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We're Back!

Yes! The 4-U-2 Review is back in publication. We didn't mean to be away so long — we feel like this is a great opportunity for a new beginning. This issue, though small, will get us all started again. And, yes, it took a while due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, but we're here

and we're here to stay.

There will be a bit of a new "look" as well. We're going to focus on the positives of OES, the benevolent work, the good things our chapters are doing and the rewards of patient and (hopefully) not so quiet Industry across our organization. We're introducing a block for those being given honors — Grand Representatives and other appointments — a place for each of you to tell what great things you are doing for fundraisers (that may inspire others) and how those efforts are working for you (don't be afraid to tell us of those ideas that don't quite pan out as it will save other chapters from the same disappointment). And, we'll be welcoming your articles in a section now called "Star Bursts". But don't be afraid to submit individual articles as well. We'll also continue to bring you the tried & true things you enjoy —

information about the RRESMC, the fundraisers & activities there, the Grand Chapter & Grand Family happenings, and lots of photos — send us oodles of them.

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Straight From A Star



You might say I took myself (and my time) for granted last November. It's never easy picking up where someone else has left off, and getting the publication started last December was a pure pipe dream as so many things got in the way — holidays, family, responsibilities. Then, just when I think I've got everything ready to go, and get some articles in to publish, a family tragedy occurred — my dad found himself in a nursing home for rehab for his low back & legs and subsequently passed a short six weeks later unexpectedly. That took up all my world until recently and, thank goodness my sister is stepping up to handle the estate for the most part (word of advice — make a will even if you're single). So, I thought I'd actually get to work and get this thing back on the road to traveling the Eastern Star world.

Sometimes we take on responsibilities and assume we have everything handled until we figure out that we don't. Our worlds become discombobulated and topsy turvy and we can't figure out how to get them back on a balanced footing.

To everyone who submitted articles last November through April, my apologies that they weren't published timely. I've gone ahead and published them so that when all of you folks read them, you should consider the age of the information as it's not "forward looking" at this point or always recent. I'm asking that you go ahead and submit to my other e-mail address going forward: **cgray1@comcast.net**. You can still submit to my address that you may find in OES green books (cakeladycolorado@comcast.net) — no worries there. The e-mail is valid; however, I figured you might like a shorter one to use as an alternate.

Star is such a part of all our lives that our continued dedication to it is equally important. Keep the Stars in your heart and the Starlight in your eyes.

A fraternal love,

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September: No training, prepare for Grand Chapter

October: Ruling the roost

November: We are family

December: God bless us everyone

Contact Jane Rivette: 720-887-5712 or e-mail: outnindoorgirl@hotmail.com



Above is pictured part of our "gang" attending our summer picnic. We have room in this picture for you!



Dear Sisters & Brothers:

I am excited & honored to have served as the Chairperson for our spirits in Harmony WGM's beneficent project benefitting pediatric cancer in Colorado. This project is near and dear to our WGM's heart as she knows first-hand what it is like to be a pediatric patient. Sister Lynda and I had the pleasure of touring the Children's Hospital campus in Aurora, CO to learn more about the hospital's mission. What an amazing operation! No child is denied care at this world-renowned facility. They care for children from all 50 states and 36 countries. The care team, comprised of doctors, nurses, social workers, family navigators, chaplains and childhood specialists, do everything they can to help their young patients and their families feel cared for and comfortable during a difficult time. The Aurora campus has an in-house radio station donated by Ryan Seacrest, daily arts and crafts, classrooms, a healing garden, birthday celebrations, visits from sports celebrities, canine companions and so much more.

I would like to tell you about YAPS, one of the special programs established at Children's Hospital to support the children in the oncology department, and our WGM's project for 2018-19. The Youth and Pet Survivor program, or "YAPS" for short, is a pen pal program that pairs pediatric oncology patients with dogs and cats who have survived cancer or other serious medical conditions. Children and pets (via their owners) establish relationships and communicate through letter writing. This allows children the unique opportunity to share feelings about having cancer with a safe, unconditionally loving animal. YAPS child participants report enhanced well-being; YAPS pet owners report a sense of contribution knowing that their pet's illness can make a difference in a child's life.

