There is also a book exchange. The best thing about the Carnival is that it is free to the students.



We are also gearing up for our Official Visit from the Musical Journey Grand Family in May.



We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and that the Easter Bunny brings you baskets full of kindness, joy, love and of course candy. We all could use a little sweetness in our lives.

EXCELSIOR \$66

Carol Danford, PM - Reporter



Excelsior is having a sale for Butter Braids, just in time for Easter! Orders will be accepted until April 6th. Pick up date is Saturday, April 15th

at Lafayette Lodge, time to be announced via email. Call Cynthia Gray at 303-726-0162 to place an order. The price is still \$13. Yumbana gluten-free Chocolate Chip Cookies and Chocolate Chip Brownies are \$14. Also available are two different k-cup coffees. Flavors available are: Caramel Rolls, Blueberry, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Bavarian w/Chocolate Icing, Cherry, Cinnamon and Apple.

On April 9th, our Alferd Packer dinner will be at 6 P.M. for \$15. Reservations are due by April 5th to Susan Sweeney at 970-593-3078.

Dottie Vonfeldt, WM, will be the defense attorney for Alferd. Partial menu is as follows: Finers; Little Smokies, Innards:

Spaghetti, Bar-B-Qued Ribs and macaroni, plus whatever theme-inspired items we can come up with! Come and celebrate Colorado's only Cannibal!

The Memorial Service for Arthur Light, P.M. will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 2 P.M. at the



Golden Lodge. More details will be announced in early April.

Sister Gwen Schledewitz and husband Ed, are proud to announce the birth of their 5th grand child. Hadley Evelyn McCoy was born 3/11/22 at 4:16 pm 8 lbs 4oz. 20" Long



to all our Sisters & Brothers!!

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter

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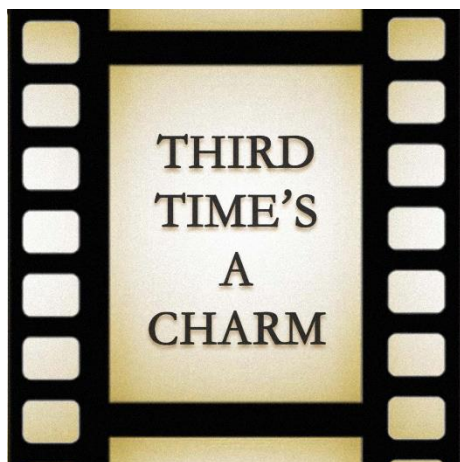


Spring officially began March 20, but we still had snow on the ground and the moisture is certainly welcome. Hopefully, the spring flowers and blooming trees will

soon bring new life to the landscape.

Manzanita's Official Visit is now scheduled for April 7, after having been cancelled twice due to weather. Let's hope the third time is a charm. We would love to have a full house, so please join us as we welcome the *It's A Musical Journey* Grand Family and other visitors for a fun evening.

On March 10 we were pleased to initiate and welcome our newest member, Carolyn Goodrich-Vigil.



Each month is loaded with National Days and April, with 255, is no different. Of course, there are the several religious holidays, but I chose some less well-known days to share. We all love or endure April Fool's Day. Then there is: Walk to Work day; PB&J Day; Tweed Day; Flash Drive Day; Read a Road Map Day (the top of the map is North); Teflon Day; Beer Day (isn't everyday beer day?); Burrito Day; Pecan Day; Arbor Day; Velociraptor Awareness Day (you may become more aware of Velociraptor's after celebrating Beer Day).

"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be."

Author Unknown

Be safe & take care of each other.
-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Dawn Chapter held a "mock" Initiation on March 1, and we are so proud that everyone did such a wonderful job with their memory work!

Then we hosted a FANTASTIC Alpha/Pentalpha Party on March 15! It was wonderful to have so many chapters represented and to be able to visit with our other sisters and brothers. This meeting was all about the Irish, and WP Steve's greetings were very appropriate to the Holiday!

