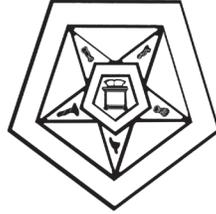




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Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time hit us once again. I personally like this configuration of time, as I am not a morning person anyhow, and prefer to have more daylight in the evening, but I hate losing that hour of sleep. Seems like it takes me weeks to adapt to the change in daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time is when the clock is set one hour ahead during the summer months. Originally, you might say, that it was Benjamin Franklin's idea when he said, "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." And yet DST has been controversial since its introduction in 1918.

I have read so many different theories regarding Daylight Saving Time, each conflicting with another. Some say it began because it gave the farmer an extra hour of light. Huh. . . . No matter what end of the day you add the hour, whether in the morning or in the evening, the farmer still has the same number of daylight hours in the day. Maybe city folk get confused because the farmer sees more sunlight in the summer than in the winter in which to do their work in the daylight. It's the same with the rest of us. However, some us choose to sleep away the morning daylight hours.

Some say it was instituted because of World War II. Other reports indicate that there are less vehicular crashes during Daylight Saving Time. But the 2 most common

reasons are:

1. To increase evening daytime hours for outdoor leisure activities and
2. Supposedly to save on energy consumption. The latter has not been proven to be a total success.

So why can't we just leave the clock in the Daylight Saving Time mode? One fact does remain constant - we do have more daylight in the evenings for those outdoor activities.

Like Daylight Saving Time, it evolved from an idea someone had and something someone said. And today's generation, just turns their clocks forward or back 'because it's always been done that way'.

Same holds true with Eastern Star. We hear over and over, 'we've always done it that way'. But that's not necessarily true. Some things in the ritual remain steadfast since Brother Rob Morris wrote it. But throughout the history of General Grand, the ritual has evolved to what it is today.

Our Grand Chapter By-Laws weren't always the way they are now. And I know that Chapters are always tweaking their By-Laws to get them just right. Lots of clarification has been penned over the years in the documents of our Order. It's been done for over a hundred years in the past and I am sure that changes will be made for the next one

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Eastern Editorial

by Jan Schneider



From the Editor . . .

Spring is in the air with warmer days more often than not, except we know that spring can bring some of the biggest snow storms for Colorado.

The term is half way through and we are all getting the hang of our current offices and jobs. Sometimes it seems like just when we get things figured out, the term comes to an end and a new one begins. Other times, we can't wait till that last meeting of the term (maybe that is only when you are Worthy Matron).

As I contemplate what to editorialize about this year, at Easter time, I am reminded once again that Spring brings forth new life. No matter how dead and lifeless the world may seem, nature has a way of regenerating itself. As we deal with hardships, stresses and loss, we also experience joy, fulfillment and friendships that carry us through and give us hope for the future.

Just a reminder, next deadline for Chapter articles is now May 28 for the Summer issue. This most likely will publish in July this year.

This Easter, may the new life that you see springing up all around you inspire you to recommit your life anew to serving our Savior, the Risen Christ. Have a glorious Easter, for as someone once told me, if it wasn't for Easter, there would be no reason to celebrate Christmas. If Christ had not been victorious over death and risen from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule and reign with God the Father, he would have just been another prophet, leaving no reason to continue celebrating his birth to this day. He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Thanks again for all your support,
Jan Schneider, Editor-in-Chief

Daylight Saving Time Con't.

hundred years and beyond.

It's our Ritual that sets us apart from all other 'garden club' organizations. From our Ritual we take our teachings, our lessons, our obligation. And our Ritual is based on the teachings taken from the Holiest of all Books, the Bible.

The Bible hasn't changed for thousands of years, since the beginning of time. Oh sure, it's been translated into different languages and the archaic verbiage has been composed into terms that is more, shall I say 'User friendly'.

Some members don't like the length of our Ritual. They say our ceremonies need to be shortened – they are too long. It makes for a long meeting. I disagree. I have witnessed poor work that drags out the meetings, because no one knows what to do or they haven't memorized their work. But I have also witnessed ritualistic work, said according to the ritual, and when said fluently, the work is beautiful and meaningful.

Not everyone can memorize their work like some of the younger members, but if you put your best foot forward and try your very best, the meaning will shine in and through your heart. We don't expect perfection, we only ask that you try.