Our WGM's goal this year was to raise \$5,000, or \$150 per chapter. To help do so, two state-wide fundraisers were planned: Dine-to-Donate (February) and Change for Good (April) (cont'd p 7)

Colorado Chapter #2—Leadville (Robert Trezise, PP)

Colorado #2 officers for 2019 were installed in September with a lot of familiar faces. Sr. Myrna Salberg and Br. Bob Trezise are serving a second term as WM and WP. The year's theme is, again, Music, Butterflies & Rainbows. Each meeting has a designated musical term (melody, harmony, classical music). A short definition explains the term and Br. Bob Trezise demonstrates the technique or pattern on the piano.

At Grand Chapter Sr. Betty Benson was elected to a four year term on the Board of Directors. Last year she was Grand Adah.

Colorado #2 continued its support of the Many Blessings organization. This group has a compound in Buena Vista where special needs children and adults can benefit from interaction with miniature horses. The horses also visit schools, nursing homes and hospitals. Sr. Judy Epperson, #2's Conductress, is a leader for this group.

After many years of planning, Sr. Betty Roeder and her records committee have reorganized, sorted, and rearranged the records, souvenirs, and other miscellany which came from the affiliations of Eagle #86 and Erica #69 with Colorado #2. We were very happy to donate the altar, pedestals and emblems, as well as chair backs and other decorations to the new Peace and Harmony Chapter at Pagosa Springs.

The Chapter has joined with the brethren of Corinthian #35 to sponsor a half page ad in the high school activities programs, the summertime flower baskets outside the door, and the Masonic Band Camp.

The most recent project was the wreath sales which, when all charges have been paid, will bring #2 a \$3,700 profit.

Silver Star #40—Montrose (Suzanne Teague, PM) (from May 2018)

Silver Star Has been very busy since the New Year. We started off the year baking huge mounds of cookies for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We delivered trays of cookies to each Law Enforcement Agency in our area - a total of 16 departments. Needless to say, they were all

very appreciative! And we loved doing it.

At our February 1st meeting we were honored to be able to present PP John Vitela with his 50 year pin and grand honors. We were also able to have a 50 year pin delivered to Connie Harris, PGM, Grand Secretary of Oregon to present to Sister Shirley Collard who lives in Eugene, Oregon.

We also draped our Charter for our brother, John Vanderpool.

We served over 150 people at our German Dinner. It is still 48 hours of intense labor but a great money maker and connection with the community. Additional money making projects include *Dimes for Dogs* (WGM's Mill Dog Rescue), *Cans for Canines* (GGC Service Dog Project), *Tire Tax* (WGP's Transportation Fund) and our semi-annual pie sales.

On February 11th, AP Wayne Quade experienced a horrible roll-over automobile (Jeep Wrangler) accident. He was fortunate to survive. With numerous fractured vertebrae, broken ribs and a severe concussion, he spent several months in St. Mary's ICU. Recently, he was moved to Colorow Care Center in Olathe. He is still in a body brace and a neck brace and is only able to get out with assistance. Even eating is only possible with help as he can't swallow. He is most grateful for the OES members who have sent him cards. He is truly surprised what a loving, caring group we are! He said he feels like he is waking up from a bad dream as he remembers nothing.

PM Sharon Lee Smith finally had surgery to remove her gall bladder in March after six months of tests and agony. She is slowly recovering and getting around some.

In April, Lyn Lawhead had surgery to implant electrodes in her brain to help with her essential tremors. She is also, slowly recovering.

PM Karen Hinton had a couple of cancer surgeries – her nose and her toe. They are healing well but our hearts are breaking as she is moving to St. Louis to be near her children and grandchildren.

PP Lee Teague spent four days in St. Mary's ICU with sepsis. He is thankful to be home and

healing but it will take a long time to recover fully.

PM Carlene Dougan lost two brothers in one



week in late March followed by her grandson, Tim in early April. Her third brother had passed away in January.

In April we draped our charter for two wonderful sisters: PM Alice Sanburg who was Spruce Chapter #129 Cedaredge Chapter Secretary for almost 40 years and PM Betty Jo Wilkining, formerly of Hotchkiss No. 81.

We also served a lovely luncheon to about 40 Warriors Wives at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. This is one of our annual activities to honor the ladies. Other good news to celebrate includes five of our members welcoming great grandchildren. Photographs are circulated at every meeting!

Our WP Keith Hoey was chosen to represent Colorado Law Enforcement Officers as Utah honored a Colorado State Trooper who lost his life

on duty while in Utah. They participated in a memorial trail ride for the fallen officers.

