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2022



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Gary Lindblad, WGP

My Sisters and Brothers,

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. Looking at it through the eyes of a child it becomes magical. I have been away from my hometown for over 50 years, but I was so thrilled to read that they still have the same traditions they had when I was a child. Thanksgiving morning, you can wake up to the Sun and a gorgeous crispy day. You can smell the fall crisp air and feel the crunch of the leaves under your feet as everyone in town prepares for the Santa Claus parade.



Greetings to my Sisters & Brothers: November was action packed as our Grand Family traveled from the Western Slope, towards the north and then south a ways. I would like to thank the 5 Chapters for their warm welcome and gracious hospitality – oh and don't forget the great food and fellowship – as we made our Official Visits this month. I want to give a shout out to all the Secretaries and Treasurers so far, to have their books ready, up to date and balanced. That certainly made my job easier.

It was nice to see quite a few visitors at the 'rebranded' Alpha/Pentalpha party hosted by Manzanita Chapter. With sadness, CherylAnn and I attended a lovely

joint Memorial Service for Sister Carrie Andree, hosted by Dawn #125 with Heritage #154 and Oriental #98 participating. It was quite moving when all three chapters draped their respective charters together in her memory. There were over 30 sideliners in attendance.

Several of the Grand Family were present at the Fisher House when we made the presentation of 14 new luggage racks for the guest rooms. Thank you to all the Chapters who donated monetary gifts to make this project happen.



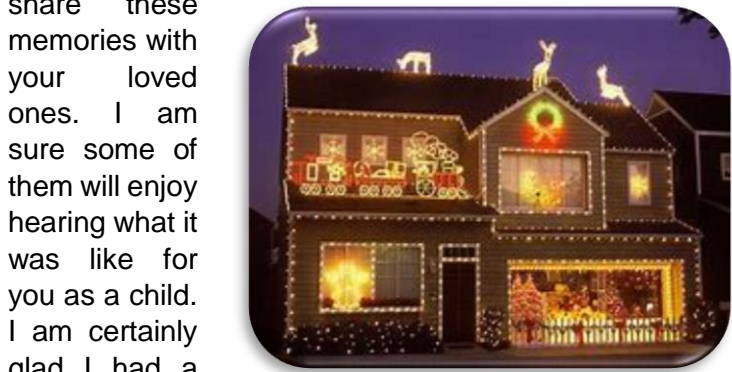
All your neighbors bundled up the children in scarfs, cute warm hats, mittens and off to the main street we all walked. The parade started at 10am and we left at 9 am to get a good spot on the route. All the school bands lined up at the East end

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of town and marched up the main street to bring Santa Claus to town. My sister and I would jump up and down when we would see Santa in his sleigh led by the reindeer and all coming down the street, with his elves throwing candy. That was the beginning of Christmas for my family.

I am sure each of you have a wonderful Holiday memory that brings you back to your childhood. The sounds and smells of the cookies and candy. Shops and houses are being decorated all over the town. Sisters and Brothers, take a few minutes this Holiday season to share these memories with your loved ones. I am sure some of them will enjoy hearing what it was like for you as a child. I am certainly glad I had a family that shared these memories with me. It is hard to imagine only getting an orange and a piece of chocolate for a Christmas gift as my Mother did when she was little during the depression.



And as you go about your busy days over the next month remember it takes no time at all to be kind. One little act kindness can change a person's day.

Star Love & Kindness, **Beth**
Worthy Grand Matron



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I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving, for we all have so much to be Thankful for. As we enter the Advent Season, a time of anticipation of the birth of Christ, may we take a moment to just stop, breathe and meditate on this wonderful gift from God.

May you all have a wonderful December as we celebrate all the holidays that the Season brings.

Gary *Worthy Grand Patron*

Chapter News Reel



COLORADO #2 – LEADVILLE

Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

Brothers George Benson and Jim Evans distributed candy to the children engaged in Trick or Treat Street activities. The event was held in the afternoon and their table was set up in front of the Lodge Hall doors.

Brother Bob Trezise was organist for the Official Visit of Edith #61 in Yampa on November 5. Also present were Cheryl Williams, JPGM and other members of the 'A Musical Journey' Grand Family for which Bob was Grand Organist.

Sister Myrna Salberg attended New Mexico Grand Chapter where she was accorded the honor of being Grand Representative.

Colorado 2 members will attend and bring double amounts of food for the Knights of Columbus/Knights Templar Christmas Conclave in December. This activity benefits the less fortunate in Leadville at Christmas. Both the Conclave and the Tree of Sharing give gift cards to those in need.

The main activity in November was distributing the Christmas wreath and garland orders taken in October. There will be only one meeting in December and there will likely be a 3rd initiation ceremony in January.

GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

Garden City started off the month of November by hosting the Golden Gleaner Club on Sunday, November 6. It was really nice to see several Grand line officers in attendance. Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to visit with our Chapter's line officers. Membership, fundraising, meeting activities were topics of discussion.

Regretably, we canceled the honor luncheon for VFW Post 2121, because of lack of interest from the Post Members. We did, however, honor our 2 Veterans, Brothers Larry Moody and Jerry Park, at our meeting on November 8th. The



Worthy Matron's greetings that night were tidbits of information about the Honor Bell. During Good of the Order, these Brothers were presented Red Roses in honor of their service to our country. We also purchased 3 wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" foundation. These wreaths, along with hundreds of thousands other wreaths are placed at the headstone or marker for Veterans laid to rest in thousands of cemeteries across the United States.



At our meeting on November 22, we honored our Secretary and Treasurer. The

WM asked that anyone who was or is currently serving as Secretary or Treasurer of any of the Masonic Orders, to please stand. She welcomed all and they were to choose a gift from the huge grab bag.

Also, at this meeting, as we prepare for our Official Visit, the WM challenged the officers to give their parts word perfect. We had 2 officers accomplish this task and they too, picked an item from the grab bag. This challenge will continue for the next few months.

Our Chapter is working hard to earn points for the Honor Chapter Challenge. We have already completed several of the challenges and are organizing events/activities to accomplish more.

On December 3, we will attend the Installation of Officers for Century #190. Afterward, we will have a soup luncheon from 11:30 – 1:00 in conjunction with our annual Cookie Walk from 12:30

– 2:00. Please come out and join us for delicious soup and let us do your Christmas Cookie baking for you. Dozens of decorated homemade Christmas Cookies and candies will be available – Fudge, English Toffee and more.

On December 13, we will start our meeting with a Krautburger dinner prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm. We are scheduled to prepare our shut in baskets and present two 50 year pins to Sisters Helen Souders and Rose McDonald. We will also have a Christmas Sing a Long.

On December 21, we have reserved seats at the Candlelight Dinner Theater to see the production of "White Christmas". **There are only two tickets left.** Please contact CherylAnn before the 30th to secure your seat. \$62 for dinner and the show. What a great way to get our name out there. Come and join us for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

Sister Genie Meyer has been moved to Center Place rehab. Brother Larry Moody continues to steadily get stronger. Sister Sharen Trickey is slowly recovering from a severe case of shingles on her hand and arm. Sister Donna Schmidt is rehabbing after being diagnosed with a Congestive Heart Condition. And sister Pearl Ann Adams passed away.



Garden City would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and enjoy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year.

Safe travels and may God bless each of you.

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



To all my friends who I am blessed to have in my life. May this Christmas bring love in your heart,
health to your body and
peace and joy to your home.



One of my favorite Christmas memories is trekking up to the National forest near Rye and chopping down our own Christmas Tree. Robert and I actually started this tradition when I was

pregnant with our oldest Son Cody. It was cold and wet and of course Robert had to chop it down by hand but it was one of the best days ever. We continued to do this for many years. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to continue this tradition for the past few years but the memories remain.



