

# A-U-2 Review



NOVEMBER



2022



Elizabeth Spangler, WGM

**KINDNESS IS THE KEY**

Gary Lindblad, WGP

My Sisters and Brothers,

Sitting in my dining room thinking about Autumn and all the wonderful smells that the season brings, I start to get very homesick. Being raised on the east coast, I have never gotten over missing the colors of the trees turning gold, red, orange, yellow, brown and burnt orange; the crisp night air and being able to look up at the sky, with the stars shining brighter and clearer; the leaves falling and my Dad raking leaves into piles and my friends and me running through them playing tag, with Dad telling us we needed to come back and help put them in the bags for the city to pick up. We did, because having a leaf fight in the middle of the street was way too much fun with the whole neighborhood involved. Remember when a whole neighborhood would come out of their houses and help each other? Remember when kids would play outside and when they saw a neighbor bringing home groceries, would ask if they could help carry the bags in for them? I am sorry to say that never happens in my neighborhood anymore. Maybe we need to start doing some neighborly kindness. When you drive past your neighbors, give them a smile and wave. It took me 9 months before someone waved back, but I decided to keep trying. Now that person waves to me whenever they see

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Greetings to my Sisters & Brothers:

It's hard to believe that we have already had 5 Official Visits. You will find pictures throughout this issue. In addition to that, Sister Beth and I visited Grand Chapters in Oklahoma and New Mexico. It is quite interesting to see how different other Grand Chapters do things, compared to your own. You find things you like and don't like and the best part is meeting new friends.

Beth and I and several from our Grand Family attended a meeting in Trinidad to help them with the Initiation Ceremony where we initiated 3 new members. Congratulations Trinidad!

If your Chapter needs help in filling stations for initiation, please contact Skye Brunick, our Grand Lecturer. With assistance from Beth, Skye will call upon our Grand Family for help.

Oh my gosh, we also presented a 50 year pin to Sister Marie Sharpe, and gave 2 Grand Representative appointments.

In the midst of all our travels, we find it rewarding to be recipients of random acts of Kindness that have been bestowed upon us. We found that if you initiate kindness, kindness will be returned to you 100 fold. Keep this in mind when you find someone who looks troubled. Maybe they are having a bad day. Just a smile or telling them to have a great day – may just turn their day around.

"Kindness IS doing what you can, where you are, with what you have." And I think Eastern Star is a pretty good place to start.

Have a Wonderful Day! *Gary*

*Worthy Grand Patron*

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me. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Sisters and Brothers. I hope you have an awesome time with your family and friends and remember "You never need to apologize for being Kind."

Kindness First, *Beth*

*Worthy Grand Matron*

## Chapter News Reel



### COLORADO #2 – LEADVILLE

*Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter*

Wreath and Garland orders have been received and the order has been placed with the company.

Colorado #2 participated in the Leadville Trick or Treat Street and donated \$40 as well.

Our Sister Myrna Salberg, Grand Representative to New Mexico went to their Grand Chapter Session on October 20-22.

### GARDEN CITY #3 – COMMER

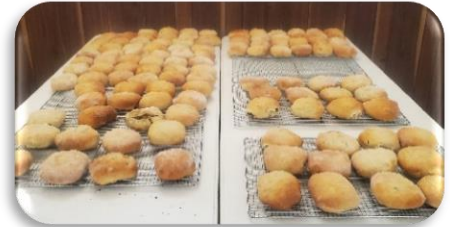
*CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter*

On October 11, the members of Garden City renewed their Obligation. After which, several told us what the obligation meant to them: To me our Obligation is like the 10 Commandments – every day I try to live up to the Obligation I took and almost every day I fail. But I try to do my best every day.; My Obligation is a way of life. If I follow the "I Will Nots" set forth in the Obligation, hopefully others will see that by my actions, I try to live an upright and just life.; another said – I do my best to fulfill my Obligation, but there are days, circumstances and other events that happen, that I have at times,

allowed me to go astray. Thanks to the blessings of God, I pick myself up and try harder the next day.

We held our initiation practice on October 12 and had inspection on October 25. With a couple of officers calling saying they couldn't come because they were not feeling well, we did some shuffling to cover all our Stations. Everyone did a very nice job and the Worthy Matron congratulated them.

For our 2<sup>nd</sup> major fundraiser of the year, we took orders for fresh homemade Krautburgers. 175 Krautburgers were ordered.



The KB crew of 3 made 252 KBs in 2 days. If you are interested in buying some, we do have 35 in the freezer waiting to go to a wonderful warm oven in your home. Please contact CherylAnn. We would be happy to deliver.

Our Harvest Dinner, to our disappointment, was not very well attended, but we did make a little money



to help meet our Fundraising budget. We served turkey, roast beef, glazed carrots, squash, green beans, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars and a variety of salads. Those of us who cooked, served, set up and cleaned up had lots of fun. What a great way to get to know our members.



November will bring a whirlwind of activity: We will cook and serve a dinner for our Century Lodge #190 on November 3. Keeping open lines of communication will benefit both of the Orders.

We will host the Golden Gleaner Club on Sunday, November 6. On November 13, we will honor VFW Post 2121 with a dinner, program and silent auction. All proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House. Invitations are attached.



At our meeting on November 22, we will honor our Secretary and Treasurer. All Secretaries and Treasurers are welcome to attend.

Our Officers are 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 21, we have reserved seats at the Candlelight Dinner Theater to see the production of "White Christmas". There are still a few tickets left. Please contact CherylAnn ASAP 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 is in the hospital with some kidney issues. 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. Brother John Trickey is healing nicely after have some cancer removed. Sister Jacqui McDonald lost her mother and is recovering from a nasty cold. Sister Marsha Biddle is on a much needed vacation after finalizing all the tax extensions for the year for her clients. Sister Alice Moody lost her Sister Burnice. Sister Amethyst Nagy is nursing a bruised bone in her right wrist and a student accidentally slammed a door into her at school. Sister Donna Schmidt is rehabbing after being diagnosed with a Congestive Heart Condition.



Garden City wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. If traveling, please be safe.



I wonder what it means when the Farmer unfriends me on Facebook?

## PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

*Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter*

I don't know about the rest of you, but I LOVE fall. The trees are so beautiful and the weather is especially beautiful.



Pueblo 7 turned 130 years old this year. To celebrate this milestone we decided to have our annual friendship night and add a birthday party. It was also National sausage pizza day,

so of course we celebrated with sausage pizza and no party is complete without cupcakes.



Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate. Entertainment before the meeting was provided by my niece Allisson.

Happy Birthday

Pueblo 7



## ATTENTION

### NEW DATE FOR THE OV AT CANON CITY #21

**JANUARY 7, 2022**

**1:30 PM MEETING**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MEETING**

**701 MACON CANON CITY**

**COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS**

*Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter*

The first meeting in October was well attended. We had all installed officers in attendance and enjoyed a delightful dinner before the meeting. Our WM Sarilyn fixed an old family favorite that resembles sloppy joes but is made a little different than that. It's a guarded secret, so no recipe here. It was complimented with mashed potatoes and Coconut Cream pie for dessert.

All the first meetings of the month here at Collins 26 will feature a complimentary dinner at 6pm before the meeting, so come on over and enjoy some fellowship with us.