And most exciting, we initiated a wonderful new member, Melissa Lowe. She saw our information telephone number in the newspaper and called to ask to join Star. Her husband Ben, is a Mason and didn't know that he **could** join! He will be initiated in the Fall after his busy Sky Diving season is over! Melissa is an International Sky Diving Instructor as well!

We look forward to Summer and hosting the School of Instruction on July 28th for AGM Lynda Wingate and AGP Mike Brewer.

WM Shelley Hoey would like share this advice: Don't knock the weather. At least 90% of us cannot carry on a conversation without it!

Star Love.

Silver Star #40—Montrose (Suzanne Teague, PM) (from Nov. 2018)

With a new slate of officers elected and appointed, Silver Star #40 is off to an exciting year, boasting "Warm Hearts ... Sharing Hands". With Lin Mussman as our District Lecturer, the following Officers are serving: WM, Cindy Wardlaw, PGM; WP, Lee Casto; AM, Karen Hinton; AP, Len Wardlaw; Secretary, Lin Musman; Treasurer, Janet Bennett; Conductress, Connie

Pittenger; Associate Conductress, Ashley Krebs; Chaplain, John Vitela; Marshal, Lyn Lawhead; Organist, Mary Ellen Harris; Adah, Shelley Hoey; Ruth, Elaine Babcock; Esther, Darley Hofmann; Martha, Pat Aspenwall; Electa, Marian Ferguson; Warder, Carlene Dougan; Sentinel, Shauna Kibel; Bible Bearer, Bonnie Lamb; Bible Bearer Escort, Bill Harris.

At our first meeting in September, we read a petition for Darlene Lawhead (Lyn Lawhead's daughter-in-law). She was initiated at our first meeting in October and we are looking forward to Lyn's & Darlene's husbands' petitions and initiations soon!

In October, PGM Cindy & Len Wardlaw and "Eagle" Suzanne & Lee Teague joined 3,300

other OES members in Orlando, Florida for General Grand Chapter, 'The Place To Be Seen in 2018'. We were joined by Colorado Members totaling about 50. It was a fun time and most interesting. We were thrilled to congratulate Sister Karla Dimond, Worthy Grand Marshal and Colorado's Ambassador, General Grand Committee Members and our new Most Worthy Grand Matron from Wyoming, Maryanne Shenefelt.

We are very happy to report that Brother Wayne Quade has recovered very nicely from his very serious automobile accident last February. He is living in a Retirement Community and attends Star and Masonic meetings regularly as well as continuing his many Boy Scout duties and daily walks to the Rec. Center!

Lyn Lawhead is also recovering from a brain implant to help control her tremors. Lee Teague is progressing from his bout with Sepsis but may never gain all of his strength. We are sad to say that Sister Karen Hinton has now moved to St. Louis to be near her family. She promises to return often but is certainly missed.

Our Chapter was saddened by the loss of three members: Crystal Pipher, Phoebe McKinney and Darley Hofmann's sister Alberta Liimatta (#53). We were pleased to reinstate Brother Scott Krebs and look forward to keeping him busy! Tina Kibel is back on the road driving an 18-wheeler. Keep her in your prayers! What a gutsy little gal! We were also thrilled to have our members report more great grand babies. Those little ones are such blessings!

We are happy to report that Nate Hoey, grandson of Keith & Shelley Hoey has placed 17th in the NATION in bull riding. He is completing his first year of College in Lamar, CO and is on their Rodeo Team riding bulls and some calf roping. Their son, Pryce, competed in the *Amazing Race* in July driving his special 2015 Challenger SRT Hellcat from Pueblo to Nevada raising over \$23,000 for C.O.P.S. and again in the Blue Ridge Rally in October bringing in over \$10,000. Donations can still be accepted and 100% of the funds go to help the survivors of fallen officers.

Then there is our Keith Hoey! After he happily requalified for his State Patrol position, he unhappily injured his right calf requiring several months in a boot. So no weight bearing, no driving and lots of therapy. Fortunately he has been allowed to work from home. But Shelley says he doesn't cook dinner!

We are preparing for our German Dinner to be held February 2nd and looking forward to making cookies for our shut-ins and for L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Day) trays to be delivered on January 9th.

And now a thought for the day: Children, Marriages and Flower Gardens reflect the amount of care they receive. Could we say this same thing of our Chapters?

