



A-U-2 Review



JULY

2020

ANNA PETERSON, WGM

THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

BOB HARPER, WGP



July 4th 2020. Not in my wildest imagination did I ever think that I would be wondering if we would still be socially distancing

and forbidden to join our voices in song as well as having Chapter meetings where the WM & WP should be at least 6 feet apart and we have to restrict the number of members at a chapter meeting. I had just about convinced myself that I could see some normalcy return by the end of summer, than bang our Nation was rocked by violent protests and riots.

How, as a people, can we work together for the benefit of those who are still struggling from the pandemic when we are faced with these devastating acts of violence? Our Country may not be perfect, but when I think of all the men and women of all races, ethnicities and faiths, that have given their lives to protect our country from tyranny and oppression, I simply just get mad to think that we could so easily give into tyranny and oppression at the hands of mobs at home. We, as a people, mourn the loss of any life taken unjustly, be they black, white or purple for that matter. All lives matter. As a society, we must see that justice is always served and injustice is never tolerated.

We have placed a special trust in the men and women who serve and protect us. We have faith that they will act in the highest moral and professional standards in the performance of their

duties. They place themselves on the front line, in harm's way every day. They stand between us and those who would take from us the life, liberty and property that we are guaranteed by our Constitution. When one of them fails to live up to that trust we should not abandon the vast majority that serves with honor, courage and dedication. They deserve our respect and support. We should also require of those who we elect, to likewise honor the trust we have placed in them and live up to the oath of office to which they have sworn and dedicate themselves to and not abandon their responsibility as leaders in acts of meaningless capitulation to anarchy and mob rule.

The destruction of the symbols of our history, whether they be good or bad lessen the fabric of our country and when the foundation that was laid down by the founders are forgotten and the honor paid to them for the creation of a nation that strives for freedom of the individual and the rights of all are allowed to be destroyed, we are one step away from the tyranny and oppression that so many of our citizens have fought and died to keep from our doorstep.

As a people we should live up to the Preamble of our Constitution that begins with, "*We The People* of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, **establish Justice, insure domestic tranquility**, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity".

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The Fourth of July --also known as Independence Day has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of



Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776 the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American Independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2020 is on July 4, 2020.

A History of Independence Day: When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility toward Great Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as the ones expressed in the best selling pamphlet "Common Sense" published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

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What we have witnessed in our Major cities has nothing to do with moving our country forward, nothing to do with liberty and justice but are only acts of violence and injustice and in some instances, against the very people that they claim they want to protect. These anarchists claim that black lives matter. I completely agree with that statement and my heart breaks when I heard that in Chicago, Illinois, on Father's Day, 102 people, and the color of their skin is irrelevant, were shot by people who have no respect for black lives or any lives for that matter. While we mourned and watched politicians, clergymen and well intentioned citizens, condemn the murder of George Floyd and ask for justice, how many will do the same for a three year old black child that was shot in the back and died on Father's Day in Chicago?

The call to justice should be a call to work together, to instill and provide opportunity, to encourage self-worth and self-determination and take personal responsibility for our actions and encourage others to do the same. Victimhood has no place in elevating our moral principles, our economic opportunity or our ability for self-determination.

I like the definition of liberty that President George Washington used when describing the term in the Declaration of Independence, "It is the condition of being free to choose, with an implication of **wisdom, responsibility and voluntary restraint**". This is the first and currently, the only country in the world whose founding documents empower people of good will to do great things and we must not let the concept of our freedoms as enumerated in our Bill of Rights be perverted into a license to destroy life, property and abandon law and order. We are guaranteed the freedom of protest and to freely express grievances against our government. That's how this country was started. With our God given freedoms, we also have the responsibility to use them in a manner that is constructive, productive,

honest and judicial. We have the freedom to yell fire in a theater, but to exercise that freedom, if there is no fire, can cause panic, injury and death.

Today we have those who would not only yell fire, but would gladly light the match. If we are to be true to our heritage and the memory of all those who have given their lives to preserve our nation; we must stand up and take our place as citizens in the defense of those who defend us. We cannot let those who would use bricks, bats and Molotov cocktails to shape our future and by their lawlessness tear down our history.

We have been guaranteed by the sacrifices of countless generations gone before a nation of laws and if we find these laws unjust, we have the power to change them, not by violence, but by our votes. It will never be more important to this country, ourselves and most of all future generations that we use that power with wisdom this coming November. Those we select to lead our nation should serve with honor and be committed to preserving, protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States of America. We should demand and expect no less.