Our OV is scheduled for Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, so watch for invitations!

Also, 4 of our members attended the Job's Daughters Official Visit on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The girls did a great job and had more sideliners than they have had in quite a while. And all attendees were asked to wear a Halloween costume, so all the officers were in a variety of character outfits. Lots of fun was had by all.



**WAUNITA #37 – GUNNISON**

*Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter*

A few of our members have been attending the Official Visits in Pagosa Springs, Durango, and the Denver area. Several of our members are looking forward



to some more Official Visits coming up, and then we are going to Grand Chapter in NM.

Our chapter will have mini schools of instruction, and our Official Visit will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is at 12:00 noon, and meeting at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP, so we have enough food for everyone. Some of our members who are 90-years-old got together along with community members and had a celebration. Many stories were told, and more memories were made.

Our next big plans are a Christmas Dinner with the Masons, Eastern Star and Rainbow! We try to have this every year and include many members who are not able to come to the evening meetings. We hope this finds





everyone healthy & happy. Stay safe and well, so we can see you all again in the future

### SILVER STAR #40 – MONTROSE

*Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter*

Worthy Matron, Connie Pittenger and Worthy Patron, Keith Hoey, PGP have kept us busy so far this “*Memories of the Heart*” term with Mini-Schools of Instruction and an Initiation! However, we will be initiating three more candidates the first meeting in November!



At our first meeting in October, we initiated Jennifer Ruben. This lady has been trying for five years to find her grandfather's paperwork and we finally found it! Her Grandmother and Aunt left her many OES memorabilia but no clue as to their Masonic Heritage. She came to our Friendship Night in May and met many of our members during our dinner, even our WGM at the time, Cheryl Williams, along with several other Musical Journey Grand Officers. So we are thrilled that she is finally part of us. It was a beautiful initiation.

At our second October meeting we balloted on the petition for Leigh Ann Collins, Lynne Quint's twin sister! This is going to be such fun! In addition, we read two petitions. So, we plan to ballot on and initiate Christian Castravet and his wife Victoria Mart at our first meeting in November as well. All of this before our OV on November 11<sup>th</sup>!

We are anxious to entertain the “*Kindness IS the Key*” Grand Family and will be serving a complimentary dinner of Shepherds' Pie. Donations will be accepted. Since it is Veterans' Day, we will also be celebrating those brave men and women who have faithfully served our country to keep us safe for all these years. Thank You Veterans!

We also set a date for our Annual Pie delivery – November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were able to get our pies from

Shamrock Foodservice Warehouse. Of course the prices have increased substantially due to supply issues, but we have many customers who look forward to our pies each year. It was a successful fundraiser and we are happy to be “deep in pies”! By the way, we do have some extras if you are interested in purchasing them when you come to our Official Visit on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ask any member and we will gladly help you.

Mary Ellen and Bill Harris reported that they are going to be Great Grandparents again next spring! They are pretty excited.

Mary Avara-Grosshans is recovering well from her surgery and is out-and- about some, although she tires quickly. We are just so happy for her and it was great to see her at our meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are happy to report that Nate Hoey, PGP Keith & Shelley Hoey's grandson took first in the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association bull riding. Then, he came home and did it again here in Montrose! For the second year in a row, he is Colorado Pro Rodeo Association's bull riding champion! Their granddaughter, Shayne has also been accepted to and taken her oath to hopefully become a Colorado State Trooper following in the steps of her grandpa! Congratulations kids and grandparents! Keith and Shelley missed our October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as they are travelling to New Mexico and Oklahoma's Grand Chapters. We look forward to their stories of their travels. PGM Cindy Wardlaw and Len also travelled to New Mexico.



I am sure you are all enjoying the beautiful autumn weather and the beautiful colors! Lee and I played *hooky* last week and drove over Owl Creek Pass. It was breathtaking at every turn. This week, it is all around us and our view from our patio is spectacular! We can see the snow in the mountains

however, and the weatherman is predicting snow

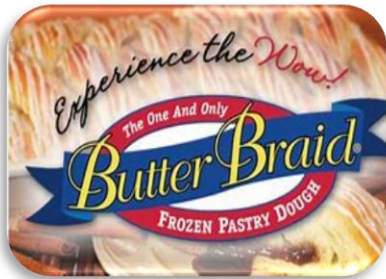
this weekend. But we have certainly enjoyed this fall and the colors. We hope you have as well.

We look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks and renewing our friendships and making new ones. Safe travels and God Bless.

**EXCELSIOR #66 – LAFAYETTE**  
*Jenna McGregor, PM - Reporter*

Hello Colorado OES Members!

Excelsior is doing our Famous Fall Butter Braids fundraiser and we need your help. Excelsior gets 40% of any sold item from this Fund Raiser.



YOU CAN Buy Butter Braids NOW AND BE SURE TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY – Let them know how great these would be to have on hand for the Thanksgiving and

Christmas Holidays. They are just so easy to make.

- Orders must be placed to you and paid for no later than November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Butter braid pick up will be on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Lodge between 6:30pm and 8:00pm. You might need to bring a cooler with you for transporting them home. If you need to arrange a different pick up please contact Jenna MacGregor 303-618-6398 [macgregorje2@gmail.com](mailto:macgregorje2@gmail.com) or Mike and Pam Jones 720-341-5113 Lafayette Lodge is located at: [701 W Baseline Rd, Lafayette, CO 80026](#) .

\* You can also use the following link to order online, but they do not send butter braids through the mail! So pick up is essential. You can choose any excelsior member as your seller ☺ Here is the link: [Excelsior Famous Fall Butter Braid Fundraiser](#).

**SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION**

*Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter*

Well! Sunshine #53 started October off with a Ban as we served 2 meals for the Four Corner Royal Arch Festival on October 1. We served about 70 for lunch and about 90 for dinner with their lovely wives. Some of the men cooked tri-tips on the grill and they were WONDERFUL!!! Thank

you for all the ladies and hubbies who assisted! Our October 4th meeting was spent mostly on Official Visit.

We WILL be having a Silent Auction so please come with shopping intent! There



will be some lovely items for you to take home. We also draped our Altar for PWGM Helen Westmoreland. The meeting ended with Willis telling the Chapter about Paonia Eastern Star. I learned a few things I hadn't known!! Nancy had passed out quiz sheets before the meeting and we went over the answers. She had a pumpkin basket and the winner (Stephanie Thorpe) got to choose a badly wrapped gift! (We'll just say that the cat helped!) We will be continuing this for future meetings.

October 8<sup>th</sup> brought our participation in the DeMolay-Rainbow Craft Fair. Tommie Clark, S.S. Matthews and Nancy Eriksen has a booth with all sales going to the Chapter. It wasn't a very busy day. but we





got to visit and look at all the booths so it wasn't entirely wasted. Janine Briscoe had her own booth and had some wonderful items as well. You *may* see one of the snowmen in the Silent Auction.

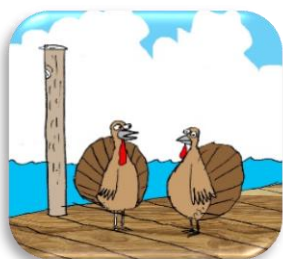
Our Official Visit is November 4 at 6:30. Please come join us! Supper starts at 6:30 and we need your reservations NOW!!!!