Sunshine #53 — Grand Junction (Shirley O'Brien) (from Nov. 2018)

On September 8, 2018 we said farewell to WM and WP Sandy and Emmett Palmer, and installed Tammy Oldson and Harry Clark as our new WM and WP. Their colors are purple and bronze, with the theme of "The Joy of Life with the Technical Gardener". Tammy's Special Project is the Continued Future of Sunshine Chapter. Officers for the coming year were also installed. Associate Matron – Stephanie Thorpe, Associate

Patron – Emmett Palmer, Secretary – Beth Nelms, Treasurer – Lynda Pittman, Conductress – Sharon Parrish, and Associate Conductress – Nancy Ericksen.

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of two of our long-time members in the month of September (2018):

Alberta Liimatta passed away September



Alberta Liimatta

21, 2018 of a brain tumor. She was very active in Eastern Star as a Past Grand Martha and Worthy Matron (twice), and was always helpful and supportive of Rainbow Girls. Members of Sunshine Chapter and of Grand Chapter

Accolades is a new section—some editions it may be multiple columns, and in others, it may be just a few inches. Nevertheless, it will be devoted to announcing new appointments both at the State & General Grand levels as soon as they are made public!

Accolades!



Grand Representatives

Elizabeth Taylor (153) Tennessee
 Melissa Bray (61) Nebraska
 Kendra Walter (1) Louisiana
 Alice Padilla (7) Maryland
 Laura Shierburg (154) California
 Amy Raia (125) Connecticut
 Shannon Givens (43) South Dakota
 Jaimee McCullough (P&H, UD) Alberta
 Kathy Easterday (104) New Brunswick
 BillieAnne Kennedy (157) Delaware
 Sharla Pierce (133) Virginia
 Roberta Park (133) Wisconsin
 Russell Mason, PGP (26) Nova Scotia/PEI
 Loritta Seidler (3) New Jersey
 Kristy Kelsay (26) Saskatchewan
 Susan Franzen (125) Idaho
 Margot Rossow (125) Minnesota
 George Benson (2) Wyoming
 Shirley Bushman (85) Kentucky
 Sherri Brewer (124) Arizona
 Leonard Beasley (58) Italy
 Kerry Ferguson (58) Nevada
 Bob Roeder (2) Illinois
 Betty Kato (3) Kansas
 Patricia Allen, PGM (26) Puerto Rico
 Jack Ward (40) Rhode Island
 Marilyn Wadsworth (2) Vermont
 Kim Jordan (83) Iowa
 Lori Espinosa (154) Oregon
 Drina Johnson (133) Montana
 Barbara Griffith (122) Florida

Carolyn Baxter (133) Texas
 Mark Short (145) Oklahoma
 Jan Schumpert (1) Arkansas
 Donna Haas (85) Bolivia
 Daisy Saylor (155) DC
 Harry Clark (53) Maine
 Julie Muhovich (124) Washington

General Grand Chapter Appointments

Marian Edwards, PGM Ambassador to Guam
 Karla Dimond, PGM Worthy Grand Marshal
 Cyndie House, PGM Credentials Committee
 Willis Grundvig, PGP ESTARL
 Janet Malara, PGM Necrology
 Cindy Wardlaw, PGM Registration
 Russell Mason, PGP Service Dog
 Genie Wilcox, PGM Youth Committee
 Elaine Johnson, PM (83) Spec. Appt. Campfire Friend

(YAPS — cont'd from p. 3)

I hope that chapters were inspired to use one or both of these fundraising opportunities to raise funds to YAPS. We'll find out at Grand Chapter Session just how successful everyone was!

- Laura Shierburg, Chairperson

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participated in her funeral service. She leaves behind many friends and family. Her sister, Darley Hoffmann, is a member of Silver Star #40 in Montrose.



Carol Fritz

Carol Fritz passed away September 25, 2018 in Idaho. She was a very active member until her health determined that she needed to be closer to family. Being born in Glenwood Springs and having lived in Grand Junction for 75 years, she was always a

"Colorado Gal".

Congratulations to Shannon Givens who was appointed Grand Representative to South



Shannon Givens, WGM Lynda Wingate & WGP Mike Brewer

Dakota. Shannon is also Escort for her mother, Grand Ruth Annavee Hinckley, of Bethlehem Chapter 56 of which Shannon is

also a member.

