



# A-U-2 Review



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THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

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Sisters and Brothers, I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July despite the virus, riots and uncertainty of what comes next. I think we're down to volcanos erupting and land shark attacks.

However, I have to say, one of the brighter spots occurred on the 4th. With all the professional fireworks displays cancelled, it seemed that this year would be the most subdued and quietest 4th of July in recent history as we were sequestered by a virus and inundated with scenes of discontent and protest. Not much of a celebration of our country. As the day was coming to a close a wonderful thing happened. In the tradition of American independence and personal freedom, the night sky lite up with literally tens of thousands of fireworks all of which were purchased and set off by individuals in celebration and recognition of the importance of a free people and their declaration of independence and personal liberty.

Now as we come to the end of July, I remembered another great American accomplishment that is worthy of celebration. On July 20th, 51 years ago Ed and I sat in our living room watching fuzzy images of man's first footsteps on the surface of the moon. As I sat there, I thought to myself, what an amazing world our children would be born into and how lucky they would be to live in a country such as ours. For the first time in the history of mankind human beings had left the planet and stepped onto another celestial body. Those men who took those first steps on the surface of the moon were able to accomplish this only because we had come together, both men and woman of all colors, races and creeds, all Americans. As Neal Armstrong stepped down off of the ladder on the lunar lander and put his foot on the surface of the moon, the words



he sent back to earth says it all; "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"; once again, another gift to all nations of the world from America and her people. That is why I'm so proud to be a citizen of this great country, this grand experiment in self-government and the recognition that we, as

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Who would have thought in August we would not only continue to be social distancing and wonder if school would start back on time, but have all the controversy about virtual school or students back in the classroom learning?

There are good arguments for both sides and now the number of cases is on the rise again in Colorado, and a few new restrictions have been imposed. Hopefully, people will listen and comply before cases rise to a level putting us back in a mandatory stay at home order.

It is interesting to hear some of the media reports about shortages of items that is occurring. Wood - for do it yourself projects, books, games and puzzles. Some items we normally take for granted and may have been sitting on a closet shelf undisturbed until recently. A positive occurrence is family dinners, and more time talking with each other, playing games, doing more as a family.

I also heard a commentary about how initially, people who were able to work from home, were skeptical or concerned about doing that, but now have come to like it. Saving time and money on traveling back and forth to work, gasoline (no parking lot fees); being able to take a break when they want to; eating lunch when they choose to fit it in and saving money on the costs by eating leftovers or homemade sandwiches. Even some reports of getting a few loads of laundry done or being home to have items delivered to their residence.



There was even mention of companies finding it potentially a good way to reduce their overhead by reducing the amount of space they need to lease for the company; utility costs; custodial services and yes reduction of items being carried off from the supply room. Also the loss of productive time from the social gatherings at the water cooler or break area.

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human beings, have certain inalienable rights, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. While it may be true that from time to time we have not lived up to these great aspirations, we also have never abandoned them and we still continue to struggle with ourselves to make sure that every man and woman in this country, and for that matter on this planet, can look with pride to America and her people for keeping this light alive. Sisters and Brothers, this is a journey. We have not reached the golden shore yet but we have come way too far to turn back now or to abandon our ship of state.

Did you know that during this time of great political unrest in our country, the first statue that was pulled down was not of a confederate general or a symbol of slavery? It was a statue of Christopher Columbus, a statue that celebrated not the flawed man but the accomplishment of discovery. We have in our DNA a need to explore. If we see the horizon, we want to know what's on the other side and we have created a nation that celebrates that spirit.

Buzz Aldrin who just celebrated his 90th birthday and the second man to set foot on the moon is known for being somewhat outspoken in his love of this country and his insatiable spirit of discovery has made several comments that I believe are relevant to the state of the world as it is today and I would like to share a couple of them that I think are worth repeating.

“Take a good, long, honest, positive look at what good can come out of every situation you're in. Wherever you are, that's where you are. You're there with it. This is your history, your living it right now. So do what you can to make the most of what comes along.”

Resilience is what humans have and resilience is what humans need to take advantage of, their ability to explore and to understand and then to react positively and with motivation, not as a defeatist to the constant flow of changes. Negativity doesn't get

anybody anywhere. It takes reacting to all of life in a positive way to make the most of what you've experienced and to make a better life and a better world.”