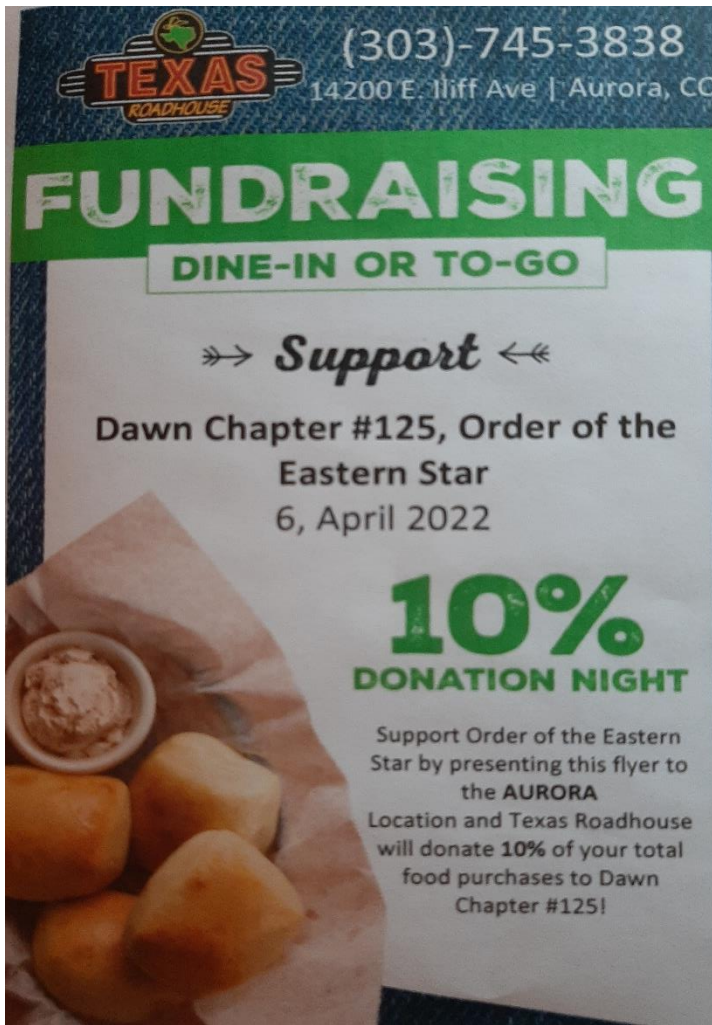


We also had a wonderful time at our Social Club dinner on the 29th at the New York Deli News. At our regular meeting on April 5, we will honor Joan Velotta. She will be moving to Arizona to be closer to her daughter. Are Chapter will miss this loyal and dedicated member. Our officers will venture to Heritage Chapter on April 18 for their A/PA Party, and our 2nd meeting on the 19th. Who knows what WM Elizabeth has planned?? We invite everyone to come and be surprised!

We are sad to report that our PGM Josephine Kozacek has suffered a mild heart attack. She was improving, but then a second heart attack took her home to be with our Lord. Please keep Bill and family in your prayers. Also, please keep Don Shearer. PP and his wife Mary Lou in your prayers as they both recover from recent surgeries.

Dawn Chapter wants to thank everyone who participated in our Dine to Donate Fundraiser at Applebee's. Our next Dine to Donate opportunity will be on April 6 at Texas Roadhouse, in Aurora. The attached flyer can be copied and must be shown to the waitress /waiter for us to receive credit.

Here's wishing you all a Beautiful Spring and



Mother Nature seems to have "a bone to pick" with Loyalty. It seems that snow, ice and extremely low temperatures and a tricky parking lot are all against us. Consequently, many of our meetings have had to be cancelled. We've missed some really fun celebrations that had been planned for those meetings. I think maybe "Hell may be icing over"!!!

WM Marlene has asked each of the Star Points to give an educational history of the women whom they represent. At the one meeting we were able to have since the first of the year, Carol Heagney (Our Adah) gave an amazing historical report with several different views on the story of Adah as told in the Bible and other sources, as well as from the view point of OES. Please enjoy what Carol has discovered about Adah's history found at the end of this article.

Please stay tuned...as spring is coming, and hopefully, better weather, we hope to resume our meetings with fun and shenanigans!

We really do have so much for which to be thankful. Count your blessings! Hugs to all!!!

The Story of Adah

Submitted by Carol Heagney

As part of our initiation into the Order of Eastern Star, we are told the significance of the five heroines in the Bible. The first being Jephthah's Daughter, Adah.



As we are aware, the color of the degree is Blue and all Eastern Members know what blue symbolizes. We also know the significance of the violet, the open Bible and the Sword & Veil.

So what really happened to Jephthah's daughter? In order to answer that question, we need to remember that the Bible is an 'Eastern' Book. It was written many years ago in the "East" which we now call the "Middle East." Because of this, there are many customs and idioms that are not familiar to the

“Western” mind.

To understand the Scripture, it is important to understand the Middle Eastern culture, it is in the understanding of the Eastern culture that we gain light and understanding of many things in the Bible.