As President Lincoln said in the closing lines of the Gettysburg address, "...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Star Love,

Anna Peterson, WGM



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On June 7th, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee--including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert Livingston of New York--to draft a formal statement to justify the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day John Adams wrote his wife Abigail, that July 2nd will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the "Great Anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and parade, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. The vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

NOTE OF INTEREST: John Adams believed July 2nd was the correct date to celebrate the birth of American Independence and repeatedly turned down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Further, Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States, at the age of 86, and Adams the 6th President of the United States at the age of 90, both died on July 4, 1826 approximately 5 hours apart, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The Fourth of July Becomes a Federal Holiday: The tradition of patriotic holiday became more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United

States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

Over the years the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and the most common musical accompaniment is "The Star Spangled Banner".

Fraternally,
Bob Harper, WGP



DAWN CHAPTER #125

AURORA

Kay Finnerty, Reporter

Greetings everyone!

Dawn Chapter held our first Zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago. Our WM, Susan Franzen called it our Social Club Meeting, so those of us who "attended" shared what we've been up to and what other plans we had for the summer. It was nice to at least see everyone's face, even if we aren't able to be with each other in person.

Our chapter has been saddened by the passing of Sister Arlene Lenox. Arlene was a very faithful sideliners and supporter of our fundraisers for many years. We also recently heard of the

passing in May 2019 of our Sister Norma Mack.

We have been extremely proud of our members who have been a part of this year's Grand Family and who have represented us well: Cheryl Williams, AGM and her escort Kay Finnerty; Elizabeth Spangler, Grand Conductress and her escort Skye Brunick (she's not an official member of Dawn, but has helped us as DL in the past); and Sue Schultz, Grand Ruth and her escort Janice Jacobovitz. We are also proud that just recently our Brother Steve Davis was appointed as Grand Representative of Michigan!

Our Secretary, Sue Schultz, is recovering from finger surgery after her dog decided to cause her to fall when on a walk. Sister Joan Velotta is recovering from a reaction to a new medication, and is doing much better at this point and our AC, Mary Lou Shearer is also recovering from back surgery. Carol Ann Chapman is looking forward to seeing well again, after her upcoming cataract surgery on both eyes. Carrie Andree is happy to be mobile and driving again after her foot/leg fracture. And we are happy to hear that she has made hundreds of masks which have been donated to the Food Bank of the Rockies on behalf of the 5 Chapters she belongs to. We certainly wish all of these ladies the best as they recover.

Our WM Susan, is very happy that she has RETIRED and is looking forward to traveling soon.

At this point in time, as we are unaware of what the future holds for us, and we look forward to the time when we can all be together again, we pray everyone will remain healthy and safe.

MANZANITA #85

LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP, Reporter

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE! It is hard to believe our nations

Independence Day celebration is upon us and there may not be any fireworks displays with spectators' present. I suppose watching them on TV will have to suffice. Bummer!

CONGRATULATIONS to Rene' Ballinger, GSE, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Our Chapter held a stated meeting June 11, with nine officers present. It was nice to be together after the hiatus imposed by the Grand Master of Masons, but strangely different. We will meet again June 25 under the same circumstances and then go dark for the summer. It was disappointing that the Tri-County Health Dept. June 9 Covid19 updates did NOT increase the number of persons who could meet socially. Hopefully, that will change by September.

Worthy Matron Shirley Buschman had planned an honor night in March for our 50+ year members. Since we could not meet, she designed a special certificate, which was mailed to each of our twenty-nine 50+ year members.

While preparing this year's annual report we learned 23% of our total membership (127) are 50+ year members. We have twenty-nine 50+ year members, including two 70+ and nine 60+ year members. We are honored that six of these sisters actively participate by attending meetings and holding offices.

We have held three Chapter gatherings via Zoom this spring and intend to continue doing so throughout the year. Please join us using your computer, tablet, or smart phone. If your computer does not have a camera you can join the conversation using the 'chat' function. Invitations, with log-in instructions, are sent out a day or two prior to the Thursday gathering. Th-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

SILVER STAR # 40

MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM, Reporter

Silver Star No. 40 is happy to welcome Paonia Chapter No. 74 members into our folds. We are equally as un-happy to learn that Paonia Chapter needed to affiliate. The sad truth is that we are all getting older, losing members and the new ones we initiate are not interested once they are initiated. We were pleased that WGM Anna allowed us to accomplish this union by mail-in ballots due to the COVID-19 Virus restrictions. We look forward to the time we can meet together and welcome Paonia members properly!