I have to mention a book I just finished because it was one of the best ones I've read this year: *Carrying Albert Home* by Hiram Hickam, Jr. All I'm going to share is that it's about his parents, Albert and a rooster.

"In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still." – Cynthia Rylant

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE  
OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
WGM ELIZABETH SPANGLER AND  
WGP GARY LINDBLAD  
AND THE KINDNESS IS THE KEY GRAND FAMILY  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022  
2400 CONSISTORY COURT  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO  
CHILI AND FIXIN'S AT 6:30  
\$10 DONATION  
MEETING AT 7:30**

**PLEASE RSVP TO SECRETARY, BETH NELMS  
3257 ½ FRIENDSHIP DRIVE  
CLIFTON, CO 81520  
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25  
NANCY ERIKSEN, WM  
WILLIS GRUNDVIG, PGP, WP**



"I teach a scuba class every year. If you don't want to be the main course on Thanksgiving, I suggest you, too, fin a useful skill."



Wait just a minute –  
just because they are  
black and white doesn't  
make it a Holstein Calf.

Oh Holy Cow –  
it's a Pig.



On our way to  
Oklahoma Grand Chapter,  
our WGM and WGP found  
a cow to ride.



**"Hope of the Seasons"  
Edith Chapter #61, O.E.S. (Yampa)**

**Cordially invites you to attend  
the Official Visit of  
Sister Elizabeth Spangler, WGM,  
Brother Gary Lindblad, WGP  
and the "Kindness IS the Key"  
Grand Officers!**

**On Saturday, November 5, 2022**

**A Soup/Salad Lunch  
will be served at 12:00 pm  
with PIE refreshments after the meeting**

**Meeting at 1:30 pm**

**Raylene Olinger, WM      Joe Edwards, WP  
Please RSVP to Debra Knott @970-736-8237 or  
[knottbd@gmail.com](mailto:knottbd@gmail.com)**

## MANZANITA #85 – LITTLETON

Mary Robyn, PM - Reporter

Manzanita #85 has been busy this month. As promised, I've attached photos of our installation. The Installation went smoothly and we're so proud of our new Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron; our



daughter and father team Alysia and Jeff Fankhauser. Everyone I've

spoken to has loved our new outfits. We do not, however, appreciate any references to aging hippies. We, of course, are neither of those. But do take a look at our tie dye skirts, ties, and even tablecloths. We are nothing if not colorful but not aging hippies.



and I won a "Welcome Fall" pillow. Jane Wullbrandt was able to be there after her fall, a real trooper.

The pillow was terrific for our next event which was a meeting of Past Matrons of Manzanita #85 on Saturday, October 15. The group met at our place for lunch and a meeting. I did not remember to take pictures of this group. My committee made a great lunch and we had a brief "business" meeting. Larry Wullbrandt and Tom



Robyn were both there but not actually part of the meeting. We very graciously did let them have lunch, though.

We do seem to gather to share a meal. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October we gathered for the monthly meeting of the 3Ms of Manzanita. We were to have special hot dogs at Crave (Hampden and I-25) which was



temporarily closed which is a recurring problem now. Not to worry though we did not starve and relocated to

Piccolo's which was close by. They also are having personnel issues and we had a hybrid fast-food/restaurant experience. Even if the ambience was not that great it was fun to enjoy each other's company.

## DAWN #125 – AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Dawn Chapter is off and running and "Broadway Bound"! At our October 2 meeting we learned about "West Side Story", renewed our Obligation, had a brief lesson on Parliamentary Procedure from AM Janice Jacobovitz, draped the Altar for PMWGM Helen Westmoreland and PGM Vera Nisley, and draped our charter for Sr. Amy Raia. We also were thrilled to welcome Tamela Hampden, who affiliated with us from Tennessee!

At our last meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we learned about "Wicked" and enjoyed a medley of "Popular" and "Defying Gravity", played by Sr. Susan Franzen. We also installed Sr. Luda Wells as Electa. Then we all went downstairs for Halloween Refreshments and to work on Reading of the Red Book.

On October 25, we enjoyed meeting for dinner at Chili's for our Social





Club. Because of the upcoming holidays, we won't have another Social Club dinner until January.

PGP Bill Young and I delivered a Halloween treat bag to our adopted residents, Carolyn Jacobson and Beverly Booth, at the Home last week and enjoyed a nice visit with these two ladies.

We were sorry to hear that Sr. Joan North had fallen and broken her hip, but are delighted to hear that she is back home now from rehab and is receiving PT at home. I'm sure she would still love to know we're all thinking of her and sending her more prayers for her recovery.

At our upcoming meeting on November 1, we will learn about "Fiddler on the Roof" and enjoy some music from that show. We will also celebrate Veteran's Day. Then on November 10, we are looking forward to attending the first A/PA Party of this year, which will be held at Manzanita Chapter. Dawn will respond.

On November 15, Dawn Chapter will be hosting a Friendship Night with ALL Metro Chapters and we will learn about "Phantom of the Opera". We hope MANY of you will visit and be introduced by your Dawn Counterpart!

At this same meeting, Heritage Chapter #154, Oriental Chapter #98, and Dawn Chapter will ALL drape our charters in memory of our dear Sr. Carrie Andree, who passed away on October 3. Then members of all three of these chapters will perform the Eastern Star Memorial Service as well. Carrie touched the lives of so many of us and we invite everyone to come honor her and her memory at this meeting.

If you haven't heard already, Dawn Chapter is once again sponsoring a fruit sale from Florida Indian River Groves. This is easy to do online at <https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/commerce/1027411>

Orders must be placed by November 15. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Wells at [Wayne\\_at\\_redroad@yahoo.com](mailto:Wayne_at_redroad@yahoo.com). We certainly appreciate any and all support!

One of our charitable projects this year is to support the Stout Street Health Clinic, which serves the homeless, by putting together Hygiene Kits, which include bars of soap, a washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, travel size bottles of

shampoo and conditioner, etc. So, if you travel and have any unused items left, we would appreciate your help.

In closing, now wishing you all a Wonderful Thanksgiving!



*"We have so much to be thankful for. One day a year hardly seems adequate."*

#### LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

*Marlene Doyle, PM - Reporter*

Seems I missed the deadline last month for the review, so don't want to let that happen again. September was a busy month. We did all the good stuff, Installation, practices. We sent Dave off to Utah with good memories we hope, Bette Leck celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and then Loyalty attended Grand Chapter. It was great seeing everyone and laughing and talking. We have our own Nancy Cayer as Grand Organist and Jan Schnider as her Grand Escort. Congratulations to these sisters.

We had reading of the read book which started out as a potluck, then WM Jane put a different twist on the reading, we got lots done and discussed.

Oct. 13 was our first stated meeting since before GC, it was good to get back in the Chapter Room with lots of business. It has been decided not to have our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, several things helped decide this, but please stay tuned to see what Loyalty will be doing for fun and funds in

the future. WM Jane gave cute awards for the sisters that worked on the Peach Committee, these were medallions, but



when we got home and cut the ribbons off, they became our own personal coasters. Thanks to Ardi Dunlap, Ann Tiff and Teresa Hudson who have worked on the Peach Project for over 15 years. The peaches were great this year and we profited from them, thanks to all who bought peaches.