Sunshine Chapter had a huge Garage Sale on October 20, 2018 which was very successful for the WM's Special Project, to the tune of \$1,000. A special thanks to Tommie Clark and Nancy Ericksen for their hard work of organizing it and to all who donated and participated.

There will be a card shower for Alice Parrish on her 89th birthday. She would enjoy hearing from her friends and her address is: 674 Turnberry Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81504.

We will be having an initiation ceremony on December 4, 2018 for Denise Kohles of Grand Junction. We extend an invitation to anyone

who would like to attend. Congratulations and welcome to Denise.

December 18th, we will be holding our annual cookie exchange and distribution to shut-ins. We have some marvelous bakers in our chapter.

Following that, we are having a No Bake Bake Sale with our dues notices. We are hoping for generous No Bake Goods!

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Manzanita #85 — Denver (Larry Wullbrandt, PGP) (from Nov. 2018)

Holiday Greetings to all our Sisters and Brothers from Manzanita No. 85.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Angela Grivas as an affiliated member.

Our Chapter has been saddened by the passing of two beloved sisters. Nadine England on Nov. 10, six days short of her 100th Birthday and 2 days prior to her 50th Anniversary in Eastern Star. Marcia Davis, a 59-year member, on Nov. 12.

Congratulations to *Peace & Harmony Chapter U.D.* on your recent Institution. It's wonderful to have the presence of Eastern Star return to Pagosa Springs.

Our members have been busy recently. Nov. 17, we served lunch for Weston Lodge's Past Masters & Ladies luncheon AND served pies that afternoon & evening at the Castle Rock Fire Dept. for the annual Star Lighting. Martha Chapter did this for over 35 years prior to affiliating with Manzanita. Sixty pies were donated by members with the proceeds being donated to the CRFD. Dec. 6, 3M's will have lunch at Applebee's, University & County Line. Dec. 9 will be our Christmas dinner party at the Wullbrandt's. Our stated meeting Dec. 13 will be "UGLI" Sweater night and initiation for our DL's inspection. Our first time WM Tina Buie likes to keep us hopping. Anyone feel like an Energizer Bunny?

Thanks to Cynthia Gray for agreeing to resuscitate this publication! PGM Donna Yanz would be proud.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hope Chapter 122 — Bennett (Carrie Andree, PM) (from Sept. 2018)

Some people take advantage of the summer months, with no Chapter meetings to attend, to just relax. Hope Chapter #122 in Bennett, CO, however, never rests.

Over the summer, Hope decided it might be



time for a small facelift for the building. Since the building is out on the plains of Eastern Colorado, and the wind blows occasionally, things tend to get dusty and the critters love too squat on the property when no one is around. The members came in and started with the large task of making everything spic

and span. For those who have not made the trip East to experience the historic building in downtown, the main floor has wood wainscoting and wooden floors in the dining/fellowship area. Lots of Murphy's Oil and elbow grease went in to making the wood sparkle. We also replaced all of the curtains in hopes of making it look more homey. The bathrooms received new rugs and towels and the upstairs Chapter room got a good scrubbing as well.

It's amazing what you come across when you do really deep cleaning and organization whether it is at your home, the office or your Chapter room. We found a few boxes of long forgotten mementos, most of which are being donated to the Eastern Star Museum. There were pins, hankies, a sash from one Grand Family's year, and various other items. One thing was found in the kitchen, however, that no one could identify. We have included a picture of Yvonne Reed with this unknown item.



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From our Worthy Grand Marshall

Wow, I can hardly believe General Grand Chapter has come and gone, and I now have a new title...Worthy Grand Marshal, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star! Boy...that's a mouthful!!

Sisters and Brothers, I am so honored to be representing Colorado Eastern Star in the "Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World" Grand Family for the 2018-2021 Triennium. I have had such fun meeting and getting to know the other members of this Grand Family, and I can tell you that they are as passionate about serving and growing our Order as any group of people could be. Our leaders, MWGM Sister Marianne Shenefelt, PGM-Wyoming, and MWGP Brother Henry Martin, PGP-Texas, have a vision for the future of Eastern Star, and they are committed to creating more awareness in the communities we serve, with our support of Service Dogs leading the way. This primary philanthropy makes it easy for all of us to create conversations about Eastern Star everywhere we go, because no matter where you are, you see firsthand how service dogs help and make a difference in the lives of their owners. Prospective members can relate to this charity, and those who have a Masonic relationship are more eager to be a part of this service, as well. There are many very worthy causes that we as Eastern Star members support, but none are more valuable to the survival of our Order than the Service Dog

program. PGP Russ Mason is our new GGCCM on the Service Dogs Program, and I encourage you to respond when he reaches out to see how you and your chapters can support this very important effort.