Love to you all and may this holiday season be the best ever. Happy holidays and Merry Christmas from all the members of Pueblo 7.

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS
Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

At our November 8th meeting, there was a dinner served before the meeting at 6pm. We were treated to a baked potato bar with chili, cheese and ham sauce, shredded cheese, bacon bits, plus many other fun fillings, a salad, and for dessert, cake.

WM Sarilyn Stine, with the help of WP Gary congratulated the Sisters and Brothers on receiving their 25 year



pin and certificate. Those attending in person were Janet Malara, PGM, Becky Huffman, PM and Roger Cornett, PP. Those who could not attend but will receive theirs in the mail are Alicia Rivera, Ion Mullaney, and Carlotta Mast.



The photo is of those who were in attendance for the 25 year pin honors.

There was no second meeting this month because of Thanksgiving, so our next meeting will be December 13th. There will be a meal served at 6 pm and it will be

our only December meeting, as our second one won't be held as it is too close to Christmas.

Golden Gleaners meeting was held on November 6 and Collins Chapter brought home the plaque for having the most elected/officers present. The next Gleaners meeting is going to be at Collins 26 chapter, February 19th, 2023, and if we can get enough members present, we will keep the plaque as we would have won it for a third time! But then we have to make a new one for the next challenge round. We enjoyed a delicious meal of Pork Chops, Veggie salad, and a wonderful Apple dessert, on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Our Official Visit will be a Friday evening on January 20th, 2023, with dinner before the meeting. Watch for the invitations!



Merry Christmas from all the Collins 26 members

CHRISTMAS MEMORY

-CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad

As a child, I remember that we never had a Christmas Tree until Christmas Eve. It always appeared like magic. On Christmas Eve, the Spindler



grandchildren made up over half of the 'actors' for the Christmas pageant at the Christmas Eve Service at our country Church. My 4 siblings and our 2 cousins, under the direction of our Aunt Dawn participated in the children's version production of the birth of Christ.

Then after the service, we would all meet at Grandma & Grandpa

Spindler's house for the traditional Christmas Eve family gathering. Grandma always put out a huge spread of food. Uncle Bob always made a wonderful ice cream delight - grasshoppers. The adults enjoyed the 'spiked' drink and the children enjoyed the artificial minty flavored shake. Presents were exchanged. After the mess was cleaned up, we all retreated to our homes that were about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile apart. Now when we left for Church, the house was as usual. But when we returned home, there was always a Christmas Tree standing in the corner of the living room, beautifully decorated with lights and ornaments. And to our surprise, Santa had already visited our house. Mom always had one heck of a time getting us all to bed. Then on Christmas morning, again like magic, we found that even more presents had appeared overnight. A memory I will always cherish.

GREETINGS FROM RHODE ISLAND



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Rhode Island and around our Eastern Star World.

*Christmas is for hearts to love
And voices to sing.
For on that day in Bethlehem
Christ, the King.*

We hope this letter finds you well! From the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Order of the Eastern Star, we wish you a joyous and happiest of holidays! Whatever and however you celebrate, keep your loved ones dear and be safe! Enjoy your time together and enjoy any get-togethers you attend!!

Happy Holidays!!!

In Star Love,

Jennifer Ellis

Worthy Grand Matron

Michael Amaral

Worthy Grand Patron

Kathryn A. Newman, P.G.M.

Grand Secretary



so kind. We some friends from

Midland, TX, Susan Dormady, AGM & her travel companion, Chris Puckett!



A few of our members went to Grand Chapter in NM. It was really nice, and everyone was also ran into



The next



OVs we attended were Centennial, Sunshine, Edith & Silver Star. At Centennial, our member Marie Sharpe was presented with her 50-year pin.

We then had our OV, and witnessed one of our members, Marian Ashwood, receive her 70-year pin! The meal was great, and the



presentations were fun. After opening, we moved to change our order of business, and had the Grand Officers perform a complete initiation for 3 new sisters (2 for Waunita and 1 for Peace & Harmony). It went very well and they were very excited to join!

We then had our chapter report, good of the order from several visitors, and we heard from our WGM & WGP.

Next, we got to attend Snowflake's OV. It was fun and short, which was welcomed by everyone for the bad roads and long distances they had to travel.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! And we hope this finds everyone healthy & happy. Stay safe and well, so we can see you all again in the future.



GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA



Christmas Blessings

*What is Christmas?
It is tenderness for the past,
courage for the present,
hope for the future.
It is a fervent wish that
every cup may overflow
with blessings rich and eternal,
and that every path may lead to peace.*

Aynes M. Pharo

*We wish you a Happy Christmas and
God's richest blessings in the New Year.
May 2023 bring you peace, good health, and prosperity*

From Sister Robyn Reily, Most Worthy Grand Matron,
Brother Jonathon Nantes, Most Worthy Grand Patron,
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, and
Worthy Grand Office-bearers of The United Grand Chapter of Australia

Beth Littler - Worthy Grand Secretary,
PO Box 5297, Daisy Hill, Qld 4127



SILVER STAR #40 – MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Wow! We did it! What a whirl-wind month! We held two real initiations and added four new members to our rolls! We also had four mini-schools of instruction learning balloting, draping and introductions! WM Connie Pittenger, our District Lecturer this year, was breathing a sigh of relief as

she handed in all of her paper work to the Grand Lecturer before our Official Visit on November 11th.



We told you last month that we had initiated Jennifer Ruben and of our plans to initiate three more new members **before** our OV. One new member is Lynne Quint's twin sister, Leigh Ann Collins.

This has been in the works since Leigh Ann moved to Montrose in April. The other couple we initiated, Christian Castravet and his wife, Victoria Mart are most interesting. Christian received his Masonic Degrees in Romania. Victoria is Moldavian and speaks broken English although, she understands much more than she speaks. Their stories are fascinating and we are so pleased that they have joined us.



The Official Visit of WGM Elizabeth Spangler and WGP Gary Lindblad and the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Officers was really special. We served Shepherd's Pie prior to the meeting and celebrated Veterans' Day with close to 60 members and visitors present. We were also pleased to have some of our Masonic Lodge Members clean up the kitchen. They did a fabulous job!

Pie Delivery was not without issues, but it was our first time with this vendor so we dealt with some unexpected surprises! We did well however, and hope all who purchased pies will enjoy them. God Bless Sister Bonnie Lou Lamb, she sold 86 pies. She may have purloined some customers who were regulars of other members, but she got the job done!





We also served a meal for The Rainbow Grand Cross of Color members in early November. Members came from Paonia, Hotchkiss, Delta and Grand Junction.

We are keeping the following members in our prayers and would welcome your prayers as well:

Brother Marvin Hannigan is still in Willow Tree Care Center but thankful to be alive. He was recently diagnosed with Sepsis and spent two weeks in the hospital. His wife, Fay, is also there. She recently experienced some issues which landed her in the hospital.

WM Connie has developed some health issues. We are trying to relieve her of some of her load but that is not easy to do! She is a busy lady and very active in the community.

Mary Melton's husband Randy recently had shoulder surgery and daughter Amber Holley is suffering with degenerative discs in her back.

Bill and Mary Ellen Harris' son had a stint put in. Bill Harris is dealing with a melanoma on his back but all is going well.

We are happy to report that PGM Cindy Wardlaw and PP Len Wardlaw's son Aaron is back state-side and they are much relieved. Sister Bonnie Lou Lamb's Corgi passed away in her sleep. "Queenie" was about 14 years old and of course, Bonnie's constant companion.