Our Chapter will be selling Jill's famous pies this fall, the price has gone up, but we all know how yummy they are. I have attached a flyer.

Finally, we have found a home for the stuffed animals we collected this past year. They went to a school in Northglenn who will distribute them to families in need at Christmas. Thanks to Shirley Kirkham who worked hard to get the 52 animals tied with OES ribbons around their necks, to the right place that could use them.



We have a game day planned with everyone bringing their lunch, should be fun just to sit and visit, never enough time for that. Our next meeting should be fun with a touch of Halloween. Enjoy the children in costumes, BOOOO! Loyalty #145



Our dear sister Tina Giles is turning 95 years young! Her son is throwing her a wonderful birthday party with delicious food and a beautiful cake at our Masonic Lodge. It will be Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00. We are all invited to come celebrate with Sister Tina. Mark your calendars now so you save that day for her. Cards would be nice too! 8151 Bradburn Drive, Westminster

PLAN NOW TO GO ON THE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY LOYALTY CHAPTER #145  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022  
BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 5:00  
P.M.



AND RETURNS AT 9:00 P.M.  
FROM  
WESTMINSTER MASONIC CENTER  
8151 BRADBURN DRIVE  
WESTMINSTER, CO 80021  
COST IS \$25.00 INCLUDING TIP  
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LOYALTY #145

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



## Holiday Pie Sale



PUMPKIN

CHOCOLATE  
SILK PIE

PUMPKIN AND CHOCOLATE SILK  
\$15.00 EACH



BOURBON  
PECAN

BOURBON PECAN  
\$28.00 EACH

Pick up: Westminister Masonic Center

8151 Bradburn Ave, Westminister, Co 80031

Saturday, November 19 from 10am-12pm

Or by Appointment in Broomfield/Erie.

Only a limited number of pies will be available this year.

First to order will receive priority. **ORDER NOW!**

Pre-ordering does not guarantee a pie will be available, although every effort will be made to fill the pre-orders. Apple Pies are not available this year as we cannot get the fruit from the manufacturer. Thank you for your understanding.

PRE-ORDER BEFORE NOV 5TH. CALL, TEXT, EMAIL:

CATI (303) 429-6279, CHosley0722@gmail.com or

KARI (303) 495-0735, HilverdingKE@comcast.net





**Happy  
Thanksgiving  
from  
Heritage  
Chapter to  
you!**



***Sister Carrie Andree***

**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 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting. See any member of Heritage Chapter for more information.



Proceeds support Heritage Chapter charities.

Thank you for your support!

**CARRIE'S CRITTERS**

In honor of Sister Carrie Andree and the philanthropic project she selected for this year Heritage Chapter is having a Carrie's Critters supply drive for the Dumb Friends League. Below are the items which DDFL can use. You can give any donations to a member of Heritage Chapter by January 14, 2023. For questions contact Karen Wilson 303-885-5572.

Easy cheese (in can)	Cardboard Egg Cartons
Canned tuna and Chicken in water	Paper Towel Tubes
Lickable cat treats	Large, durable new/lightly used dog toys
Chicken or turkey baby food (no other added ingredients)	Cat Toys
Paper Towels	Ping pong balls
Lint Rollers	CD/USB/AUX Stereos
Dish Soap	Adult Shoe Boxes
Lysol Spray	New Cardboard cat scratchers
Disinfecting wipes	Paper Lunch bags
Trash Bags, 45 gal or larger	Exercise Pens
Q tips	Working Baby Gates
Cotton Balls	Distilled Water
Puppy Pads	AA and AAA Batteries
Ziplock Sandwich bags	Cat Food Dishes
Towels and Blankets	Medium Dog Beds
Cat Beds	Towels

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 – FOUNTAIN

*Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter*

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

During the month of September, at the Labor Day Parade in Fountain. Dan Brooks, Worthy Patron of Fountain Valley Chapter #155 rode in the Fountain Parade with The Lingley Family. Dan rode beside Charles Lingley, while Melinda and Ray's other sons were in other parts of the parade. Melinda is the Associate Conductress of Fountain Valley #155. Her husband Ray is a member of Fountain Valley Lodge #191 as are many brothers in #155. Dan is a member of the Al Kaly Mule Train, as is Ray, and the Lingley's own and ride a number of Mules in Parades and Gymkhanas. The Masonic Family, Lodge, Star and Shrine working together for the betterment of our community.

Also in September Sister Ellie's two chapters surprised her with her very own Adah Sword and Veil. She is excited and honored to be asking for it to be used during each of the OV's. It has been used at four so far and she is more than happy to show off the sword and box. Fountain Valley enjoyed Grand Chapter.

During the month of October Fountain Valley #155 is staying busy with travels. They recently won the traveling Eagle at Pueblo #7's friendship night with 8 members present (10/11). They also had a strong showing with 6 members at Areme's Official visit (10/8) and 6 members the next day at Mount Zion's Official Visit. (10/9) Also in the month of October Brother Bill Heintzen and Sister Sharon Heintzen travelled to Nevada's Grand Chapter where Patty Loewenkamp, WGM, was ecstatic to reconnect with dear old friends. Brother Bill and Patty served Fountain Valley #155 in the East together in 1998.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> Fountain Valley is honoring their veterans at their meeting and invite all to join!

*The Al Kaly Mule Train mini mules with riders Dan Brooks and Jim Johnson, assisted by the Lingley boys Charley and Raymond.*



*FV #155 at Mount Zion*



*FV #155 at Areme*



METRO #157 – DENVER

Lyric McKnight, PM - Reporter

Metro Chapter #157 is proud of our very own Past Matron, Sister Cathe Markell, who was appointed and installed as Grand Esther for the "Kindness IS The Key" 2022-2023 year. We will miss her at our Chapter meetings while she is out visiting other chapters and performing her duties as a Grand Officer, but look forward to supporting her and the Grand Family any way we can.

Metro's year is off to a great start as our Worthy Matron Gladine Dracon leads us to "Be A Star!" We're looking forward to a year of fun both inside and outside the Chapter room, as we plan some great activities to help us reconnect with members who may not be able to attend our regular evening meetings, as well as getting to know extended family members. We have a Fun Committee that will be putting together game nights, potluck socials, and much more. At our October 28 meeting, we'll be decorating Halloween pumpkins to take home or to share.



Metro Chapter will also be participating in "Got Sneakers" again this year! Get those unused shoes out of your closet, and know that they will be re-loved (or recycled), while raising funds for Metro #157. Bring your gently used athletic shoes to any Metro meeting or Denver area OV, or contact Associate Matron Lyric McKnight (mcknightlg@yahoo.com) to arrange pickup. This program will continue all year.

## FIRST FISHER HOUSE FUNDRAISER RAISES ROOF



*Dinner in Italy*

A huge thank you to all of you who attended the Dinner in Italy fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Fisher House! For those of you who weren't able to attend, you missed a fantastic evening!

Kristie Barker, House Manager at the Fisher House in Aurora, started the evening by inspiring guests with the history of the Fisher House and all the work they do to care for military veterans and their families. A



delicious four-



course meal was

then prepared and served by the staff at Gallo Italian Supper Club. It became evident quite quickly that one must pace oneself because the food just kept coming!