We can tell you, that the Masonic Building Board for the Montrose Temple has been very busy doing some needed improvements to our Kitchen/Dining room while we are staying "Safe at Home". They have leveled out the cement floor and installed new carpeting as well as increased the size of the serving window so that taller members can look into the dining room from the kitchen without bending over! You will just have to see it to believe all that they have done. Gone is the "80s" orange carpet!

We are also happy to let you know that Lloyd and Bridgett Hannah are home from Hawaii. It was so horrible that they had to "Shelter in Place" in Hawaii! They are glad to be back at

Sharon Lee Smith have now mysteriously disappeared as silently and scent-free as they appeared!

Yes, it is a boring news day! Stay Safe, Pray for Peace, Call Your Friends and SOON we will be back together.

NOTE: Kate Wardlaw is the Granddaughter of Cindy (PGM) and Len Wardlaw.

GARDEN CITY #3

GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM, Reporter - Protem

As with all Chapters across the State, we too, have had a long vacation from our meetings. However, our Masonic Hall Association opened up the building after the Grand Master lifted his edict.

We held a meeting on June 25th, with 9 members in attendance. Lots of business was conducted, including doing our Annual Memorial Ceremony honoring those members who passed away this past year.

Since the Annual Greeley Arts Picnic was canceled, alternative FundRaisers are being explored. Garden City has had a food booth at the Arts Picnic in Lincoln Park since about 1984. We are the only original Food Booth left.

So with that in mind, our AM, Vic Czapenski is organizing a Garage Sale to be held on July 25, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Hall (2532 9th Avenue). If you would like to donate items (we know Denver is a 'fer piece away') please bring them to the Hall on Friday July 24 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Please pre-price your item. Please no computers or other electronic devices. Contact Vic @970-324-1038.


Gary, Worshipful Master & CherylAnn, Worthy Matron, with the help of Kent, Worthy Patron hosted a first time OES/Lodge Picnic on June 27. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. There were 21 in attendance. A couple of the children had a fantastic time splashing in the pool and jumping

It is a great honor to introduce the winner of this year's Month of the Military Child Writing Contest, Kate Wardlaw!

What it Means to be the Child of a Service Hero...

By: Kate Wardlaw (Age 12)

My Dad is in the Air National Guard,
And sometimes I'm sad and it can be hard.
Though he is gone, it is for a good cause,
Life still goes on, it cannot pause.
When he comes back home we all celebrate,
Life gets much better we think he is great.
An American Flag: Red, White and Blue,
Hangs at our house for what is brave and true.
A hero to me he will always be,
For the good he does so we can be free.



It is difficult to share much news since the last time we gathered was March 5th! We have all tried to call members and stay in touch, but it just isn't the same! And no refreshments either! Oh well.....

home and also glad that their time in Hawaii was extra pleasant. They did have to cancel some of their summer plans but are not terribly upset.

We can also report that the three baby skunks that had adopted

on the trampoline, while the adults all enjoyed their fellowship time.

Everyone stay safe, stay healthy, enjoy your summer and we'll see you in September.

**COLORADO #2
LEADVILLE**

Robert Trezise, PP, Reporter

Earlier in the year, Colorado #2 was honored to present Sister Myrna Salberg her 50 year pin and recount her many achievements and hard work in the Order of the Eastern Star. She has served as Grand Soloist, Grand Esther, District Instructor, District Lecturer and many years as Worthy Matron of Colorado #2. Her Eastern Star record is very impressive and is an inspiration.

More recently, the Dessie Powell OES Scholarship was awarded to a Lake County High School Senior for \$500. This Scholarship started from a \$5000 bequest from the will of Dessie Marie Powell, a longtime member of Colorado #2 and who taught many years in the Lake County Public Schools. From that beginning, the Chapter has awarded \$25,000 in scholarships since the Powell Scholarship is renewable for four years.



Myrna Salberg, PM

From the

Grand Secretary

I feel so honored to have been elected as Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter of Colorado. It has been a real learning experience these past 9 months, which I found to be busy and fulfilling.

I have to thank Sisters Rene' Ballinger, GSE and Cyndie House, PGM and Grand Treasurer, for all their continuing patience, help and support with learning the specifics that are particular to this office and for not getting frustrated when I ask what I call "dumb" questions more than once.

It has been a pleasure working with the Chapter Secretaries, who are very hard-working individuals for their Chapter and Grand Chapter, as well.

It is always fun getting to know a new Grand Family and this one is no exception. Their Support of Anna and Bob, each other and Grand Chapter is GRAND!!