And now, Sisters and Brothers, as Christmas approaches -- the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, a baby born



in a manger because there was no room for Him in the Inn -- may we prepare our hearts and minds to receive Him, as the Christ Child, as the Savior and as our Lord. We have seen His Star in the East. We

have come to worship Him. May His Peace fill our hearts and guide our lives.

Merry Christmas!



Happiest of Holidays to all of my brothers and sisters! Sunshine #53 is gearing up for our annual Cookies for Shut-Ins project. This year we have 10 members to deliver to and, at this writing, we can take cookies to all! The last several years we weren't able to go to the assisted livings but so far, they are good. I love this part of our service: seeing members we usually don't see in Chapter.

December will also bring us donations for SPUNK. I am asking our members to new children's socks, underwear and pajamas for this worthy cause. Brother Harry Clark will take them to be distributed.

December 20th we will initiate Deidre and Cory Grey. So excited!! We have watched these girls grow into amazing young women and will be thrilled to have the in our Chapter!

We had our Official Visit on November 4th. A meal of chili, cornbread and cookies were served with the background music of Rod Asay, PGM Utah and talented entertainer. I love it when people get up and dance! The meeting went well (I think!) and all made it back to their motel in good time

We ask for prayers for Willis Grundvig in the loss of Valerie on November 23. At this writing, no decisions have been made.



Until January, please have a wonderful Holiday season and think of all the folks who need our help.

I am closing with a favorite Christmas hymn:
*"Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
 Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
 Down in a lowly manger, our humble Christ was born
 And brought us all salvation, that blessed Christmas morn."*

*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
 Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born."*



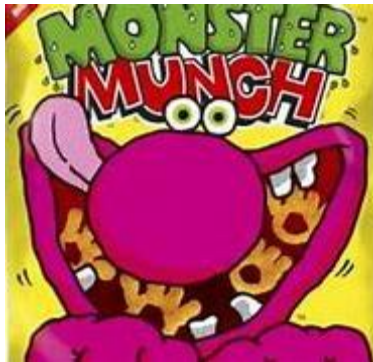


EDITH # 61 - YAMPA
Debra Knott, PM - Reporter

Edith Chapter was been busy so far this year. In September, we installed Raylene Olinger as Worthy Matron and Joe Edwards as Worthy Patron. Their theme for the year is: "Hope of the Seasons". WM Raylene says "Fall is a time when plants appear to die. Many go to seed in order to reproduce and survive, dispersing their seeds to lie dormant through the winter until the coming spring."

Another event happened at Grand Chapter when Sister Debra Knott was installed as Grand Ruth. Brother Bernard is his Escort. They are excited to travel the state and meet/renew friendships. Ruth was Debra's very first office in Star. She says she's proud to represent her in "The Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family.

In October, our chapter sponsored the Elementary Halloween Carnival. We supplied the makings and manned the "Monster Munchies" booth. There was a good turnout this year.



November brought our Official Visit from the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family. The tables were decorated with fall themed decorations, cow seeds and frog lollipops. The Grand Officer ladies wore their cow slippers; which were very comfy. WM Raylene greetings were about kindness and WP Joe greeted with facts about Medal of Honor recipients. A lunch of soups, salads, & bread

was served with pies as refreshments after the meeting. Unfortunately, the drive home for some of the Grand Family was a bit of an adventure (snowy, slick roads and traffic).

We also sponsor the Annual Yampa's Arts & Crafts Fair. There are usually over 60 booths filled with all kinds of crafts. We have a lunch available for all and Santa makes an appearance for the kiddos. If we have left over Santa goodie bags, we donate them to the Yampa Pre-school. This year was the 41st Annual Fair. This is the Chapter's main fundraiser.

Our chapter is saddened with the passing of Brother Charlie Brown. Charlie was initiated into Edith Chapter on April 5, 1960, making him a 62 year memory. A celebration of life for him will be held in the spring of 2023.

Sunshine for our chapter will be the presentations of 50 year member pins to Jan Ray and Helen & Dick Rudeen in December.

We are looking forward to the Christmas season and all of the joy it brings. We wish everyone a wonderful season and we'll see you all in March. Our chapter goes dark in January and February, but we are open all summer long. It gets pretty cold and snowy here in the winter.

CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

- Submitted by Les Bailey, PGP

Centennial Chapter #58 in Colorado Springs was pleased to have its 1st initiation of the year on November 16th, and even more pleased that it was for two excited ladies who we hope will become long-time members who will add much to our chapter and to Eastern Star. They are pictured here with Sister Kathy Vaccaro beside WM Kerry Ferguson and Sister Lisa Douglass beside WP Leonard Beasley, PGP.

By way of introduction, Sister Kathy grew up in Washington State but resided in Phoenix for 35 years before coming to Colorado Springs four years ago. She loves the beauty of Colorado and can't imagine living anywhere else. She is a CPA with her own practice, and loves quilting and animals.



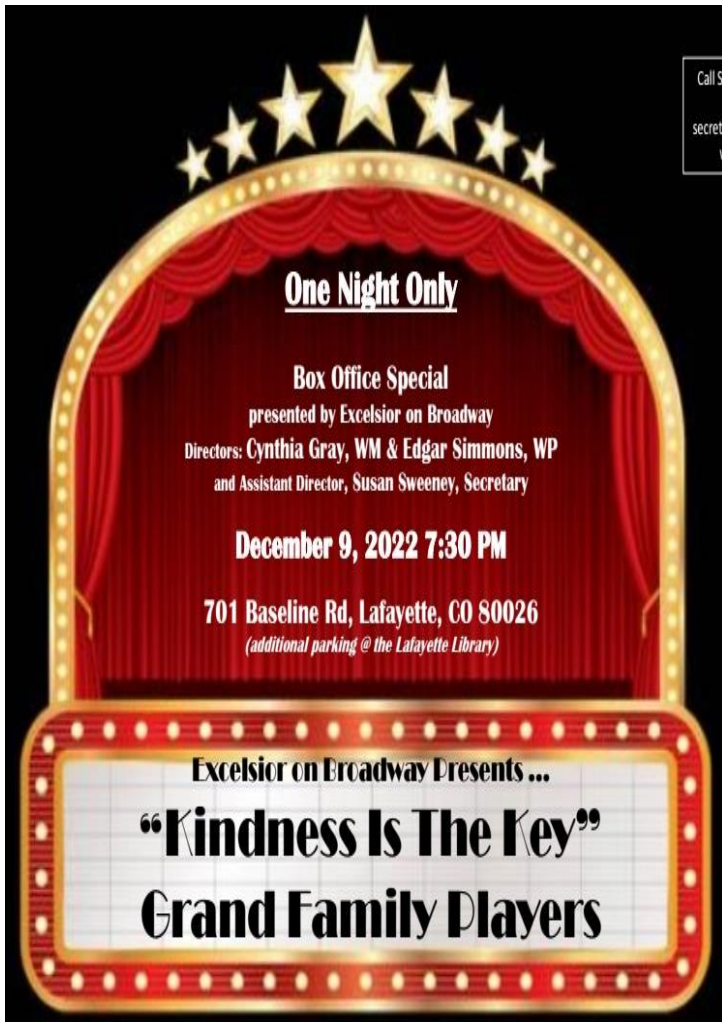
Sister Lisa has been living in Black Forest for 25 years and loves the nature, spirituality and critters in this wonderful area. She has fulfilled her dream of finally owning a

horse. She retired one year ago and is now looking for ways she can help through volunteering. She recently found that her grandfather was a Mason so she's exploring Eastern Star to see if she can be of benefit through this organization.

Welcome, ladies!!

EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

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MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Manzanita 85 celebrated Halloween on October 27. Most of us looked the same (no wisecracks about that being scary enough) as ever but our new member, Carolyn Goodrich-Vigil, actually had her hair turn green. We played a game again and guess what, I won! Again! I think I'll sit out the next few games before I start collecting all the prizes. We were surprised and honored by a visit from PGM CherylAnn and WGP Gary. CherylAnn and Gary were delivering sausage and cheese—that's what I was told.

On November 10 our Worthy Matron Alysia and Worthy Patron Jeff Fankhauser (daughter and father team) honored Veterans and hosted the first Pentalpha Shining Stars party of the season and first of the club's new branding. Dawn #125 responded for Pentalpha. Dawn's Worthy Matron Kay Finnerty attended. Their Worthy Patron, PGP Bill Young, was attending a family birthday party and was missed. PGM CherylAnn and WGP Gary were at our meeting, too! Also, attending that meeting were Andrea, Justin, and Cody Smith. Justin is living in Highlands Ranch. The ballot was clear for him to affiliate with Manzanita! Carolyn Goodrich-Vigil and John Warren were our winners of Bingo.

November 17 was the 3M's lunch at Ramono's in Littleton. Tom and I did not attend because it was snowing a lot at our place. Manzanita was going to gather together to play games the night of the 17th but because of the snow that was canceled.

November 24 would be our regular stated meeting except, of course, for a Happy Thanksgiving.

December 8 is our official visit. We hope to see many of you there. Alysia says there will be more Bingo prizes than our "usual" two.

Members of Manzanita #85 have been out and about at other Chapters. Here are a two of the events you could have spotted us at. Five of us attended Centennial #58's Official Visit. Four were at Areme #124's stated meeting with the member from Guam visiting. Herb Carr is the District Lecturer for Areme and he is doing a great job with

his Chapters. Herb and Kim are out and about more than the rest of us.

A few
A/PA Party visitors



Open Hearts = Open Minds



Alysia Fankhauser, WM & Jeff Fankhauser, WP
and the members of Manzanita #85
invite you to join us at our Official Visit with
Elizabeth Spangler, WGM & Gary Lindblad, WGP
and the Kindness IS the Key Grand Family



December 8, 2022
Entertainment 7:00 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm
Refreshments to follow

Weston Masonic Lodge
5718 S Rapp Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Please be aware of where you are parking in Downtown Littleton - there are time limits



DAWN #125 – AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

On November 8, Dawn Chapter enjoyed the music and information about the Broadway show, "Fiddler on the Roof". WP Bill Young honored our Veterans with a meaningful presentation and then our Organist, Cheryl Williams, PGM, played all of the songs of each military branch. We also presented the WGM Elizabeth, a love gift from the chapter and were thrilled when she and WGM Gary presented our Adah, Sis. Mary Lou Shearer with her Grand Representative appointment to Oklahoma! Mary Lou was extremely surprised and is already

planning a trip to next year's Oklahoma Grand Chapter!

Due to illnesses and other commitments, Ruth Cobern and I were the only ones from Dawn able to go to Manzanita's Pentalpha Shining Stars party on Nov. 10, where Dawn was responding. It was a lovely evening and all of the tie-dye décor and music brought back many memories!

We held our Friendship Night and Memorial Service for Sis. Carrie Andree at our Nov. 15 meeting. Wow! What a wonderful meeting, with over 50 Sisters and Brothers sharing memories, friendships, and Star Love! Because Carrie was a member of 3 different chapters, Heritage, Oriental, and Dawn, members of the three chapters were part of the Memorial Service. Then all 3 charters were draped at the same time.

Sis. Cheryl played many songs from "Phantom of the Opera" to make the meeting even more special. Then we went downstairs for a plethora of refreshments, provided by Heritage, Oriental, and Dawn Chapters, with a Thanksgiving theme.

Now, we're looking forward to Initiation Practice on Dec. 4, and Initiation at our Dec. 6 meeting. That night we will highlight two Broadway shows: "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "White Christmas". Then we will draw names for our Christmas Party and gift exchange, which will be done at our Dec. 20 meeting. That night we will highlight "The Sound of Music" also.

Many of us are looking forward to attending the show, "White Christmas" at the Candlelight Theater on Dec. 21, with our friends from Garden City Chapter #3, and hopefully from other chapters as well.

Unfortunately, Dawn Chapter's golden chain has been broken once again by the loss of two of our members, Sis. Rheba Dec Currier, PM on Oct. 17, 2022 and Sis. Shirley Walker on Nov. 7, 2022. Several of our members were honored to perform the OES Memorial Service at Rheba's gravesite on Nov. 7. And now, we wish everyone a Wonderful, Safe, and Merry Christmas!

GREETINGS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE



GREETINGS FROM
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON



*Let us
unite our efforts
for the good that we can do.
Keep the STAR within our hearts
always shining through,
An easy way to do it is to keep one act in mind,
and the little act that does it is the act of being kind.*

*Have a
Peaceful,
Harmonious
and Joyful Christmas
this year and always.*

With Fraternal Star Love,

Betty MacDuff Kevin Howells
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron

*Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon
Order of the Eastern Star*

This is bringing Christmas Wishes to all our Sisters and Brothers. Loyalty #145 is so busy I don't know where to start.

November started out with several of our members visiting Metro Chapter on the 4th. It was a great meeting with several sideliners. The chapter honored a visitor from Guam, Joann. Marian and Ric had sat in chapter with her while visiting Guam. On the 10th of Nov. we honored our veterans. The evening started out with a potluck dinner, where we met 2 potential candidates and a member that has petitioned to affiliate with Loyalty. Jane had a lovely evening planned. Jodi Muser preformed The Missing Soldier Ceremony. Jodi also talked about her late husband's uniform which she had brought and the time he had spent in the military. Krista Shaner also brought part of her husband's uniform and talked about his service. The veterans that were present were then escorted west of the altar and honored by our WM Jane, each receiving a thank you gift. Jim Heylmann Army, Molly McGuire Navy and Mark Short Army.

Tuesday the 15th The Job's Daughters Bethel #5 & #40 Initiated 5 young ladies into their Bethels. Both Bethels took part in preforming the ceremony and the new initiates were very excited! Youth have such positive energy. Members of Loyalty turned out with a good show for the girls.

Pie sales through the month resulted in pie delivery on the 19th. The amount hasn't been figured out but a Big Thanks to all that purchased pies. Jill Quadenfeld worked very hard, and we are calling it a success. Thanks Jill !

Later in the day we celebrated Tina Giles 95th birthday, her family invited Loyalty to a very nice dinner and the birthday girl was in the pink, what a gracious hostess. Happy Birthday Tina, Loyalty loves you.

Thanksgiving week keeps us all busy. Wishing you all the love, joy and gratitude that make Thanksgiving so special.

Next on Loyalty's agenda is practice for our OV, there will be a cookie exchange and we'll be preparing bags for our shut-ins, some of the cookies will go to them also.

You are all invited to Loyalty's Official Visit Honoring WGM Elizabeth Spangler, WGP Gary Lindblad and the Kindness IS the Key Grand Family on December 10th. We're looking forward to

everyone coming. Please RSVP to mrbratz2090@gmail.com if you are going to join us for lunch. It is \$10.

You are cordially invited to the



“Northern Lights” Official
Visit of
Loyalty #145
Honoring
Elizabeth Spangler WGM
and
Gary Lindblad WGP
And the
“Kindness IS the Key
Grand Family

Saturday, December 10, 2022: luncheon at 11:30
a.m./meeting at 1:30 p.m.
Westminster Masonic Center
8151 Bradburn Drive
Westminster, CO 80331-3905

Luncheon menu: Chicken Alfredo, Italian Bread, salad
and cake, \$10. Please RSVP to Chef Marlene Doyle,
mrbratz2090@gmail.com by Dec. 6, 2022.