Four delicious wines were expertly paired and presented with each course by Mario Scanu, Italian Wine Specialist with Winebow Imports.



The evening



was topped off by a decadent selection of Italian pastries and cookies for dessert. Good conversation, laughter and song were heard coming from every table, and in true Italian style, everyone left with a full belly and a smile on their face.

Over \$850 was raised!!!! Grazie mille!



Eleven Eastern Star Members along with their spouses attended the event. As did many wine connoisseurs, who heard about the event.



## PAST MATRON'S & PAST PATRON'S CLUB OF DENVER AND COLORADO

*Hello everybody!*

*The Past Matrons and Patrons of Denver and Colorado are still alive and well after our Hiatus from the COVID lockdown! We have changed our meeting format to 4 socials per year! We had our last meeting for 2022 at The Shack.*



*Our next meeting is Feb 1, 2023, at 11am - 1 pm if the weather cooperates! It*

*will be held at: Rosie's Diner  
14061 E Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO 80014  
in the east part of the Denver Metro area.*

*We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting! All Eastern Star Past Matrons and Patrons and significant others are welcome to join us for lunch! There is room at the table for you!*

*Wayne Wells  
President since 2019*



### MEMORIES OF A MEMBER

By Gaylene Alton, PM

Please don't blame Dawn Chapter for what I say, I am just writing notes from me and not the writer for Dawn.

I went to Grand Chapter from Wednesday to Sunday and had a nice time away from home, but then Julia and I always have fun where ever we go and we hope to go on the Hawaii trip this year but will have to figure out finances before we commit. Grand Chapter was nice and went well and think we all enjoyed the meetings. The installation late afternoon on Saturday was so nice and I love the

dressess of the grand officers and escorts and the men in tuxes with tails was so nice and they all looked so elegant. The installation went thru just great and think everyone enjoyed it being in the late afternoon instead of night. We stayed the night just for fun but gave those a chance that wanted to go home to leave early and get home but we stayed the night and met a lot of people as we sat in the lounge.

Seems like the world is changing daily and I am not sure I like the changes good or bad. I just got back from a trip to Iowa to see my 96 year young sister in law, she was in hospital with a hip replacement and is doing really well and will be in rehab for about 2 weeks. She seems to think she will go into assisted living after she gets out of rehab but who knows what she will do. With seeing her it has got me thinking of my life and what I will do one of these days. I talked with my kids about this and they think I am crazy as they can't see me doing anything like that and to stop worrying about things that won't happen. My son assure me he will make me a place in the barn or horse trailer if I need assistance and my daughter said she will see that I have easy food to fix and they will give me warm cloths so I won't get cold and even move my bed so I will be okay. I really have wonderful kids and so appreciate the fact that they will take care of me. Wonderful of them!!

Hope Chapter affiliated with Dawn Chapter and Julia Krug was installed as Marshal and I am Officer at Large and at first meeting I was Associate Conductress and we did a Ballot. Wow I had forgotten how much walking the A/Cond does, I was tired when I got thru let me tell ya but I did it and it was fun. I do think A/C and Adah are my 2 favorite stations. So glad the W/M asked me to be A/C it is so much fun. Julia and I have also agreed to Pro tem at AREME Chapter and Julia as Marshal and me as Adah so we will have a busy year with the two chapters but will keep us moving and going so that is good.

I love Eastern Star and love the work but seems like they keep changing things and I am sorry but I like the old ways, they keep saying it saves time but the way initiation is being done seems so spacey or torn apart or something. It just does not flow and sideliners have not a clue what is happening and things seem to go so slow and seems to me no one knows what to do. I guess I am old and will do it the new way but can't say it is the best way. Just guess I don't like change in a tradition that should stay the same, things have worked the way it was so why change it. That is just my opinion but feel if tradition keeps changing it won't be Star anymore it will be the way others want and tradition will be gone.

Iowa was beautiful when we were there and it was fun seeing my home town of Pisgah, Iowa but new people have moved in and the ones I knew are in the cemetery and the town looks so different it made me sad and felt the same way about Don's home town of Little Sioux, Iowa. It is so sad to see these little town dying and not the thriving way they were when we were young, the towns look sad and made my heart hurt.

The ladies of the I-70 Corridor serve dinner to the Veterans, Fire fighters, Policemen, Seniors and we turn away no one. We fix the food, bring it to the VFW, set up the tables, decorate and serve



and we have one gal that makes the best deserts you have ever tasted. (she should own a bakery) we get all the food together and get in on the table and at 11:00 we open the door and let the people in. We all volunteer the food and our services and we have a good time doing it and the people are all so happy and visit with each other. We do this every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and just enjoy feeding the people and visiting with them. In November for Veterans Day we are having a Chile Cook Off. Whoever wants signs up to bring Chile and we serve it in little cups and everyone votes on who's the best and then we give prizes. We have not done this since the pandemic so should be a fun evening.

Want you to know that English is the only language where you drive in parkways and park in driveways!

More next month if I remember!

### Kicking off the 2022-2023 Kindness IS The Key Grand Representative appointments:

WGM Elizabeth and WGP Gary were honored to present their first Grand Representative appointment to Carol Smith, at the OV of LaPlata #83 on October 1, 2022. She is now representing Missouri in Colorado and was certainly surprised when Grand Escort CherylAnn went to escort her to the East.

Missouri – U.S. state named for the Missouri River, which was named after the Siouan-language tribe. The Smithsonian Bureau of American Ethnology states that Missouri means the town of the large canoes. Other authorities say the original native American syllables (from which the word came) mean wooden canoe people, he of the big canoe, or river of the big canoes. Located in the Midwestern United States, the state lies on the Mississippi river, which defines its eastern border. The land that is now Missouri was acquired from France as part of the Louisiana Purchase and became known as the Missouri Territory. Part of this Territory was admitted into the union as the 24<sup>th</sup> state, on August 10, 1821.

*Safe travels Carol, enjoy your appointment and we will look forward to hearing about Missouri and your journey.*



Congratulations to Cyndie House, who became the newest Grand Representative to Australia when WGM Elizabeth and WGP Gary presented her with the commission on October 8, 2022, during the Official Visit at Mt. Zion #133. Such a surprise for Cyndie and she did mention that Australia was on her bucket list.

*Safe travels Cyndie, we look forward to hearing about your journey.*

The Order in Australia is governed by **The United Grand Chapter of Australia (UGCA)** with assistance from Governing (Supervisory) entities such as Grand Chapters and District Grand Committees at either a local or state level.

The term of office for the majority of all Chapters, Grand Chapters, and District Grand Committees is 12 months with the exception of The UGCA and the DG Committee of Tasmania which has a 2-year term.

A Chapter has 18 Office-bearers with the Chief Office-bearer being the Worthy Matron. Grand Chapters and The UGCA have additional Office-bearers to share the administrative duties within their responsibilities.