I know there are some that say we cannot live or be proud of our history that is filled with flawed heroes and yet it is their accomplishments that are monuments and their legends that we celebrate. We all are sinners to one extent or another and yet collectively we have created a country that has put men on the moon and sent space crafts to the very end of our solar system in an attempt to find out what lies beyond the horizon. Wouldn't it be a sad thing if we could not share this with future generations and we could not whisper to our children and grandchildren before they close their eyes and dream the dreams that would define their tomorrows, “once upon a time...”.

In Faith and Love,  
Anna Peterson  
Worthy Grand Matron

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Who would have thought COVID-19 would have brought on all these changes and some of them might become permanent. In some instances, it's a good thing that families are getting closer or reconnecting, doing more together and communicating more.

It will be interesting to see what our lives will be like when this pandemic has gotten under control. How many of the changes made during the time of restrictions will continue?

We all need to do our part, follow the guidance and laws, and above all Sisters and Brothers, stay safe.

Fraternally,  
Bob Harper, WGP



## FROM OUR CHAPTER REPORTERS

### Colorado #2 Leadville

Bob Trezise, PP – Reporter

The Order of Eastern Star has many faces: ritual, fundraising, visiting ill members, scholarship awards, and, of course food, food, food. Besides these, the social activities define a Chapter and keep everyone working together.

Two such activities which Colorado #2 members have enjoyed, are the progressive dinners and the sleigh rides.

A progressive dinner serves different parts of a meal at different homes. This is an example: The group (18-20 people) started the dinner with appetizers at my home. Then everyone drove back to Leadville for soup and salad at the home of Dick and Pat Deulen. Next, was a 20 mile drive to the home of Bob and Frankie Phillips, who served the entrée. Then back to Leadville to enjoy dessert at the home of Myrna Morrison. It was an evening of lots of laughter, stories and GOOD food.

A few years ago, 18-20 members gathered at a stable outside Leadville and climbed onto a sleigh. After everyone was cozy underneath blankets and straw, the driver started the horses for an hour's sleigh ride over the crisp snow. Only the noise of the horses, plus some conversation was evident. Everything else was quiet under a moonlit night.

After the ride finished, members gathered at the Hall for hot drinks and, of course, dessert. Colorado #2 members have enjoyed such special social activities since 1882.

## Silver Star #40 Montrose

Suzanne Teague, PM – Reporter

Hello from Montrose, Delta & Paonia! We will share, in bullet form, our good & bad news from our members.

Len & Cindy Wardlaw have been busy painting a house. They took the job thinking it would take two weeks. So far, they have spent four weeks and are presently out of paint! (I don't know about you, but this is the story of my life. Everything takes at least twice as long and I never have everything I need to do the job.) Also, Len had cataract surgery July 20<sup>th</sup> and is looking forward to reading the many books left on his shelf.

Keith and Shelley Hoey each retired from their respective jobs. Keith after 45 years with the Colorado State Patrol (Yes he started when he was 12 years old!) and Shelley with 34 years chairside with a local dentist and several more medical jobs before they moved here. (Of course you know that she was only 21 when she started!) It is a sad but happy time for them. They are presently enjoying their family.

Silver Star was pleased to present two more 50 year pins: Linda Lemmon and Genneve Sage were both mailed their pins with the hope that we can honor them properly when restrictions are lifted.



An Annual Paonia Chapter Picnic was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of Beth Allen & Betty Chapman. It was a perfect time to present Myrna Westerman her 50 year pin. Joy Venard and Bob Beeson were honored

for their years of service as Paonia Chapter's WM & WP. Joy also had her knee replaced and was glad to have her daughter available to chauffeur her around.

A lovely service was conducted by the Delta Masonic Lodge #62 for Brother Lowell "Pete" Tarr. What a special member of both Lodge and Eastern Star. He will be missed.

Suzanne Teague's son, Andrew, tested positive for Covid-19. He is employed by Montrose Memorial Hospital and has no idea where he was exposed. However, this necessitated both Suzanne & Lee as well as Joshua and Jenny being tested. At present, we are awaiting results. Joshua is staying with Nana and Papa Lee for the duration!

Bonnie Lou Lamb has been diagnosed with a DVT in her left calf. She is presently on medication and fortunately, has experienced little or no pain. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Amee Pearce shared her happy news with us: She and Nathan were married on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in a slot canyon in Utah. She said they decided eloping was the best for them considering current circumstances. Just their kids attended.

Lin Mussman's husband Jerry is in Montrose Memorial Hospital with congestive heart failure, heart valve issues and other complications. Please keep them in your prayers. Lin is our Chapter Secretary.