In the book of Judges, you will find the story of Jephthah and his daughter. In the Bible, Jephthah's daughter does not have a name. The name Adah was given to her by Rob Morris, the founder of the Order of Eastern Star,

Jephthah was asked to lead Israel into war against the Ammonites. Because he didn't feel confident enough to win the battle, just before the battle, he made a vow unto to the Lord that if God would help him be victorious over the enemy, and if he were returned home safely, he promised that whatever came out of the doors of his house to meet him when he returned in peace shall surely be the Lord's and he would offer it up as a burnt offering. Jephthah wants to give God thanksgiving for the victory, but he does not know what to give Him and is leaving it up to God to take what He wants. The phrase “ I will offer it up as a burnt offering.. comes from the Hebrew words alah, olah and means lifting up, ascending like smoke which most translations translate as burnt offering. However, when olah is translated to it's root definition it becomes “that which goes up” or is “surrendered to God.” Then the phrase becomes “I will offer it up as a dedicatory offering.

We know that God gave Jephthah the victory. But it was his daughter who was his only child, who was the first to come out of the house to meet her father with timbrels and dances. At the time, It was customary that the women of the village would gather to meet their victorious men upon their return from war. So it makes sense that his daughter would go out to meet him.

Seeing his daughter, he immediately “rent his clothes: which means he tore his mantle which is a hooded cape. This was an outward sign of either anger or sorrow. In this case it was sorrow because he knew he could not take back the vow that he made with the Lord and he would have to give up his daughter.

He told his daughter that he had opened his mouth unto the Lord and could not take back what he had told Him. His daughter understood the

importance of the vow and asked if she could first go and bewail her virginity by spending two months in

the mountains with her friends. To bewail her virginity meant that she would mourn her impending lifelong commitment to celibacy much like the nuns of today.

When she returned, Adah wanting her father to be obedient to his word to God, told her father to do to her according to what he had vowed. There are two different meanings to burnt offering. One meaning is was to kill at the altar. Jephthah knew that killing his daughter as a burnt offering was against the law of God because God forbade human sacrifices. The other meaning of a burnt offering, is to give of oneself to serve in the Temple. It is referred to as a burnt offering because a young women given to serve in the Temple suffers because she can never marry or have children and carry on the family name. To not marry and have children was a great dishonor in Israel because marriage and Children are a sign of God's blessing.

Then it became a custom, that the women of Israel came to see her for four days every year to praise her and support her, much like a girls retreat of today.

By understanding the “Eastern”: culture of the times, it makes sense to believe that Jephthah's daughter was not killed at the alter but was given to serve the Lord in the Temple and die a virgin.

When you are thinking about Jephthah's daughter, Adah and wondering if she really was killed by Jephthah, consider the following: The Book of Judges never says that Jephthah actually killed his daughter.

If celibacy was not a long term consequence of the vow, why does the Scripture emphasize it by saying she was never intimate with a man?

Adah and her friends went to the mountains to mourn her lifelong celibacy and not being able to marry and have children, not to mourn an impending death.

If you were about to die, would you go off to a place of solitude like the mountains or would you go someplace with your friends and celebrate life?.

Jephthah only had one child, so he was very sorrowful, not because he was going to give her up to serve the Lord but because his family line would not continue.

God forbade human burnt offerings. Burnt Offerings were required to be Bulls, or male Rams, Goats or Lambs.

I found it interesting that the only people who wrote anything about Adah actually being killed were those of Masonic affiliations. All the theological people of many faiths said she was given up to serve the Lord, in the manner of a nun of today.

Given this information, do you believe Jephthah actually killed his daughter? That's for you to decide for your self.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

KANSAS

March 3, 2022, at the regular stated meeting of Silver Star No. 40 in Montrose, afforded Worthy Grand Patron Keith Hoey the perfect opportunity to present a Grand Representative Commission to Sister Joy Venard to the State of Kansas.



Kansas is one of the landlocked midwestern states bordered by Colorado to the West, Nebraska to the North, Missouri to the East and Oklahoma to the South. Its capital is Topeka and its largest city is Wichita, which will host the 2022 Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session.

Most of modern Kansas was part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, however southwest Kansas was still a part of Mexico, Spain and the Republic of Texas un the conclusion of the Mexican-American War in 1848, when it was ceded to the United States. Kansas was part of the Missouri Territory from 1812 to 1821. The Santa Fe Trail traversed Kansas from 1821 to 1880, transporting Manufactured good from Missouri and silver and furs from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Wagon ruts from the trail are still visible in the prairie today.