Office-bearer Title	Duty/Responsibility
Worthy Matron (WM)	A Sister to preside over the Chapter
Worthy Patron (WP)	A Brother to support the WM
Associate Matron	A Sister to support the WM
Associate Patron	A Brother to support the WP
Secretary, Treasurer	Sisters or Brothers conducting the administration affairs of the Chapter
Conductress, Associate Conductress, Marshal	Sisters who support or facilitate the ceremonial duties of the Chapter
Organist, Chaplain	Sisters or Brothers supporting the ceremonial duties of the Chapter
Warder, Sentinel	Sisters or Brothers responsible for the security of the Chapter whilst in session
Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa	Sisters representing the 5 Points of the Star, with each Point exemplifying the lessons of an inspiring story. These lessons remind members of their responsibilities to themselves, their families, their friends and the community

At Governing levels, Office-bearers with the same duties exist in addition to a few Administrative Assistants. The addition of a prefix depicts their responsibility e.g.:

- The Chief Office-bearer in The United Grand Chapter is the **Most Worthy Grand Matron** and all other Office-bearers are titled Worthy Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Treasurer, etc.
- The Chief Office-bearer in a Grand Chapter is the **Worthy Grand Matron** and all other Office-bearers are titled Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, etc.
- The Chief Office-bearer in a District Grand Committee is the **Worthy District Grand Matron**. District Grand Committees have 4 key Office-bearers ie. Worthy District Grand Matron, Worthy District Grand Patron, District Grand Secretary, and District Grand Treasurer. Committee membership is provided by elected members of Chapters within the jurisdiction of that Committee.

**The United Grand Chapter of Australia** is represented by 22 Worthy Grand Office-bearers who is assisted by various administrative officers and valued Emeritus Worthy Grand

Office-bearers. The term of office is 2 years with the Biennial Sessions held in June each year, and within in the State of the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:



Sister Cheryl Williams, as one of her final acts as Worthy Grand Matron, before Grand Chapter, commissioned Gail Rhoades of Heritage 154 as Grand Representative of the Pacific Northwest State of Washington. Its capital is Olympia. The state is bordered to the north by the Canadian province of British Columbia, to the east by Idaho, to the south by Oregon and to the west by the Pacific Ocean. Washington is the 18<sup>th</sup>-largest state, the 13<sup>th</sup>-most populous state and the 42<sup>nd</sup> state admitted to the Union on November 11, 1889. Washington is the largest producer of apples, hops, pears, blueberries, spearmint oil and sweet red cherries in the U.S. It is also the leading producer of lumber and ranks second in the production of Wine.

Popular attractions in the state of Washington include Metro Puget Sound where you will find such attractions as the Seattle Great Wheel, Space Needle, Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum, and Boeing Future of Flight Museum. It is also home to the Pike Place Market, home to the original Starbucks location. Whale watching is another big attraction as are Mount Rainier and Mount Saint Helens.

The "Oceans of Blessings" Grand Chapter Session will be presided over by WGM Pam Rookard and WGP Chuck Kent. Their Theme is "Living the Beach Life", with Whales and Pac Man as their Mascot's. Washington's Grand Chapter Session will be held in Wenatchee, WA, June 25 – 28, 2023. Sister Gail's counterpart is Jim Taylor of Lakeside Chapter No. 202, in Redmond, WA.

Congratulations Sister Gail! We hope you enjoy your travels!!

**Question:** What town canceled Thanksgiving because they couldn't make pumpkin pies?

**Answer: Colchester, Connecticut**

A frigid bout of cold weather in the middle of October led to the Connecticut River freezing, so settlers couldn't get their usual liquid sugar shipped on time from across the pond. Thus, the townspeople decided to postpone the holiday for a week in 1705. Colchester's town fathers postponed Thanksgiving because they couldn't hold it "with convenience" on November 4. The Colchester town records describe how they came to solve the problem:

*At a legal town-meeting held in Colchester, October 29, 1705, It was voted that WHEREAS there was a Thanksgiving appointed to be held on the first Thursday n November, and our present circumstances being such that it cannot with convenience be attended on that day, it is therefore voted and agreed by the inhabitants as aforesaid (concluding the thing will not be otherwise than well resented) that the second Thursday of November aforesaid shall be set aside for that service.*

The tale of the Great Colchester Molasses Shortage became a food legend. Two centuries later, Rose Mills Powers wrote a poem about it for the **July 1908 edition of Good Housekeeping Magazine:**

**Colchester housewives are glum and sad—  
Colchester housewives who should be glad—  
Baking and brewing for Thanksgiving day.  
What is the trouble up Colchester way?**

**Answer the housewives with streaming eyes,  
"No molasses for pumpkin pies!"  
The sloop that fetches the precious freight,  
Thanksgiving molasses, is late, is late,  
And how can Colchester celebrate!**

**Colchester housewives are gay and glad—  
Colchester housewives bake like mad.  
No feast decreed by the governor, this,  
But Colchester colonists shall not miss  
Their dinner, though late by a week and a  
day—  
The sloop's in the harbor—Hurray! Hurray!**

**Thanksgiving molasses for all the town,  
For pies of pumpkin so rich and brown;  
Colchester folk at last sit down.**





**"KITK" 2022-2023 ITINERARY****NOVEMBER 2022**

Friday 4      Sunshine #53 Grand Junction  
 Saturday 5      Edith #61 Yampa  
 Friday 11      Silver Star #40 Montrose  
 Saturday 12      Waunita #37 Gunnison  
 Friday 18      Snowflake #153 Woodland Park

**DECEMBER 2022**

Thursday 8      Manzanita #85 Littleton 7:30 pm  
 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)

**APRIL**

15-22      Hawaiian Cruise

**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

**JULY**

10-12      Scotts Bluff Road Trip

**AUGUST**

2-5      Arizona Grand Chapter

**SEPTEMBER**

21-23      Kindness IS The Key Grand Chapter

**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

-Submitted by Betty Benson, Chairman

"It is always exciting as we begin a new year to look ahead and see what the year will bring. I look forward to attending some upcoming official visits and support our new Grand Family.

The Board of Directors will hold at least 6 meetings this year, and others as needed. As always any member may attend the meetings. Following is the schedule for the 2022-2023 meetings. Prior to each meeting an email

will be sent to the OES group email list with information about each meeting. If you wish to attend, just contact

Patsy Troutner, the Board secretary, and she will provide you with a zoom link if you wish to attend via zoom. This schedule can also be found at <https://oes-colorado.org/Contact/Board-of-Directors>.

All board members can be reached at [oesbod@leadvilleonline.net](mailto:oesbod@leadvilleonline.net). Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish to discuss any board matters. As board chair, I can be reached separately at [betty.benson@outlook.com](mailto:betty.benson@outlook.com)"

**BoD meeting schedule**

**11/13/22 (Sun)** Board meeting in person for reports  
 (Gunnison) 10:00

**12/11/22** – Board meeting if needed (zoom) 1:00

**1/22/23 (Sun)** meeting & retreat – OES office 10:00

**2/12/23 (Sun)** zoom meeting at 1:00 – if needed

**3/5/23 (Sun)** meeting at OES office 10:00

**4/23/23 (Sun)** meeting via zoom 1:00 if needed

**5/21/23 (Sun)** meeting in person in Leadville & via zoom

**6/18/23 (Sun)** meeting via zoom 1:00 if needed

**7/8/23 – (Sat)** meeting via zoom 1:00

**8/20/23 (Sun)** meeting and picnic 1:00 OES office/TBD

**SAME CLUB – NEW NAME**

The **Pentalpha Shining Stars Club** has rebranded. We are no longer just for Worthy Matrons and Patrons and Associate Matrons and Patrons. Any member of OES in the Denver Area can now be a part of this club. Dues are \$10.