Marla Thoe has moved to St. Louis. She is planning on staying with Karen Hinton for the time being. Once her house here in Montrose sells, she will either find a place there or perhaps move to Minnesota to be near family. We are certainly going to miss her.

We are looking forward to an Ice Cream Social before long so that we can visit, keeping social distance in an outside setting.

We send our love to everyone and ask God to keep you all safe and strong in these crazy times.

Star Love to all.

## Sunshine #53 Grand Junction

Fern Chase, PM – Reporter

2020 will surely go down as the year we wished never happened and would most like to forget! Sunshine is so fortunate that Mesa County has been pretty low on infections and no deaths, we just need to keep it that way. Many family trips and gatherings have been cancelled, but none of us have gotten the virus and for that we're truly thankful.

Sunshine has only had one meeting since March 3, this was on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will not meet again until September. The main event of the night was investing 60-year memberships to Sister Barbara and Brother Vernon Dillard; and 50-year memberships to Sister Carol and Brother Curtis Cloud.



Carol and Curtis Cloud



Barbara and Vernon Dillard

Congratulations! These 4 represent 220 collective years of service. Our officers will continue for another year with the exception of Tammy Oldson.

Sister Mildred Revere continues to improve and get stronger hoping to be able to attend meetings in September. Sister Sandy Palmer had a stroke and is recuperating nicely and is able to get around although not quite as sprightly as usual. Brother Emmett has been her care-taker. Everyone is just looking forward to the day we can get back to what ever normal will be.

Our Rainbow Assembly just installed Cora Gray as Worthy Advisor, they have been able to meet. Mother Advisor, Ellen Rehwoldt, made them all masks in Rainbow colors to help keep them safe. Grand Junction will host a one-day Grand Assembly August 22 with Celeste Baker being installed as Grand Worthy Advisor. Of course the virus needs to stay under control to allow this to happen.

Keep safe everyone--we will get through this.

### **Excelsior #66 Lafayette**

Carol Danford, PM – Reporter  
(This article was submitted for the July Review, but was accidentally overlooked.)

On June 9th, Excelsior held a mini-meeting with nine members in

attendance. All social distancing measures were in place. All necessary business was conducted: bills and petitions were handled. In the Fall, our Chapter will initiate three new members and have one affiliation.

Our Golden Chain has been broken with the passing of Robin McCauley on June 2nd. She had many health issues after her heart surgery last summer. Robin was a member of Star for 39 years. She was initiated in Orient #23, belonged to Queen Esther #5, Columbine #11 and was Marshal of Excelsior #66 at the time of her passing.

She was Worthy Matron of various Chapters, seven times. She was a Grand Representative to Oregon, 2005-07, Grand Escort 2009-2010 for the Garden of Friendship and Grand Chaplain 2011-2012 for the Canopy of Stars Grand Families. She was a member of Clowns of America and the local Ladybugs Clown Alley, composed of OES members.

She loved her dogs and cats which were number one in her life.

Eastern Star was Robin's family, where she devoted most of her time. She was a great friend and was loved by many.

Memorial services and an OES Funeral for family and friends will be at a later date.

(This is the article submitted for the August Review)

Excelsior #66 had a mini-meeting on July 14th. All necessary business was conducted with a minimum of Officers.

Excelsior Chapter will be initiating 4 new members on September 19, 2020.

This will be done at the Radiant Temple (225 Acoma St., Denver) at 1:30 P.M. and we are excited that the initiation will be performed by the Grand Officers. What an honor for our Chapter and our new members! Details are still being worked out and should be published in the September Review.

The Golden Chain has again been broken with the loss of another one of our members, Sister Harriet J.

Becker. No other information is available at this time. Stay Safe!

\*\*\***Note** from Pam Jones, the Secretary of #66: Carol Danford's oldest son passed away at his home in Pueblo. He was also the nephew of Megan Fritts and the uncle of Brittany Fritz who are all members of our Chapter. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

We will be having an initiation of **4 new members** on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Radiant Temple on Acoma. We are excited to have the Grand Officers assist with the ceremony. Be aware that there will most likely be restrictions in the number of people that will be allowed to attend. We will also be following all protective measures mandated by the various government agencies as well as following any special OES guidelines. Information will be coming later so watch the OES email for more details.