Presentations and entertainment to follow luncheon.
Be sure to bring a little extra money to enjoy the small
craft fair of Christmas items that We will be having.

Note: We will be using additional lighting.

Jane Rivette WM Lynn Brown-Jones, Secretary
Mark Short WP

Christmas lights are so beautiful, and we have 2
small buses taking us around to see them. Thursday
Dec. 22nd at 5:00 we'll be leaving the Westminster
Masonic Center 8151 Bradburn Dr. The cost is \$25,
and we'll return at 9:00. Call Jodi Muser if you'd like
to join us, buses are almost full so don't hesitate,
call now 303-430-5858. We had lots of fun last year.
However, you celebrate the Holiday Season enjoy
your friends and especially your families. Merry
Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Enjoy Kwanzaa, and
Happy New Year.

HERITAGE #154 – DENVER
Laura Schierberg, PM - Reporter

**Everyone Has Someone to Remember –
Memorial Tree Ornaments \$10.00**

Heritage Chapter will display a Memorial
Tree in our hall during the
Christmas holidays. A
personalized ornament,
in memory or in honor
of your loved one, can
be purchased for a
\$10 donation. If
you've lost someone
this past year, or
know of someone
who has, or would
like to honor
someone special,
please consider
purchasing an ornament.



You may purchase an
ornament to be hung on our tree, or you may pick
up your ornament to display on your own tree or to
give as a gift. We invite you to pick up your
ornament at our December 12th
Meeting. See any member of Heritage
Chapter for more information.



Proceeds support Heritage
Chapter charities.

Thank you for your support!



*'Twas the day
before Thanksgiving
and all through the
Fisher House
good smells were
wafting to make
water your mouth!*

On Wednesday November
23, five members of Heritage Chapter cooked and served
Thanksgiving lunch for the residents and staff of the Rocky
Mountain Fisher House in Aurora. Turkey, ham, parmesan
garlic mashed potatoes, salad, dinner rolls and delicious
pumpkin and pecan pie was served at noon in the dining room.

Lots of leftovers were then packed up for the guests to enjoy whenever it was convenient.

Sisters Karen Wilson, Lilly Johnson, Kathy Easterday and Drina Johnson, and Brother Jim Miles gave of their kindness, time and gravy-making expertise to those who are far from home this Thanksgiving.

They enjoyed a tour of the House, cheerful companionship with sisters and a brother, and chatting with the appreciative employees and guests, including one couple who is staying at the Fisher House while the veteran undergoes radiation and chemotherapy at a nearby hospital.

If your chapter is interested in cooking a meal for the holidays, or spending an afternoon baking holiday goodies for the guests, please contact Khristie Barker at 720.723.7683.



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

We were so thankful to have a strong showing of chapter members at the presentation of CT Elliot's 60-year Masonic pin and Rex Mortenson's 50-year masonic pin on November 1st, 2022. There were many lodge brothers, who are also in our chapter, present. It was such an honor. The Grand Master of Masons Mr. Ray Dunn presented the pins and we were able to grab a few pictures! Congratulations CT and Rex.

Later in the month we hosted a soup potluck and friendship night with Pueblo #7 and were so pleased to have members visit us! Thank you Pueblo #7.

First thing in December we are initiating a new member and having our annual cookie and card exchange. This will be December 1st. Hope to see you there.

Please note that the Official Visit (14th) for Fountain Valley will be at the Pueblo Lodge and the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Meeting honoring the Grand Family will be the next day in Colorado Springs at the Mule Train. We are planning a fun fundraiser to occur during the Past Matrons and Patrons meal so stay tuned for details.

Here are a few of our Recent events in Pictures.



Brothers enjoying a potluck before the 60/50 year pin presentation

*Cutting the cake-
Grand Master and
Brother CT*



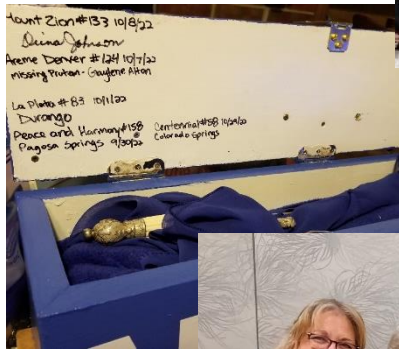
*Presenting the Pins to CT
and Rex*

(more pictures next page)



The Elliot Family

Rex and the Grand Master



Grand Adah's Sword and Veil gifted



Nevada Grand Chapter- From Left to Right: Sister Sharon Heintzen, Sister Patty Lowenkamp WGM, Brother Bill Heintzen, and Sister Sharon Parrish Associate Grand Matron

CHRISTMAS MEMORY

-Submitted by Krista Shaner

My memory as a child: Sheridan Wyoming was/is my home town. At Christmas time there was one street that was called "Christmas Card Lane" Everyone that lived on the street tried to out do their neighbor's Christmas decorations. Every year they improved, traded, or changed their displays. It was truly beautiful.

The other memory: Myself and another little girl were to sing together "Away in the Manger" at one of the Church services. I sang and she yelled instead of singing. I cried because I felt she ruined my singing. It was very traumatic at the time.

Metro Chapter #157 will have only one meeting in December due to the holidays. Several of our Sisters and Brothers were traveling near and far last month, but we're looking forward to welcoming them in out of the cold to the warmth of our Chapter. On Friday, December 9 we'll share our time and our voices, then have fun decorating (and eating!) holiday cookies.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Dong Zhi, Solstice, or ???, we wish all a warm and loving holiday season, and welcome you to join us as our "Fun Committee" enriches every time we gather.

Metro Chapter #157

Official Visit & Luncheon

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St, Denver

Lunch @ 12:00 pm Meeting @ 1:30 pm

Menu

Tossed Salad

Beef Stroganoff with Noodles

Rolls & Butter

Dessert: Brownies w/ Ice Cream

(Alternative Main Choice: Vegetarian Stroganoff)

Cost: \$10.00

You are cordially invited to join Metro Chapter #157
as we welcome

WGM Elizabeth Spangler, WGP Gary Lindblad,
and the "Kindness is the Key" Grand Family.

Join us for lunch, a time of socialization with
our Sisters and Brothers,

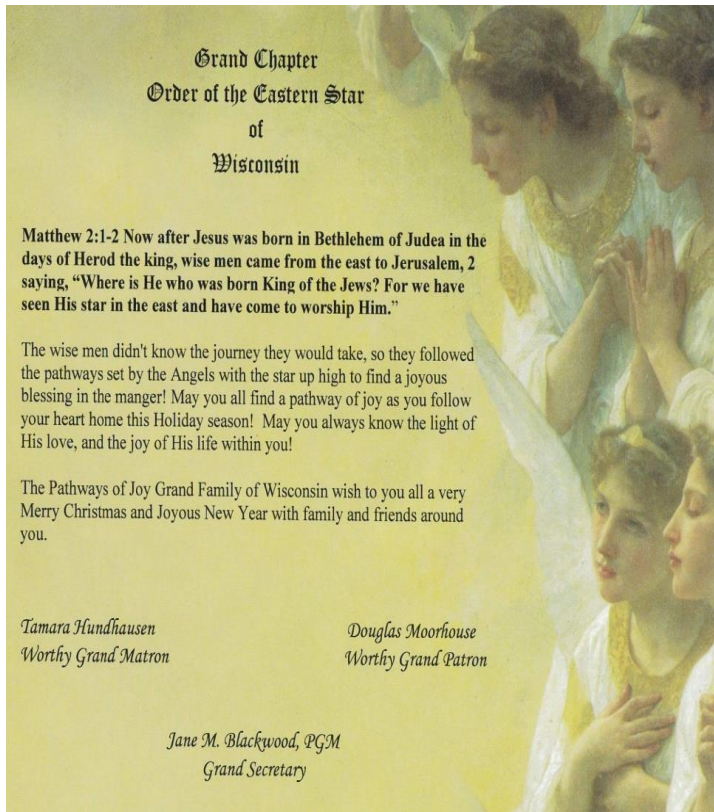
followed by our annual Official Visit with an
Initiation by our Grand Officers.