Our next meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at 8 am, meeting at 9 am at the 4 G's Mexican Restaurant – 2788 S Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80236

We will be discussing Membership and providing some new tricks and tools that are available. We will also begin our Pentalpha Parties in November.

Pentalpha Shining Stars is a great club to be social, make new friends, exchange ideas and for education and instruction. Please invite others in your chapter to join you next Saturday.

Herb Carr

Pentalpha Shining Stars President  
 303-356-3916



**NOTE FROM THE 4U2 REVIEW EDITOR:**

By CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM #3

I have been publishing the monthly issues of the 4U2 Review since May 2020. In these 31 issues, I have never written a "Note from the Editor". I guess, I don't view myself as an Editor. I receive articles from the Chapter Reporters and others who have submitted articles. I merely copy and paste the articles and arrange them by Chapter, in numerical order and add a few pictures and jokes here and there, for a splash of color. I enjoy what I do and I hope the Review brings some joy to the members.

When I first started the monthly issues, it was my vision to get the news out in a timely manner. With the aid of the OES email group, the website and other electronic venues, this has been accomplished. When the first issue appeared, our nation and our Masonic Orders were shut down due to Covid. Not much was happening in our Chapters for several months, and yet our Reporters kept us informed of the activities the Chapters were doing. We kept in touch across the state. My goal is to eventually have 100% participation of all the Chapters and to have individual members submit articles of interest.

During our sabbatical away from each other and our meetings, we kinda got used to not going to Chapter. As we eased back into our meetings and the 'normal' way of doing things, our attendance was sluggish. I am so grateful, that as Gary and I have been traveling the State, I have found that attendance is slowly rising. To me that shows that our members need the fellowship, the fun and the contact with each other.

Along with getting back to Chapter and your regular schedules, you may at times, become overwhelmed with your families, busy calendars and activities. It sometimes becomes hard to juggle family with work and Star, plus other functions. Like the old commercial slogan said, "Calgon – Take me away". On a day when I was feeling a bit overwhelmed, this little story randomly popped up on my phone; it put things into perspective in my life that day. It was just what I needed that day and a lesson I needed to move forward and I hope you may find it helpful as well.

The first police officer reaches under the one-ton bale of hay and attempts to lift it off of me. Of course, it doesn't budge. He grabs his flashlight and shines it under the hay into my face. I blink. He yells over his shoulder to his partner, "He's alive! He's alive! Help me move the hay."



Even working together two officers can't move it – not a fraction of an inch. A thousand pounds each? Of course they can't move it.

"Cut the strings," I whisper. My voice is weak. They can't hear me. I am not going to last much longer. If they will just cut the strings, the bale will break apart, and they can drag me out of here.

"Lift, Joe, lift!"

"Just cut the strings," I mumble, "Please cut the strings."

"C'mon harder." "It's too heavy! We can't lift it. We gotta go for help! Hang on Chad, we'll be right back!"

I am alone again in the growing darkness. Wonderful painless, peaceful, irresistible sleep beckons. I struggle to remain conscious. One. Two. Three. Four... Where are they? How long does it take for police, fire, ambulance, to arrive? Where is the Coast Guard? Where are the Marines? Where is that one old farmer with enough common sense to just cut the strings?

The desert air grows chilly as the sky darkens. I grow weaker. Dizziness overcomes me and I begin to drift off into that gray space somewhere between the living and the dead.

Help finally arrives. One of the police officers bends down so I can see his face. "Hold on! A fire engine is here. There are six men aboard."

I do the math. Two big, strong cops and six burly firemen must move a ton of dead weight off me. That's two hundred forty five pounds each. No way can they possibly do that – but somehow, miraculously, they do.

A couple of neighbors who have arrived at the scene stand by to catch me. They lower my limp body to the ground where I lie in a broken heap.

Why didn't they cut the strings? They could have saved a long, tortured hour.

How heavy is hay? A piece of hay is about the weight of a feather. How many pieces of hay does it take to make two thousand pounds? Lots. That package of sixteen bazillion individual pieces of hay wrapped in a gigantic bundle is a crushing weight. But separated, it would have been nothing. I feel bad saying this, because it makes me sound ungrateful – and I am very grateful to the guys who saved my life that night – but there is a point to be made here, isn't there?

Is it too big? Is it overwhelming?

Cut the strings – just cut the strings!

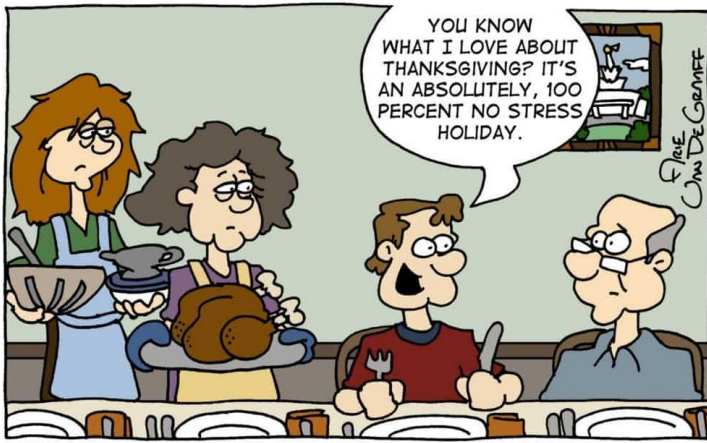
Are you buried under crushing burdens? Projects that are too huge? Schedules that are too complicated? Maybe you are trying to do too much at once – trying to do everything instead of doing something.

Cut the strings and cut yourself free. Do one thing at a time – and get it Done. Move "out of the strain of the doing into the peace of the done."

As we move into the Holidays, you may need to "Cut the Strings". Make a list of things to do. Start early – Start now. Do one thing at a time – scratch it off the list – move onto the next item. As you see the list getting smaller, your burdens will lift from your shoulder. "Cut the Strings!"

May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Be safe and God Bless.





In the U.S, Thanksgiving is a time for family, food and feelings of gratitude.  
Here is some good old fashion trivia:

1. Did you know Abe Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday? He was responding to the efforts of a magazine editor
2. named Sarah Josepha Hale. Her other claim to fame? She also wrote the nursery rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb.
3. The term Black Friday, for the shopping day following Thanksgiving, began in Philadelphia in the late 1960s.
4. The Pilgrims and Indians probably ate venison and seafood at the first Thanksgiving. Sorry, no turkey.
5. Don't forget to pull the "wishbone" at Thanksgiving. Two people pull the turkey's breastbone apart, only the person who has the larger piece of bone is allowed to make a wish. The one with the shorter piece will be married first.
6. The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog. Turkeys will have 3,500 feathers at maturity. Male turkeys gobble. Hens do not. They make a clucking noise. Commercially raised turkeys cannot fly. Turkeys have heart attacks. The United States Air Force was doing test runs and breaking the sound barrier. Nearby turkeys dropped dead with heart attacks.