The first settlement of white Americans was at Fort Leavenworth in 1827. Kansas Territory, along with Nebraska Territory was established May 30, 1854 when the Kansas-Nebraska Act became law. Kansas Territory stretched all the way to the Continental Divide and included the sites of present-day Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo. Kansas was admitted as the 34th State to the Union on January 29, 1861.

Abilene, Kansas is the boyhood home of Dwight D Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States. His Boyhood Home, Presidential Library and Museum was named the #1 Attraction in Kansas by USA Today.

Wichita is considered to be the “heart” of the Country, not only because of its geographical location but because of the genuine kindness and generosity of its people. Maybe this is one of the reasons the 2022 Kansas Grand Chapter Session will be held here. The “Faithful In Serving Him” session will be held April 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel with WGM Carol Salmon and WGP Dennis Reed presiding.

Congratulations Sister Joy! Hopefully you can join the “A Musical Journey” Grand Family in just over a month for the Kansas Grand Chapter Session!!

KENTUCKY

Thursday, March 10, 2022, was a busy night for WGM Cheryl and WGP Keith, as both were attending separate meetings and Commissioning Grand Representatives. While WGP Keith was in Gunnison, WGM Cheryl was in Littleton where Manzanita Chapter was holding their Stated Meeting. Alysia Fankhauser was surely surprised when she was escorted to the East and commissioned the newest Grand Representative of Kentucky in Colorado.

Officially the “Commonwealth of Kentucky”, was the 15th state admitted to the Union on June 1, 1792. Kentucky is located in the Southeastern region of the United States bordered by Indiana, Illinois & Ohio, defined by the Ohio River to the north; Missouri to the West; Tennessee to the south; with the Appalachian Mountains defining the east and bordered by Virginia and West Virginia. Frankfort is the Capital, with Louisville and Lexington being the two largest cities.

Kentucky is known as the “Bluegrass State”, due to a specific species of grass found in many of the thoroughbred pastures in the center of the state. Kentucky is home to the world’s longest cave system in Mammoth Cave National Park, two of the largest man-made lakes east of the Mississippi River and the greatest length of maneuverable waterways and streams in the contiguous U.S. Kentucky has a unique cultural blend, which includes automobile manufacturing, Blue Grass music, bourbon, coal, college basketball, horse racing – namely the Kentucky Derby “America’s Great Race”, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Louisville

Slugger baseball bats, moonshine, "My Old Kentucky Home", and tobacco, just to name a few. The "In His Hands" Grand Chapter Session will be held in Louisville, KY September 15-18, 2022, where WGM Myrna LaFoy and WGP Robert "Bobby" Butler will be presiding and lots of elephants and sock monkeys will surely be on display. Congratulations Sister Alysia! Enjoy your travels!!

MAINE

Our Worthy Grand Patron and his Escort got an early start to Trinidad by stopping off in Gunnison to visit Waunita Chapter No. 37 and Commissioned the newest Grand Representative. Congratulations to Dan McDonough, Grand Representative of Maine in Colorado.



Maine started out as part of Massachusetts, one of the original 13 colonies and has a rich history related to shipbuilding, whaling and the Revolutionary War. The northeastern most state in the continental U.S., Maine is known for its jagged, rocky Atlantic coastline, smoothly contoured mountains, picturesque waterways, 40,000 acres of wild blueberries and seafood, especially Maine lobsters and clams. Maine was admitted as the 23rd state to the Union on March 15, 1820. It is the 12th smallest by area. It is bordered by New Hampshire to the west, the Gulf of Maine to the southeast, the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec to the northeast and northwest, respectively. Augusta is the Capital, where the First Amendment Museum, Old Fort Western and Vaughan Woods are among the sites to behold. Portland is the largest city where you can see the Portland Head, Bug and

Spring Point Lighthouses, Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Victorian Mansion and many other wonderful attractions.

The "Angels Gather Here" Grand Chapter Session will be at the Augusta Civic Center May 15 thru 18, 2022 with Catherine Wood, WGM and Arthur Dunlap, WGP presiding.

Happy Travels Brother Dan!

SOUTH CAROLINA

Fountain Valley Chapter was a fun and exciting Official Visit to attend, with star studded entertainment by two former "Flying W Wranglers" and our own WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey bringing excitement to the event by commissioning two Grand Representatives.