Please RSVP: Carol Peck, Secretary by January 14, 2023
With your menu selection (beef or vegetarian)

303-683-7936

jhpeckpe@gmail.com

GREETINGS FROM WISCONSIN



FISHER HOUSE

Grand Family Delivers Luggage Racks to Fisher House Aurora

On Tuesday November 15, thanks to the generosity of our Colorado Eastern Star members, the Kindness Is The Key Grand Family delivered 12 new luggage racks to the Rocky Mountain Fisher House in Aurora. House Manager Khristie Barker welcomed the members of the Grand Family with a tour of the house, including interesting facts about the eclectic works of art in the dining room. By Wednesday morning all 12 racks were stationed in their respective guest suite and ready for duty.

Thank you to the chapters and club that donated funds to make this contribution possible: Collins #26, Sunshine #53 PM Club, Sunshine #53, Excelsior #66, Manzanita #85, Dawn #125, and Heritage #154.

Pictured: House Manager Khristie, Grand Esther Cathie and her escort, Dick, WGM Elizabeth, WGP Gary and his escort Cheryl Ann, Grand Conductress Kaeleen and her escort Dave, fundraising chair Laura and her loving husband Scott.

The Grand Representative Club

We will have a **Grand Representatives meeting** on **December 10th at 9:45 am** at Loyalty chapter. This is before their official visit. We will be electing a new secretary and vice-president.

Loyalty chapter is located at **8151 Bradburn Drive; Westminster**. Hope to see everyone there.

Imogene Musso, President



Fisher House



Holiday Village

The team at the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House would like to invite some of our community partners to add their creative touch to our holiday village. Put your creativity to work and add your special house, barn, car, tree, whatever, to main street.

Drop off your creation between December 5th and December 14th

Please call (720) 723-7883 and let us know what time you'll be by to ensure we are home; some evening hours are available.



FISHER HOUSE

CHRISTMAS MEMORY

-Submitted by Jim Miles

For some reason I can't think of a memorable Christmas of my own as every Christmas to me is special and memorable. However, I want to share one of my Dad's Christmas stories that he told me about many times.

My Dad, Brother Owen Miles (Past Patron), lived on the family farm in Illinois during the Great Depression. His Mother's parents lived on a farm about a mile north of their farm. On Christmas Eve, Dad's Father would hitch up the



horses to their two horse open sleigh (the Miles family had money, LOL) and they would go over to Grandma and Grandpa Kroenlein's farm. They used oven

warmed bricks and plenty of handmade quilts to stay warm. When they arrived, my Grandpa Miles would unhitch the horses and put them in the barn with the Kroenlein horses. The six Miles children would all go into the house with their parents to enjoy Christmas Eve.

Now the Kroenleins were born in Illinois but they were 100% German (their parents came from Germany). Grandma Kroenlein would have dinner ready, usually Hasenpfeffer with dumplings, homemade sauerkraut and plenty of Springerle and Pfeffernusse cookies! The Christmas tree was decorated with German ornaments and lighted candles on holders brought over from Germany.



Of course, there was a bucket of water nearby!

When it was time to go home, my Grandpa Miles would again hitch up the horses and they would return home in their two horse open sleigh.

After they returned home and before going to bed my Dad and Grandpa Miles would get some hay from the barn and leave it outside one of the living room windows for Santa's Reindeer. The hay was always gone by morning when the family woke up and went downstairs to check out their own Christmas Tree.



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

-Submitted by Betty Benson, Chairman

The Board of Directors will meet next Jan. 22, 2023 for a board meeting (open to all interested members), followed by a Board retreat for the board members and line officers. We are planning to digitize our records to preserve especially the very old documents, as well as eliminate the need for so many file cabinets. Our time at the retreat will focus on reviewing those records and developing a plan. As this project develops, we will be looking for members who can help as this is a huge task. Several members are already excited about this project, and we are thankful for that. It is an incentive to get this project moving forward. If you are interested and willing to help when it gets rolling, let me know and I will provide updates as we have more information to share.

The Board also wishes to take this opportunity to wish the membership a very special holiday season.

Betty Benson, Board Chair

Betty.benson@outlook.com

MEMORIES OF A MEMBER

By Gaylene Alton, PM

It snowed yesterday and looking out the window watching the horses running in the snow and envious of them having no worries and just having fun. Life should be like that, no worries – just fun. So from now on I am going to have fun and give up the worries I seem to find out to worry about and just let go – so watch out! Ha

I don't have much to do now that I am not Secretary at Hope but I have found I am Associate Conductress at Dawn and Adah at Areme so that will keep me busy for this year and who knows what next will bring. I love my Eastern Star work or fun or whatever you want to call it but I do enjoy going and seeing everyone and find out what all are up too. Seems to me Julia Krug and I are just having a good time going to Chapter talking with all the members and getting to know the new members,

life is good and we are having fun.

Eastern Star has changed a lot in the past few years and can't say it is good or bad, I do miss the old days of all having dresses alike, ½ inch off the floor for the skirt lengths, all the fun programs we used to have and one time I remember Sandy Chamberlin (Evening Star Chapter) coming into Lakewood Chapter as a homeless person telling us a story about coming to chapter and not knowing where she was and all the things that went on that she did not understand. It was so funny and she was having such fun doing it and we so enjoyed her story, wish she would come back to Chapter sometime and surprise us and do it again. Lakewood had 4 men that sang all the time, Bill Young, Max Paulson, Bud Millard and Joe Kier then after awhile Delores Young and Debbie Kier joined the men but Bill and Delores drove from Aurora two times a month to sing at Chapter and came several more times for practice and special programs. It was so great and we so enjoyed the music they sang, some times fun and other times serious but so enjoyed whatever they did. We used to have such fun in Chapter with a lot of entertainment and silliness and we even got serious sometimes but we had fun.

I had a flag presented to Don that was from the VFW in Little Sioux, Iowa that was placed on his Grandfather's casket and his Father's casket and was at the VFW when it closed and Don's sister got it and sent it to me and I had Joe Kier and Nathan Alton (our son) present Don with this Flag the last time we were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in Lakewood. Don was so happy he was the one to receive it and was in our home until he passed away and our Son Nathan now has it displayed in his home here in Bennett and eventually our Grandson Matt will receive it and it will be back in the home again. Kinda strange how things work out, isn't it.

Don sits here on my desk daily and watches over me and that is such a comfort to have him close, not sad just a comfort along with his pipe and a red and yellow rose. Love to see them daily.

I look out my window and see the snow and the sun shining on it and looks like diamonds sparkling and the sun is so bright and oh how our pastures need this moisture. I actually would prefer a little gentle rain but snow is pretty and I have lived with it most of my life. When I was little and snow would hit in Iowa Labor Day we would have it until Spring Thaw, not sure if it is like that anymore but first year we lived out here it snowed Labor Day weekend and I cried all weekend thinking Colorado was like Iowa and I would not see green grass until April or May. Well much to my surprise, Christmas our kids sat on sleds in the yard on grass and not a drop of snow could be found. In Iowa in the summer you packed all your summer things up in boxes and put them away for winter and then some summer you would pack away winter things and get out summer things. Well found out fast in Colorado ya just leave things the way they are cause your gonna need all any time of the year, and learned to carry a coat or sweater in the car at all times cause if ya don't need it outside you will when you go

into a building: If sun is shining A/C is on and your gonna freeze!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we had ours on Monday before Thanksgiving as everyone would be here and Thanksgiving some were working or at other grandparents homes and me I got to go to a friends home and have dinner with their family well I guess we are their adopted family but anyway we all had a good day together be it before, on or after Turkey Day. That is my favorite and love the food.