Since we are staying in the same Grand Offices and Committees for the upcoming year, we are NOT printing new Green Rosters for 2020-2021. When I receive all the Annual Reports, I will send the Chapter Secretaries a sheet with changes, such as new addresses, phone numbers, etc. For security purposes, this will not be downloaded to the website or sent via the OES group e-mail, so I will be sure to have your Chapter Secretary let you know she has those changes and can give you a copy.

Hoping to see you this coming year.
Star and Angel Hugs,
Valerie Evans, PGM

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON
BENEFICENT PROJECT
FUNDRAISER**

Laura Schierburg, Chairman

Shop For A Cure! at Boon Supply
Boon (def): extremely useful, beneficial or helpful.

This year, our Worthy Grand Matron, Anna, and Colorado Eastern Star are raising money and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research for the more than 5 million Americans who are currently living with Alzheimer's. Introducing the new fundraising campaign for the 2020-21 Star year (drum roll please)...Now you can **Shop For A Cure** at www.BoonSupply.com. This online retailer was founded to "make it easy for people to get involved and give back to their communities in meaningful ways." (Lily Kanter, CEO of BoonSupply.com) Make a purchase online and **40%** of your total will go to support Alzheimer's care and research in our community. Check out all the unique items available and you are bound to find something you can't live without! Perfect for a gift for yourself, or someone you love. This fundraiser will run through June of 2021, but shop early and shop often, as products change regularly.

Go to www.BoonSupply.com and search for the "Shop For A Cure" fundraiser. Be a boon for the Alzheimer's Association!



**Editor's note: I purchased the Lemon Pound Cake Mix and Snickerdoodle Cookie Mix – Yum, Yum. Very Good!



**FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sisters and Brothers,

Your Board of Directors has been busy this year. A full accounting of the Board activities will be printed in the 2021 Proceedings. I have several items that may be of interest to you at this time.

A major event in our history is the cancellation of our 2020 Grand Chapter Session. Board member, Ed Peterson, PGP, worked with the Radisson Hotel to cancel our contract for this year without penalty. Worthy Grand

Matron Anna and Worthy Grand Patron Bob will hold their session in September 2021 at the Radisson Hotel.

Grand Secretary, Valerie Evans, PGM, has completed the Proceedings for the "Spirits in Harmony" year and sent them to the printer. The Grand Secretary was able to cancel all other printing contracts without penalty. Hold onto your Green Roster as it will not be printed this year. Sister Valerie will be sending updates to your Chapter Secretaries. Please check with them for changes.

The Grand Secretary is in the office Monday through Friday, however, with the "social distancing" the office is not open to the members. Please contact Valerie for assistance with Chapter needs.

With the quickly evolving world of electronics and Internet, the Board of Directors has created an IT Advisory Panel. This Panel will consult on everything from audio/visual, the web site and beyond. If you have current in-depth working experience and want to know more about this Panel, please contact me.

The Board of Directors is now holding meetings via Zoom. We invite anyone interested in attending a Board meeting to join us (in your pajamas - bring your own donuts). The date and time as well as contact information to join will be posted one week prior to the meeting. You must have a computer available with internet service.

With the uncertain length of "social distancing" in mind, Board has purchased a "Pro" plan for Zoom and will be making it available for Grand Chapter committees to use in the future.

Glenn Monroe and ESTARL scholarship monies have been made available to the committees and they will soon be announcing the recipients. Please check your future 4 U 2 Reviews for the names.

Star love until we meet,
Rita Bucholtz, Chairman

COMING SOON

Virtual **silent AUCTION**

so keep making those great baskets and gathering other goodies for the sale.
More details to follow later so keep watching the 4U2 Review for complete information!



SNOWFLAKE #153

Submitted by Mary Kae Jarvis

I am happy to report that the fabric for the Masks has arrived and production is almost complete for those who pre-ordered a mask from Snowflake's Mask Fundraiser. First shipments should be going out before the end of the week. Below are pictures of the actual masks. If you would like to order a mask, please contact me @

(719) 596-5963
mkilovesoes@gmail.com

Order form is on the next page



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.

Each mask will be a single layer of fabric (for easier breathing, less muffled speaking as well as cooler to wear).

Each Mask is \$10.00 – Order yours today!!

(Fabric has been ordered - 5/5/2020 - but may take up to 4 weeks to receive before assembly may begin.)

ORDER FORM

	Eastern Star Script Initials (Ritual Cover Logo) Quantity = _____		Masonic Square & Compass Quantity = _____
	Eastern Star Standard Quantity = _____		Masonic Tartan Quantity = _____
	Colorado Quantity = _____	Total Masks @ \$10 each _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

Make checks payable to ***Snowflake Chapter No. 153, O.E.S.***

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