My heartiest

congratulations to our other General Grand Chapter appointments, who were also installed at the beautiful General Grand Chapter Installation on Nov. 1st. Please know that I am honored to serve alongside each of you this triennium. A hearty crowd of Colorado members waved Colorado flags while cheering us on, and we were all so proud to bring recognition to our beloved Colorado Eastern Star in this manner. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for loving and supporting all of us. We love you back and invite you to travel with us whenever you can.

Karla Dimond, PGM-CO
Worthy Grand Marshal
General Grand Chapter – OES
2018-2021



Upper right: Karla Dimond, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Colorado,. Bottom: 2018-2021 General Grand Chapter Officers

Whose Back Needs To Be Scratched?

*(Provided with permission from
Brother Lee Bleeding, PGP)*

We have all heard the old saying: "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours!". I think we can integrate this saying into our Fraternal Circle.

How many of you women have recently encouraged your Master Mason to go to Blue Lodge? I think you should and I will tell you why. If you encourage, just a little loving encouragement, perhaps the attendance at the Lodge meetings will increase, maybe they will initiate a few new members, maybe some of these new members will have a wife, mother, sister, daughter or someone near who could be one of us in Eastern Star, maybe the new /Blue Lodge member would also enjoy Star.

One Chapter I know of has a direct line to the Secretary of the Blue Lodge in their town. After a Brother proves up on his Third Degree, he is soon visited by people from Eastern Star. Another Chapter I have heard of are now planning a luncheon and inviting the members of the Blue Lodges who might have someone available for Eastern Star. This I heartily encourage and I also encourage any or all of you ladies to keep your eyes open for good men who you would feel comfortable in asking if he would be interested in becoming a Mason. There are small brochures which explain Masonry and I am sure you could obtain one of these to give to possible friends, then perhaps follow up by asking a Master Mason that you know, to contact this gentleman to share a bit of friendly information.

Now all of these things need to be done with Love and Compassion for our fellow men. In this way, perhaps we will all prosper and we can again utilize our "Watchwords:"

Harmony with all those around us;
Love of our fellow men, and
Happiness of all concerned.

Robert J Smith & His Paracord Emporium

Robert Smith, our brother in Pueblo #7 Chapter, has been battling the big "C". He thought he'd whipped its butt but it has come back. As a result, Robert has to sit in chemotherapy and, in order to have something productive to do on those long appointments for treatment, he's taken to making all sorts of gems from paracord. Below are just a smidgen of the items he produces. He's made cross keychains, bracelets, shoe laces (with metal caps), and can make just about anything you give him an order for. The funds go to help with his expenses. Let's keep Robert really, really busy!



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We would love everyone's best guess as to what it is and/or what it is used for. There will be a prize for the most creative or funny answer at our Official Visit. Send your guesses to carriean-dree@yahoo.com. Afterwards, all

went to the diner in town for some lunch and discussions, primarily on how tired but proud we were of our endeavors. We look forward to hosting you at one or more of our monthly meetings (second Tuesday of the month).

The monthly potluck, which starts at 6:15, alone is worth your trip to the plains!

Dawn #125 — Denver (Kay Finnerty, PM) (from Nov. 2018)

Dawn Chapter would love for you to come visit us on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Aurora Masonic Temple at 7:30 PM. This year we held a beautiful Closed Installation after our regular meeting, where we said goodbye to our Jr. Past WM and WP, Sue Schultz and Bob E. Weidler.