Christmas is coming fast and it has gotten so commercialized I don't like it anymore. I am just wanting to be Thankful to God for getting me thru another year and taking such good care of me and my family and friends. Lots have left this earth that we will miss but now Our Heavenly Father has them in his arms taking care of them and we can only be Thankful we had them the time that we did. I have told my family I do not want any gifts, I have them and have had a wonderful life and that is all I need. Think about it, I am 85 almost 86 and I need nothing, and if I do need or want something I go get it so what can they get me? I told them to find a family in need and give them the money they would have spent on me or find a child that is in need and get that child a special gift that would make me the most happy.

The year that one of the Past Grand Matrons had our chapter buy for an orphanage was the greatest gift I have been given. My daughter and I went out and spent over the limit but we had such a good time finding that young man gifts, and wish I knew who is was now as would do it again. Anyway take care have fun Christmas and hope you and your family all gather around the Christmas tree, sing songs, have good food and Give Our Heavenly Father Thanks for how good he has been to us. Remember things that are good are great and bad things will always get better. Love to all and Merry Christmas! MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!!!!

Pati Sawyer-Boex from the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center is once again soliciting donations of boxes of Kleenex, as she likes to give each resident a box of Kleenex for Christmas. Contact Pati at the Home for more information.

And the winners are:



#20 Marlene Doyle



#11 Andrea Smith

The winners will receive a \$15 gift card to Pets Smart. Congratulations!!!!

THE PENTALPHA SHINING STARS CLUB



Our next meeting will be on December 3rd. Breakfast at 8 am, meeting at 9 am at the 4 G's Mexican Restaurant 2788 S Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80236.

We had our first Pentalpha Shining Stars party, it went well, but I think we should discuss how to make it more fun and inclusive of everyone. Please bring your ideas of what you would like to see.

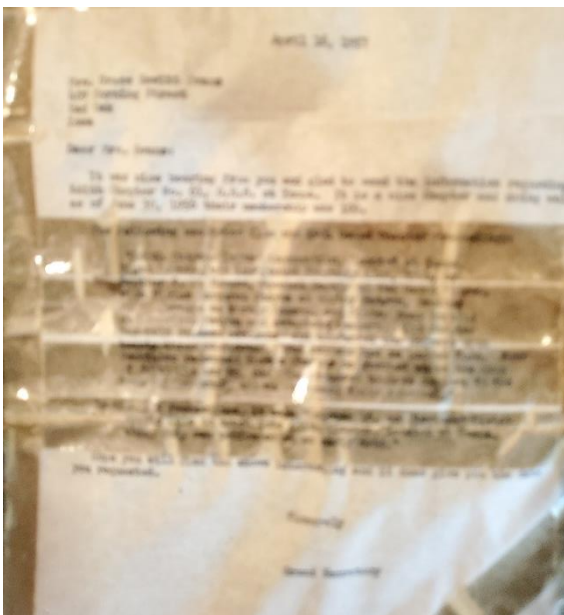
Herb Carr - President
Pentalpha Shining Stars Club

Edith #61 Yampa History Tidbits



Edith #61 was named after one of the original Charter Members, Edith Hewett. (name on the picture) When I asked a few members, very little was known. Then I asked to take a picture of the picture on the

wall, but because of too much glare from the lights, the WP took it off the wall and low and behold, an old faded, tattered letter that was taped to the back, fell to the floor. It was from the Grand Secretary.



It was very illegible and hard to decipher.



Last night, November 28, at the regular stated meeting of Heritage #154, WGM Elizabeth Spangler had the honor to commission Sister Beth Shiplet as the newest Grand Representative of South Dakota. Congratulations! Beth

April 16, 1957
Mrs. Grace Hewitt Evans
409 Corning Street
Red Oak Iowa

Dear Mrs. Evans:

It was nice hearing from you and glad to send the information regarding Edith Chapter No. 61, O.E.S. at Yampa. It is a nice Chapter and doing well, as of June 30, 1956 their membership was 100.

The following was taken from the 1904 Grand Chapter Proceedings:

"Edith Chapter Under Dispensation, located in Yampa, Routt County, was instituted February 23rd, 1901 by Brother T. Wm Hewett, Special Deputy of the Grand Patron, with Sister Margaret Staysa as Worthy Matron, Brother H. E Hernage as Worthy Patron and Sister Emma Morning as Associate Matron and seventeen members. The Chapter has held sixteen sessions and conferred the degrees upon twenty-three candidates. The records are in proper form. Your Committee recommend that a Charter be granted under the name of Edith Chapter No. 61. The proposed by-laws conform to rules of the Order and we recommend their approval."

In the 1905 Proceedings, it says, "October 16, commissioned Sister ?? Cole to constitute Edith Chapter, located at Yampa, Colorado. My duty was performed at an early date."

Hope you will find the above interesting and it does give you the date you requested.
Sincerely, Grand Secretary

Hi everyone, it is that time of year again. Snowflake Chapter is selling letters from Santa. You can send them to your relative, kiddos, coworkers, your Secret Pals, your Grand Rep counterpart. It is so much fun to

do this fundraiser. I need the order forms back by 12/6 to ensure that they are delivered on time to your recipient. You can pay in many ways. Please help us raise some money for our chapter but also, most importantly, help us spread some holiday cheer. 🎅 Reach out to me with any questions, 719-362-6302



Snowflake Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
Santa Claus Letter Order Form 2022



Purchasers Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Recipients Name: _____
Recipients Address: _____

Please fill out the information for each child.

Child 1		Child 2	
Childs Name		Childs Name	
Gender		Gender	
Age		Age	
Gift child would like		Gift child would like	
Accomplishment		Accomplishment	
Town		Town	
Sibling/Friend Name		Sibling/Friend Name	
Other Information		Other Information	

Send \$7 per letter and this order form by December 6th to Elizabeth6589@aol.com
Payment can be made by Cash, Check, Venmo, Chase Quickpay, Fackbook Pay etc. if interested.
Venmo ID is *Elizabeth – Taylor - 94*

If you are interested in mailing an order form and money, please follow up with a call 719-362-6302 to ensure there is no issues with USPS.

Elizabeth Taylor
955 Tammany Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

In return, your child/ren will receive a personalized letter from Santa sent from the North Pole. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser. If you have any questions please call me to discuss 719-362-6302



GARDEN CITY #3
ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR



6TH ANNUAL

COOKIE WALK AND Soup Luncheon

CENTURY MASONIC HALL
2532 9TH AVENUE;
GREELEY



Let us do your
holiday baking.



We will have
hundreds of
homemade & decorated
cookies,
Candies, Fudge, English
Toffee and
other Christmas goodies for
you to choose from.
Only \$7.00 a dozen.

A Soup Luncheon will be
available from
11:30 am – 1:00 pm for
\$6.00 per person

Open to the public.
Everyone is welcome.



December 3, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Did I hear.