Visiting from Dawn 125, Sister Janice Jacobovitz was definitely surprised when WGM Escort Kay Finnerty and WGP Escort Shelley Hoey asked her to come with them to the east where Sister Janice was commissioned the newest Grand Representative of South Carolina in Colorado.



South Carolina is along the Atlantic coast, bordered by Georgia to the south and North Carolina to the north.

South Carolina was the first state to ratify the Articles of Confederation, the initial governing documents of the United States, and in May 1788, South Carolina ratified the United States Constitution, becoming the eighth state to enter the union. A slave state, it was also the first state to vote to secession from the Union on December 20, 1860. It was readmitted into the United States on July 9, 1868.

South Carolina is bordered by Georgia to the south and west, North Carolina to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The geographical regions of South Carolina are the Atlantic Coastal plains (humid subtropical climate), the Piedmont and the Blue Ridge Mountains (subtropical highland climate). The capital is Columbia, largest city is

Charleston and the largest metro and urban area combined is Greenville, home of Most Worthy Grand Matron Glenda Winchester. Myrtle Beach is one of the most popular destinations in South Carolina and will be the host city for the 2024 Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Other popular destinations include Fort Sumter National Monument, Congaree National Park, and Brookgreen Gardens.

WM Debbie Cook and WGP Don Cool will host the 114th Annual Session of the South Carolina Grand Chapter, "Angels Among Us", at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center, Greenville, SC, June 20-22, 2022
Congratulations Janice! Enjoy your travels!!

WISCONSIN

Brother Dan Brooks became the newest Grand Representative of Wisconsin, the Badger State, also known as "America's Dairyland", in Colorado.



Wisconsin became the 30th state admitted to the Union. It is in the upper Midwest and is bordered by Lake Superior, Michigan and Lake Michigan to the north and east; Illinois to the south; Iowa to the southwest; and Minnesota to the west.

The largest City is Milwaukee, home of the Miller Brewing Company. The capital is Madison. "America's Dairyland" is one of the nation's leading dairy producers, and is particularly famous for its cheese. Tourism is the third largest industry in the state with popular destinations being House on the Rock near Spring Green, the Dells of the Wisconsin River and Circus World Museum. Festivals, such as Summerfest and the EAA Oshkosh Airshow draw international attention, along with hundreds of thousands of visitors.

The 2022 "Follow Your Heart" Grand Chapter Session is scheduled for May 17-19, 2022 at the

Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI, where WGM Terri Hundhausen and WGP Leonard Pederson will be presiding.

Congratulations Dan! Enjoy your travels!!

CALLING ALL GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PAST, PRESENT AND NEW

WE NEED YOU

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST POST-
COVID MEETING ON
APRIL 9 AT 9:30 AM
AT
LOYALTY #145 WESTMINSTER.**

**STAY AND ENJOY LUNCH
{See their invitation under their
chapter news.}**

**Make your lunch reservation
ASAP.**

**AFTER LUNCH, YOU CAN VISIT
AND SOCIALIZE WITH MEMBERS
BEFORE WE ENJOY THE OFFICIAL
VISIT OF THE WGM & WGP AT 1:30**

I hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Imogene Musso - President

LIVE FREE, DINE HARD!

*This Ain't Your Momma's
Fundraiser!*



FNG is giving back 15% of your bill to

Heritage Chapter #154

Sunday April 24, 2022,

4:00 – 9:00 pm

Come early for daily Happy Hour

Deals: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

FNG Restaurant, 3940 West 32nd,
Denver Highlands

Sign up online to let us know you're
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<https://www.groupraise.com/events/220002-heritage-chapter-154-oes-at-fng>

~ from their website ~

Neighborhood spot with comfort food, cocktails,
and a side of rock n roll.

FNG is where quality and quantity meet.

Remember that show, that song, that one album
that defined you as the person you are? It's for that
moment, and in that moment, that FNG was born.
FNG is the reminder of all that is genuine, pure and
just f'n good. Our food is Rock N Roll and our
drinks are Punk Rock. The staff; an over-educated,
tattooed, eclectic band of experience creating
hospitality rock stars. We define the FNG
experience in four simple words ...

LIVE FREE, DINE HARD!

~ from Westword Magazine ~

"FNG, a rock-and-roll-themed hit from prolific
chef/restaurateur Troy Guard, more than lives up
to its name: It's F'N good. The menu straddles the
line between nostalgic and contemporary, with a
mix of small plates, sandwiches, house-made pasta
and down-home favorites like meatloaf and
chicken-fried steak." Noteworthy hits include the
bologna sliders, and Mac 'n Cheese, voted "Best
Mac 'N Cheese" in 2019 Westword Magazine.