## 'KITK' GRAND FAMILY TRAVELS



Peace & Harmony #158 – Pagosa Springs  
1<sup>st</sup> OV on September 30

This Chapter may not be very big, but the members have BIG hearts and are determined to do 'things right'. The lunch of delicious soups, salads and dessert was wonderful. The Chapter room is comfortable and felt warm and inviting as the Members welcomed the Grand Family into their home. Thank you Peace & Harmony for a great day.



LaPlata #83 – Durango  
2<sup>nd</sup> OV held on October 1

The Members of LaPlata fed us well with a great lunch and that apple cake dessert was to die for. After the presentations of gifts, we retired to the Chapter room.

First time Worthy Matron, Sister Linda Walters was a nervous wreck. But we couldn't tell as she and the Officers had a wonderful meeting. Even though they did not have much time to prepare, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> OV one week after Grand Chapter, Linda did a terrific job. All the officers did a wonderful job and the BEE greetings were fun. We have no doubt they will have a great year.



Mt. Zion #133 – Golden

OV held on October 8

As with most OV's, the day started off with a lot of fellowship. It took some time for the WP, Frank to get everyone to settle down so the blessing could be given before we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch of sub sandwiches and all the fixin's. It was so cool to hear all the laughter and seeing everyone having a wonderful time fellowshiping with each other. I believe that we are going to see a trend of having lots of fun at the OV's. This OV was no different. What a great day!

AREME #124 – Denver OV held on October 7  
What a wonderful day, filled with fabulous food, lots of fun, GREAT entertainment, provided by Ric Rogers and Alex McIntosh and of course the fellowship is 2<sup>nd</sup> to none. As expected, with WM Marian at the helm, the meeting was filled with so much fun. WP, Ric gave his greetings from the history of the Grand Chapter Centennial Picture book. My, how the times have changed. It is clear that this Chapter is moving forward into the future.



Travels of the WGM & WGP took them to the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma held in Guthrie in the Scottish Rite Temple. WoW!!! What a beautiful building. Amazing architecture outside and in.



After another long day of travel, the WGM & WGP arrived safely in Albuquerque, New Mexico for their Grand Chapter. We all enjoyed catching up with our neighbors to the south. After having to drive back and forth from the hotel to the Temple in Guthrie, we certainly can appreciate having everything under one roof. The Pyramid hotel is beautiful. The meetings were jam packed with antics.

One never knew what was going to happen next. If you have never been to NM GC, you should try to attend. You won't be disappointed.

Colorado was well represented with 22 in attendance. Way to go Colorado!





### Centennial #58 – Colorado Springs

Once we arrived back in Colorado, the OV's resumed. First on the block was Centennial #58 on October 29. Here you see Beth carrying in the Bible. As with all Chapters, it is an honor for Beth's Bible to rest on the Altar of every Chapter in the State. Gary, by Beth's side is carrying a special luminary. This luminary is a symbolic light to remind us of all our members who have gone before to strengthen the Golden Chain in Heaven. As it is a gift from Gary to the Chapter, the luminary is placed in the East.



The circle around the Altar of Chapter Officers and Grand Officers shows unity between the Chapter and the Grand Officers who represent our State border to border

Beth and Gary had the honor to present Marie Sharpe with her 50 year pin and certificate. What a pleasure it was to have her Husband, Russ, PGP pin it on her. The ladies are so pretty in their pink.

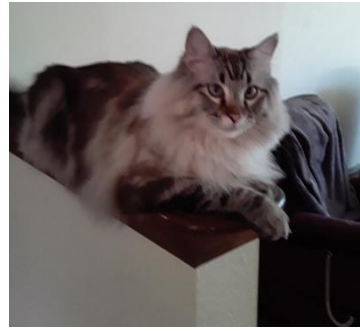




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I find it comical (and a little concerning) that when I asked for pictures of Moms, I received only 5 submissions. Dads got 3 and for the children, I received 4. BUT when I asked for the fur babies – I received 26 pictures. Hmmmmm?  
I guess the incentive to receiving pictures is to have a contest with a prize. HaHaHaHa

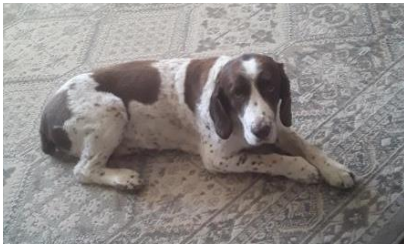
Here are bunches and bunches of fur babies.  
Please email me with your vote no later than November 8, as to which one you think is the best of show. The owners of the fur baby with the most votes will receive a prize – yet TBD.  
PLEASE DO NOT get mad or upset if your pet does not win. They are all winners according to the owners.  
Good Luck  
Vote for one dog and one cat.



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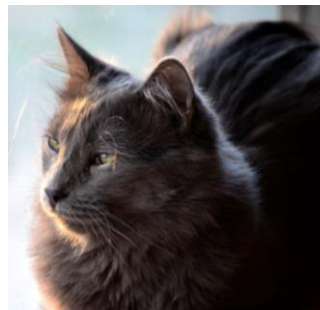


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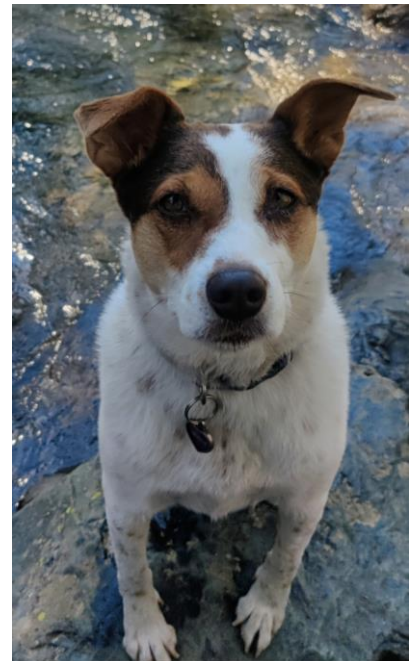
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### 'Help Me' Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no  
home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for  
granted.  
Amen.  
-Samuel F. Pugh

## Red Barns

Venetian red got its name because historically this pigment was produced from natural clays found near Venice, Italy. The clays contained an

iron oxide compound that produced this red color.

But as people found similar iron oxide deposits in many other places, "Venetian red" became a generic term for light red pigments that did not have any purplish tinge. By the 1920s, such "earth pigments" used to make red paints were being dug in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, California, Iowa and Vermont.

By the late 1800s, in addition to red, it became fashionable to paint barns with other color schemes, especially those designed to complement the architectural styles and finishes of owners' houses. These included various hues of yellows, greens, and browns. Also, white paint commonly was applied to barns and houses.

But red paint remained popular on many farms because it was



the most affordable. In 1922, the Sears Roebuck catalogue offered red barn paint for just \$1.43 per gallon, while other colors of house paints sold for at least \$2.25 per gallon - nearly twice as much.

Today, many modern barns don't resemble classic versions. Very large barns that hold hundreds of cows or pigs look more like hangars or warehouses and may be built of metal. But the tradition of painting smaller barns red continues - so strongly that the U.S. Postal



Service now celebrates them on postage stamps.

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