The following were Installed for the 2018—2019 year:



WM: Janice Jacobovitz, PM
WP: Wayne Wells, PP
AM : Susan Franzen, PM
AP: Don "Doc" Shearer
Sec: Sue Schultz, PM
Treas: Amy Raia
Cond: Kim Carr, PM
AC: Mary Lou Shearer
Chap: William "Bill" Young, PGP
Mar: Carrie Andree, PM
Org: Joan North, PM
Adah: Shannon Lampron
Ruth: Edna Hathorn, PM
Esther: Joan Velotta, PM
Electa: Kay Finnerty, PM
Warder: Steve Davis, PP
Sentinel: Frank Hathorn, PP

We are delighted that our own Kim Carr is our DL this year. And we are so proud that our own Cheryl Williams was elected and Installed as Grand Conductress and Steve Davis was installed as Grand Warder at Grand Chapter in September. CONGRATULATIONS! Cheryl has chosen Kay Finnerty as her escort, and Steve has chosen Elizabeth (Beth) Spangler as his.



WM Janice and WP Wayne are leading us in the "Year of the Cat" this year. Janice's fun emblems are cats (of course) and lighthouses, and Wayne's are penguins and dreamcatchers.

Their colors are those of our Star, with black, white, and gold. Our charitable projects will be our continuing support of Freedom Service Dogs, and American Humane. org, which works to reunite military service dogs with their owners when they return home, as well as those projects chosen by the WGM, WGP, and MWGM.

We will continue to have the Bus Trips to Black Hawk, as one of our fundraising projects. Our first trip was on Oct. 20. We have a lot of fun on these trips and would LOVE to have anyone join us. For information about upcoming trips, please contact any Dawn Chapter officer. We also participate in the King Soopers card project for fundraising. Our AM, Susan has planned mobile Craft Sales through the month of December, so watch out---you may see her at your regular meetings with cute, personalized ornaments for sale!

At our Oct. 2 meeting, we renewed our Obligation and balloted on the petition of Debra Kirsten for affiliation. Then at the Oct. 16 meeting, we celebrated Halloween, with silly jokes. Our WM Janice and WP Wayne received treat bags filled with candy.

At the Nov. 6 meeting, we remembered our Veterans and Installed Debra Kirsten as our Martha for this year. Then prior to our meeting on Nov. 20, we met to "Read the Red Book", and celebrated Thanksgiving.

At our meeting on Dec. 4, we will hold a partial Inspection and will celebrate Christmas on the 18th, with a Bake Sale and Cookie exchange.

Our first meeting in January falls on the 1st, so guess what---NO MEETING, as we are not expected to have a quorum. But we hope EVERYONE will visit us on Saturday, January 5, when we will have our OV, with a Soup and Salad luncheon at noon, at the cost of \$10 per person.

Dawn Chapter is saddened by the passing of Sis. Opal Hacker, a 50+ year member. A number of our members, with the help of Sis. Gaylene Alton, from Hope #122, performed the beautiful Eastern Star Service at her funeral in October.

We want to CONGRATULATE our WP Wayne Wells on his marriage to Ludamila Baranovska (Luda) on Nov. 9. How wonderful!!

Dawn Chapter wants to wish you all a Wonderful, Blessed Holiday season! Merry Christmas everyone!

Loyalty #145 — Westminster (Jan Schneider, PM) (from Nov. 2018)

Loyalty Chapter has had a busy end of the year. We installed Jan Schneider and Mark Short as WM and WP in September along with their core of officers and it has been non-stop since, starting with Grand Chapter.

In October we had a covered dish and Red Book reading and had a Mock Initiation for our inspection, all in one night. In November we honored our Veterans and we also held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 16. On November 29, we had a practice for our OV. We had our Official Visit on December 1, with a Black and White Christmas gala.

Coming up next, we will be having a Christmas Party and cookie exchange and preparation of gifts baskets for our shut ins, all in one night on Thursday December 20th.

We will be doing a gift-wrapping fundraiser at Barnes and Noble again this year on the weekend before Christmas. To prepare for this, we are having several Bow Tying sessions from November through December. Having pretty bows helps to get bigger tips and we do very well with raising funds for Freedom Service Dogs.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for December 27th and we will celebrate the coming of the New Year.

On January 10, we will host the Alpha/Pentalpha Party. We will continue celebrating the New Year with the Theme: "A Black and White New Year's Celebration".

We have continued to have our casino bus trips on the 2nd Saturdays, with the exception of December. Just contact Sunny or Flo if you are interested in joining us starting up again in January. We have a lot of fun!

Please come and join us at Loyalty Chapter on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., except in December with our OV on Dec. 1, we only have one remaining regular meeting on December 27.