The family of Jim
Norris would like to
thank ALL of you for
the sympathies we
received after his
passing. I know he
and Eileen are/were
known over most of
the state. He will be
missed.

Star Love,
The Norris Family



UPCOMING OFFICIAL VISITS

Waunita #37, Gunnison. April 1
Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista. April 2
Hope #122, Bennett. April 8
Loyalty #145, Westminster. April 9
Kansas Grand Chapter. April 21-23
4 Corners, Prescott, AZ. . . April 29- May 1

COPS MEMORIAL SERVICE. May 6

More details to come

Excelsior #66, Lafayette. May 7
LaPlata #83, Durango. May 13
Peace & Harmony #158, Pagosa Springs
. May 14
Edith #61, Yampa. May 20
Colorado #2, Leadville. May 21

FUN TIMES WITH THE GRAND FAMILY

Trinidad #1



Metro #157

Queen Esther #1 - Raton



Fountain Valley #155



Pike's Peak Past Matrons & Patrons Club Luncheon



Scholarships



THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR THE

GLENN MONROE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP (for deserving youth of Rainbow, Job's Daughters and DeMolay) AND THE **ESTARL** (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious leadership) is

APRIL 16TH !!!!

Information on how applicants can access information and forms for these scholarships

1. Goto "**oes-colorado.org**"
2. Click on the "**HOME**" Button and then choose "**BENEVOLENT-PROJECTS & SCHOLARSHIP INFO**" where you can then select "**GMYSF**" or "**ESTARL**" for info and applications

*** Also don't forget that any member or Chapter can send donations to these Scholarship funds by sending the donation to the Grand Secretary and clearly marking the cause in the note section of the check.

Please consider joining the OES email group. This email group is open to all members. You will receive wonderful information from your Sisters and Brothers, keep track of events across the state and also receive the 4U2 Review delivered directly to your email inbox so that you can read it at your leisure.

To sign up:

Send an email message to:

OES-CO+subscribe@groups.io

After receiving a response just follow the instructions and you are in!

If you choose not to join the email group, you can still read the 4U2 Review online by logging into the Website – "**oes-colorado.org**"

1. Click on the "**Contact**" button
2. Click on "**Members Area**" and log in (ask your Secretary for your Chapter Login and Password)
3. Click on "**Libraries**"
4. Click on "**4U2 Review**"
5. Click on the issue you want to read and enjoy!

The next in person Board of Director's Meeting will be Sunday, May 22nd at 10:00am at the Masonic Hall in Leadville.

If there is any necessary business between now and the May meeting a Zoom meeting may be held on Monday, April 11th @ 5pm. An email will go out on the OES email group if the BOD will be meeting on this date.

You can find the BOD Meeting Schedule on the Website:

1. Click on the "**Contact**" button
2. Click on "**Members Area**" and log in (ask your Secretary for your Chapter Login and Password)
3. Click on "**Home**"
4. Click on "**BOD Meeting Schedule**"

IVA MAE RYAN MEMORIAL FUND

This fund is used for the expenses of Grand Chapter.

If you would like to donate please send your donation to the Grand Secretary and clearly mark "*Iva Mae Ryan Memorial Fund*" in the note section of the check.



Get Your Rear In

You don't want to miss this event! Register or donate today to support Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl's beneficent project – Colon Cancer Research in Colorado.

When?

Sunday June 5, 2022, opening ceremony at 7:45 am.

Where?

Chatfield State Park in Littleton, CO

Who?

This event is open to everyone, not just Eastern Star members. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to participate and raise money to fund valuable research and preventative screening in Colorado.

How Far?

You choose between the 5K (3.1 mile) event, or the 1-mile Robert Smith Memorial Walk.

What if I Don't Run?

This event is for walkers AND runners of all abilities.

What if I Don't Get Up That Early?

You can still register as a "virtual participant" and receive all the same perks without getting out of bed!

Know Someone Affected by Colon Cancer?

Purchase a "blue mile" marker in their honor. Let's line the whole 3.1 miles with faces of our loved ones!

How?

Go to <https://donate.coloncancercoalition.org/denvermetro> for more information about registering, donating, sponsoring or volunteering.

I Hate Walking and Running. Is There Anything Else I Can Do to Help?

This race can't happen without your support. Please call Laura at 206.949.0913, or email lauraschierburg@yahoo.com for more information about donating, sponsoring or volunteering.