### **Garden City #3 Greeley**

Submitted by CherylAnn, PM

Garden City held a meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had 9 in attendance. Our Chapter is so fortunate to have all of our offices filled and installed. We learned several things at this meeting. First, we learned how dismal the Chapter looks when so many chairs are vacant. Second, the Worthy Matron, found it distracting in the opening, to have to think about which station comes next when several are missing. Third, we learned that motions do not have near the discussion – not sure that is good or bad. Fourth, those of us who were present really missed those who could not attend because CDC guidelines dictate that only 10 could gather. And fifth, we now know what it must feel like for those Chapters who struggle to even get a quorum at so many of their

meetings. Garden City IS blessed to have so many willing volunteers to fill our stations. But those volunteers are getting older. Our Chapter has 170 some members; 63 are 50 plus year members, 2 are 75 year members, 45 live 50 or more miles away, 23 live out of state and 20 or so live in assisted living, nursing homes or are shut ins. On the bright side, those of us who are active in our Chapter are dedicated and love our Order. We just keep on, keepin' on.

Last Saturday we held our very first Chapter Garage Sale. Setting up and tearing down was a lot of work, but the profit made from the member's donations, was well worth it. It was a great way to involve our members, who are unable to physically help us with the labor and they benefitted by getting rid of their unwanted stuff. "One man's junk is another man's treasure".

All of our Officers, except one, will continue in their stations for the ensuing year. The WM and WP will finish their plans this next year. They honored one officer at each meeting and gave a little history and great information about the office.

From Garden City members, have a great rest of your summer.

## **Snowflake #153 Woodland Park**

Mary Kae Jarvis, PM – Reporter

Snowflake Chapter had been having "Zoom Meetings" on our regular meeting nights, the second Wednesday of each month. While they have still been called "meetings", no Ritual or Chapter Business has been done. Worthy Matron, April Allen has been organizing and hosting these meetings at 7 p.m. and has been a great way for the Chapter Members to keep in touch with those participating members and catch up on what is going on in everyone's

lives. We have enjoyed visitors from other Chapters joining in as well.

The Worthy Matron has been keeping up on the latest State and Teller County restrictions with Covid 19. Teller County Department of Health has confirmed that we fall under the "Indoor Event" category. Based on the size of our Chapter Room we would only be permitted to have five members in the Chapter Room. Until these restrictions are relaxed, allowing us to have more members in the Chapter Room, Snowflake Chapter will continue with our "Zoom Meetings".

In April Snowflake Chapter did request and have a 50-year Pin mailed to Sister Joyce Toms in California. While an in-person presentation would have been preferred, under the current restrictions, we didn't want there to be any further delay in Joyce receiving her pin.

We would like to thank all of those who ordered masks from our fundraiser. We appreciate your support! We do still have plenty of both OES and Masonic Fabric to fulfill more orders. We have a very limited supply of the Colorado fabric. If you are interested in purchasing one of the masks, we are including the Order Form once again in this publication. If you want a Colorado mask please contact MaryKae Jarvis @ 719-596-5963 prior to ordering to be sure the Colorado fabric is still available.

I have been reading the daily Facebook posts by the Grand Officers in Florida - each day one of the Grand Officers shares a post and then the Mizpah Benediction. So, until we are able to meet again, "May the Lord watch between me and Thee while we are absent one from the other".

## *Editor's Note*

Greetings to all my Sisters & Brothers:

This issue of the 4 U 2 Review marks the 4<sup>th</sup> month of publication. I know it's been hard for our editors to submit articles because as we all know, our Chapters have been in limbo. It is exciting to hear of the activities that are happening across our state, in spite of COVID.

When we resume meeting regularly, I look forward to hearing from more Chapter Reporters. Worthy Matrons, if your Chapter does not have a reporter, please find a volunteer. We would love to have articles from all Chapters around the state.

Deadline to submit articles is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. **Send your article to me at [asap4sure@gmail.com](mailto:asap4sure@gmail.com). In the subject line write: 4 U 2 Review then the Chapter name and #.** Reporters, it is ok not to submit an article every month. I understand that not always do you have anything news worthy to report.

Thank you everyone for your support of the 4 U 2 Review. Take Care and God Bless.

*Snowflake Chapter No. 153, O.E.S.*



*Woodland Park, CO*

**is making and selling Eastern Star, Masonic & Colorado Masks**

*We are all hoping to be able to meet in person real soon!*

*In all likelihood we will be needing to wear masks.*

*In the meantime, we are wearing masks! Here is another great opportunity to promote our Orders!!*

*We have ordered the OES, Masonic & Colorado cotton fabric shown here.*

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