Fountain Valley — Colorado Springs (Margaret Elliott) (from April 2019)

The new 2018-2019 Officers were installed on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The following officers have been installed for the year. Worthy Matron, Christal Bricker; Worthy Patron, John Reinking; Associate Matron, Shelly Anderson; Associate Patron, C.T. Elliott; Secretary, Valerie Evans; Treasurer, Daisy Saylor; Conductress, Sarah Fuss; Associate Conductress, Stephanie Fossinger; Chaplain, Les Saylor; Marshal, Kim Brooks; Organist, Marcia Carlson; Adah, Tish Neagles; Ruth, Tomiko Money maker; Esther, Lauren Hanson; Martha, Margaret

Elliott; Electa, Sharon Heintzen; Warder, William Carlson; and Sentinel, Harvey Bucholtz.

John and Christal chose to dedicate this year to her late husband, Mike Bricker, who she felt was the kindest and best of men. He did his utmost to befriend and help everyone he met. Through his kindness and affability, he brought out the best in everyone. In remembering him, may we all become a little more like him.

The following from our Chapter are serving Grand Chapter. Robert Harper, Associate Grand Patron; Sharon Heintzen, Grand Lecturer; Marcia Carlson, PGM, Grand Organist; Les Saylor, JPWGP, Jurisprudence Committee; Shirley Day, JPWGM, Jurisprudence Committee; Janet Adams, District Lecturer; Tish Neagles, Grand Escort; and Bill Heintzen, Grand Escort.

On November 12, 2018 Marcia Jean Davis passed away. She was Valerie Evans Mother. A Celebration of Life was held in Castle Rock on November 21, 2018. Both Manzanita #85 and Fountain Valley #155 provided a meal for the family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her.


We have had two new members join Eastern Star. Benito Vena and Emmett W. Goodridge, Jr. Emmett has completed his work and has been given a card that shows he is proficient. Fountain Valley #155 Welcomes you both.

Our Chapter placed Memorial Wreaths for the Military on December 7th in Honor of their service. May they rest in Peace.

Our Chapter has also continued with having a Spaghetti Dinner once a year. This took place on March 9, 2019. The Firemen are always invited to come eat for free. Pictures will be attached. Sharon and Bill Heintzen are the planners and we always have a fun time. The kids enjoy seeing the firetrucks and talking to the firemen.

On March 23, 2019 we had our Official Visit from Lynda Wingate, Worthy Grand Matron and Michael Brewer, Worthy Grand Patron and their family. Prior to the meeting, the Fountain VFW presented the folding Flag Ceremony and presented them to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Ceremony was

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beautiful. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of New Mexico were each presented with a Flag of Colorado. The Official Visit started at 1:30 and was very successful. We also had many visitors from New Mexico that were visiting Colorado. We all Thank You for making the trip.

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Thank You For All Your Support and Understanding Over the Years

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their many years of support, understanding, tolerance and encouragement during my years as Editor of the 4U2.

It is with mixed feelings that I feel I must step down, for a while at least. In the words of "James Bond", never say never.

As many of you know, I began a journey a couple of years ago to work toward getting an MBA degree by studying in the evenings while working full time. This was a long-term commitment that will take a total of approximately 4½ to 5 years. When I finish the current class I am in, I will have hit the halfway point.

In the beginning, I just barely kept up with getting 4 issues out for the year while taking classes. However, this last year from the Fall of 2017 has held a number of added pressures that have made it impossible for me to keep up and I kept falling further and further behind. My classes have started getting harder and taking more time and my Chapter needed someone to fill in the line to Worthy Matron again. If that wasn't enough, we bought a new place last Fall and moved again last December between classes. Add to that family and church

obligations and something had to give. I thought that I would be able to "catch up" and was afraid that there would be no one who would be willing to do this job, so I held off on asking for help, and I apologize that I did not reach out sooner.

I am reminded that in this order, there are so many sisters and brothers who are willing to step up and help out a sister or a brother in their time of need and I am so thankful and touched that Cynthia Gray has stepped forward to help lift this huge burden off my shoulders that has been hanging over me. I will support her as much as I am able to as she did for me when I first took over this job from her many years ago. It may not be a simple transition since computer software has changed so much over the years and my base files are not convertible to anything that is super easy to just pick up and run with. I know that you all will give her the same support and encouragement that you gave me over the years. Thank you again and best wishes for a Happy Holiday season.

Star Love,
Jan Schneider