Gear 5k Walk/Run and Robert Smith Memorial Walk

Mark your calendars for Sunday June 5, 2022 at Chatfield State Park in Littleton, CO. Form a team with your chapter, friends and family, and help raise money to fight this cancer that affects so many of us and our loved ones. More information about the event, registration and fundraising will follow. Sponsorship opportunities are available, too - please contact Laura Schierburg for details.

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www.coloncancercoalition.org

Flower Power Fundraiser

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is just around the corner! But Colon Cancer knows no season. Join Colorado Eastern Star in our latest fundraising effort to raise money for Colon Cancer research right here in Colorado. Shop for spring bulbs, seeds, mats and more using the link below and Flower Power will donate 50% of your purchase directly to our WGM Cheryl's beneficent project - Colon Cancer Research in Colorado. If you purchased an amaryllis bulb for the holidays, you've seen the quality of this company's flowers. I have no doubt the spring flowers will be just as beautiful. Please forward this link to anyone you think might be interested, and help us reach our goal of raising \$1,000 this spring. <http://coloradooes.fpfundraising.com/>

Fine print: order now through May 15. Flowers will ship beginning April1 to the warmer states first. Please let me know if you have any questions, or need any help ordering online.

Star Love,
Laura Schierburg
206.949.0913 cell

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Honey Bee Seed Mat



MixPerfect Salad Garden



Hummingbird

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Join Colorado Eastern Star in the fight against colon cancer. We are a fraternal organization dedicated to caring for our family, friends, community and country. All proceeds from your purchase here will be returned to our community to support colon cancer research and education. Remember to get screened - the chance of surviving colon cancer goes up with early detection and treatment.

Visit Our Personalized Website By 05/15:
ColoradoOES.fpfundraising.com

Contact For More Information:
Laura Schierburg, 206.949.0913

Turn In Paper Order Forms By: **N/A**

ALPHA/PENTALPHA

Reporter Marlene Doyle

The group always meets on the first Sat. of each month. We met on the 5th of March at 4G's Restaurant on So. Federal at 9:00. There was 12 in attendance, some enjoyed breakfast, but good conversation was enjoyed by all. The meeting was called to order by Carried Andre and business was taken care of.

The topics of discussion were about bringing a spark back to the Clubs by inviting everyone to belong. The main purpose of the Clubs is to learn and fellowship between chapters, if everyone was invited perhaps this could encourage people to go up line. The name may need to change and a new direction going forward but still have leadership as a focus. Each Chapter could host at a restaurant or a lodge, have entertainment or Masonic learning. We need everyone to think about it and give feedback with some ideas and make this Club awesome again.

Another idea was presented, think about inviting women to lodges while their husbands are at lodge meetings. Present the idea of joining OES with your husband. We are all concerned about membership. Sometimes it's hard to keep track of our older members. It's important to make phone calls on a regular basis.

We discussed Grand Chapter, where it is going to be held and menus and prices. There will be coffee pots and refrigerators in each room. There will be more information by the General Arrangements Committee later.

Please join us on April 2nd 9:00, we have wonderful group discussions and you'll have the rest of your day to enjoy after the meeting.

ANTIQUE QUILT

This Quilt was made in Mitchell County, NC in 1898 during the Spanish American War by Mrs. Julia Aldrich, Widow of David B. Aldrich, He was a civil war veteran with the company F 13th N.Y. Volunteer Infantry and the Company "G" 21st N.Y. Calvary. She was a member of Spruce Pine #27 in North Carolina and affiliated to Sierra Blanca #43 in Colorado. She was a Guest of the O.E.S. Home in Denver, CO starting in July 1st 1936 She passed on January 4th 1943.