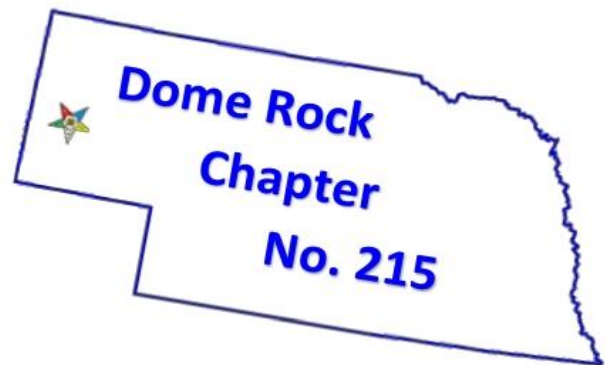
.....ROAD TRIP?



Kindness IS The Key 2022-2023

Journey to Scottsbluff, Nebraska

July 10 – 12, 2023



- **Monday July 10th** – Dinner with Dome Rock Chapter
- **Tuesday July 11th** – Visit Scottsbluff National Monument for a great view of the surrounding area then on to the Museum, time permitting. Stop by **Dairy KING** for ice cream (this is a must!!). There should be some free time after the ice cream.
Dome Rock Chapter Meeting at 7:00 pm!
- **Wednesday July 12th** – Breakfast with members of Dome Rock Chapter, then leave for home.

*****R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN July 3, 2023 to Cathe Markell at (303) 794-5765
or catherinemarkell@gmail.com*****

"KITK" 2022-2023 ITINERARY

DECEMBER 2022

Thursday 8	Manzanita #85 Littleton
Friday 9	Excelsior #66 Lafayette
Saturday 10	Loyalty #145 Westminster



JANUARY 2023

Friday 7	Canon City #21
Friday 13	Bethlehem #56 Monte Vista
Saturday 14	Fountain Valley #155 Fountain
Friday 20	Collins #26 Fort Collins
Saturday 21	Metro #157 Denver

FEBRUARY

Friday 3	Pueblo #7
Saturday 4	Trinidad #1
Saturday 11	Oriental #98
Saturday 25	Garden City #3 Greeley WGP's Homecoming

MARCH

Saturday 4	Dawn #125 Aurora / Heritage #154 Denver WGM's Homecoming (joint)
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APRIL

15-22	Hawaiian Cruise
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MAY

9-10	Nebraska Grand Chapter
15-18	Wisconsin Grand Chapter
Saturday 20	Colorado #2 Leadville
Sunday 21	Golden Gleaner – Honor Grand Family

JUNE

8-10	Indiana Grand Chapter
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JULY

10-12	Scotts Bluff Road Trip
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AUGUST

2-5	Arizona Grand Chapter
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SEPTEMBER

21-23	Kindness IS The Key Grand Chapter
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HOW DO I KNOW... ?

Written by Kit Wells, PGM 1991-1992
Washington State

*How do I know we love Eastern Star?
Because of the hours we spend in our cars.
We go to receptions, honor nights and schools.
There's some who might say,
"We're Eastern Star Fools!!"*

*We spruce ourselves up and go to our meeting
Let's see who is here, who's arranged the seating
Officers march 'round and 'round
in circles and squares
Eventually they get to their places and chairs.*

*It's run by a woman, the meeting and all
Sits up in the East, she's having a ball.
She bangs with the gavel like her life is at stake,
While the guy at her side seems
to be barely awake.*

*I thought for a while we were having confession
The the Matron declares,
"This Chapter is in Session."
And that's when it happened,
you never would guess
It's called introductions and boy What a mess!!*

*First this one, then that one
They acknowledge applause
First this one, then that one,
there's hardly a pause!!
They get up, they sit down,
like some sort of dance.
You think for sure they have ants in their pants.*

*I want to speak out - on panic I border
Then all of a sudden, it's "Good of the Order"!
Most of you have seen it, now this takes the cake
Those seated in the East -
A little speech they must make!!*

*But when they are through, WHEW!
The meeting is done.
And I have to admit, it has really been fun!
We put away stuff and paraphernalia.
We take off our jewels and other regalia*

*If you think for a minute that
I don't like Eastern Star. . .
Sisters and Brothers, how very wrong you are!
I poke fun, because I believe in laughter
But I've found in the Star what I've sought after*

*Fun and fellowship with others, that's right
And I can hardly wait
untill the next meeting night.*

And so off to another OV we go.

'KITK' GRAND FAMILY TRAVELS



SUNSHINE #53 GRAND JUNCTION

What a beautiful drive over to the tunnels on I70, as we headed for the OV. We were greeted by the members with open arms, great fellowship, delicious food and was serenaded by wonderful dinner/dancing music, by Ray Asay, PGP of Utah.



The Grand Junction Masonic Center is decorated with beautiful stained glass in the ceilings and tile work in the entry way.



EDITH #61 YAMPA

You already know some of the history of Edith earlier. This quaint little chapter is very active in their community. At OVs, they are well known for their wonderful homemade soups and delectable pie. It was quite the memorable ride home to the Denver area as snow started falling and the road to the tunnel was slow and steady, with very wet slush and icy areas.



SILVER STAR #40 MONTROSE

Silver Star #40 started off with a surprise at dinner when WGM, Beth found this frog saving her place.



It appears that by the end of the OV, the WM, Connie and WP, Keith were ready for a well deserved nap. What a wonderful day.


WAUNITA #37 GUNNISON

What wonderful lunch was served by the members of Waunita. I believe Ken was the head cook. After lunch, presentations were done. Lots of frogs and cows popped out of the gift bags and even a cow bell, which by a couple of mischievous Brothers, was fashioned with a coat hanger and hung around the neck of WGP, Gary. It was quite the honor for WGM, Beth to be allowed to pin Sister Marian Ashwood with her 70 year membership pin. Congratulations Marian.



SNOWFLAKE #153 WOODLAND PARK

On the way to Woodland Park, 14 of the Grand Family just had to stop off at the Black Bear restaurant in Colorado Springs. I guess the family that eats together, stays together. Those not pictured: Cathe & Dick Markell, Justin Smith, CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad and Ellie Brooks.



The Black Bear Gazette


JUST A COUPLE OF HUNGRY GUYS WITH A BIG DREAM

In 1995 Bruce Dean and Laurie & Bob Manley opened the first Black Bear Diner in Mt. Shasta, a small northern California town with 3,600 people located about an hour from the Oregon border. These friends shared the realization of a dream: create a place where friends and family could get together and enjoy great food and service at a reasonable price. It was important to bring these elements together to provide what they considered a great value. After all, these were people they personally knew in this small town.

They found the largest platters they could and filled them with delicious food. Some recipes came from the area's earliest settlers – Laurie's Italian-American family, who labored in the area's lumber mills, offered Nona's marinara sauce. Some menu items were favorites that guests craved but couldn't find in other restaurants, like housemade Italian sausage, our flavorful meatloaf, or corned-beef hash made from slow-roasted beef brisket. Fresh ingredients and items made in the diner were also important to them – biscuits "as big as your head" baked every day and orange juice squeezed from whole oranges. These items are still on our menu today and are made in house every day.

And just like most start-ups, these early days were filled with long hours and counting pennies. "Jukebox Monday" was their much-anticipated payday as they emptied the quarters guests had plugged into the diner's music machine. Soon word began to spread about the cozy diner just off Interstate 5 and travelers began asking: when will a Black Bear Diner open in my town? Seems there was, and still is, a real hunger for a great value built on quality food and friendly service in a comfortable environment.

Today, our founders' values are still present in each diner we open. We proudly serve nearly 150 communities in 14 states, and that number keeps growing. Find all our locations at BlackBearDiner.com



Bob "Papa Bear" Manley and
Bruce "Sugar Bear" Dean
Gilroy, CA, Circa 2002



Leaping lizzards – I mean FROGS



After the meeting, refreshments were served. Everyone had a wonderful time. WM, Pat kept things rollin' in a timely manner.