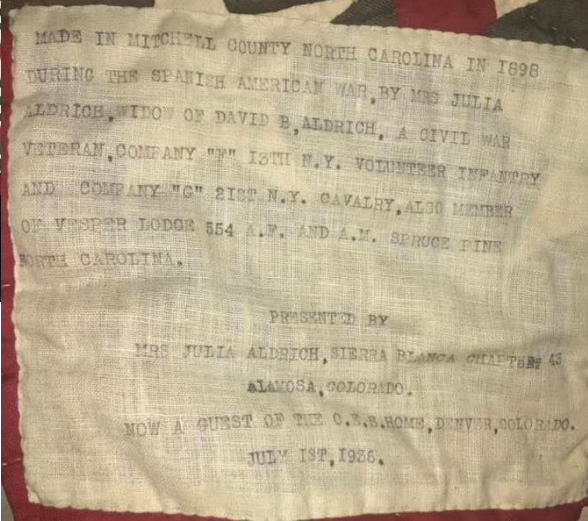
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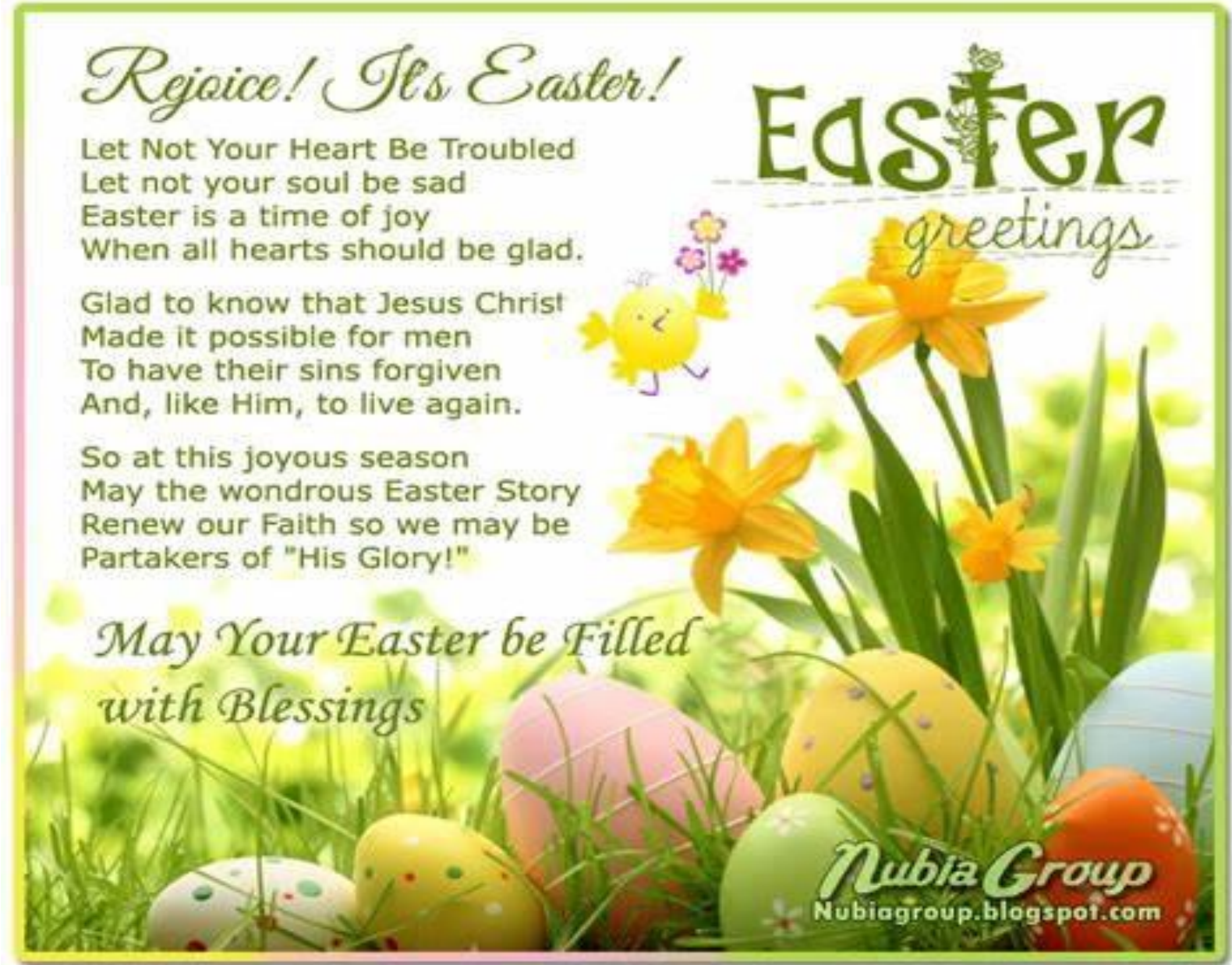
Reporter Marlene Doyle



The Museum and Library has been very quiet for the past 2 years, but we are gearing up and plan to have an OPEN HOUSE in May. Please plan on stopping by, having a cookie and tea or coffee and seeing all the new items we have procured. If you have items to donate to the museum, you may want to bring them with you or call ahead if they are really big.

For more information, contact Marlene Doyle at mrbratz2090@gmail.com





**May God Bless each of
you with love of family,
a future of everything
you need, good health
and safe travels.**