Let's not turn the hands of the clock back, but instead, let's turn the hands ahead. Let's continue to "always do it that way" when it comes to the Ritual. Let's show the world how the hands of time of our steadfast lessons and teachings are and will be the same, whether we turn back the clock, if we stand still or if we move the hands forward, looking into the future. Will you lose an hour of sleep or will you invest some of your time to gain an hour into the future of Eastern Star?

Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing.

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad
Worthy Grand Matron

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Rave Reviews from around the State

Colorado Chapter No. 2 – Leadville

Robert C. Trezise, Reporter

Sr Easter Mellott and Br George McCollum are leading Colorado 2 through an interesting year of Traditions and Remembrances. This involves a lot of research of minute books and scrap books to honor the work of Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Colorado 2. Presentations of "This Is Your Eastern Star Life" have noted the contributions of Bob Trezise, Bob and Betty Roeder, Myrna Salberg and



L-R: Esther Mellott; George McCollum



L-R: CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, WGM; Bob Trezise; Byron Walker, WGP

Jacque Goetsch. More such presentations will follow. Colorado 2 will host a special meeting and luncheon May 21 to recognize and honor all Past Matrons and Past Patrons from #2 and those from



L-R: Bob McCormick; Myrna Salberg



L-R: Betty Roeder; Esther Mellott; George McCollum; Bob Roeder



L-R: Jacquie Goetsch; Esther Mellott; George McCollum



L-R: Sandra Mark, Assoc. Cond.; George Benson; Bob Trezise; John Harrington; Marilyn Wadsworth

Wadsworth. They received gifts and Brother Bob Trezise played the Armed Forces Service Songs. Two new members are filling offices this year. Sr Kathy Blackford was presented her proficiency card and

is Electa, Br Jim Evans is Warder, and Br George Benson substitutes as Associate Patron and in a variety of other offices.



L-R: Betty Benson; Kathy Blackford; Esther Mellott; George McCollum

Santa Claus, aka Br Bob McCormick,

visited Colorado 2 in December. He heard the Christmas wishes from all the members. Because the Worthy Patron doubted Santa Claus, he was given a lump of coal.



L-R: Esther Mellott; Bob McCormick; George McCollum

Required initiatory exemplifications were performed in January. Spring activities include providing cakes for the high school sports banquet, being contributing sponsors for the third grade project to meet

and ski with visiting Tenth Mountain Division veterans, and choosing the recipient of this year's Dessie Powell Scholarship.



L-R: Betty Roeder; Esther Mellott; George McCollum; Bob Roeder

The stairclimber chair maintenance and new carpet fund has surpassed the goal

of \$11,500. The Mountain Splendor Grand Family were first contributors. The new carpet will be installed in July.



Garden City Chapter No. 3 – Greeley

Amethyst Brown, Reporter

Throughout the beginning of the 2015-2016 term for Garden City Chapter #3 there was a lot of wonderful, extraordinary accomplishments made. The term started off just like any other term with the installation of officers and then proceeded to the Grand Chapter week with the installation of the 2015-2016 Mountain Splendor Grand Family with Garden City Chapter #3's very own Grand Worthy Matron Cheryl Ann Craven-Lindblad. The procession of the months following were filled with annual fundraising meals, as well as preparing for the holiday season with the annual shut-in baskets for our members who were unable

to make it into the meetings. For the holidays, as requested by the Grand Family, the adopt-a-child program from the Denver's Children's Home was chosen. Garden City Chapter #3 had the privilege of adopting a child, as well as one of our member's in our chapter adopting a child on their own. Garden City Chapter #3's Project Undercover group was requested to see about making blankets for all of the children as well. One of Garden City Chapter #3's members was present at the Christmas Party for the children and was just in awe by the response given by all of the children when receiving their gifts and felt special as they were able to pick out their very own blankets and were very thankful.

The chapter is in works to see about initiating more members into the chapter as well as the continuing efforts to raise money for the chapter's terms. Our last big annual fundraiser is the Smorgasbord on Sunday, March 6, 2016 starting at 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. We would like to see an amazing turn out and if anyone is able to make it please do make the trip up to Greeley for a meal of a variety of foods as well as great fellowship. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12 years of age. Please also do remember that the meetings for Garden City Chapter #3 are every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Our WM Pam Thurow and WP Larry Moody would love to have you join us for any meetings that anyone could possibly come to!

Garden City Chapter #3 would also like to take the time to thank the Mountain Splendor Grand Family for the wonderful event of the annual Christmas party for the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center that took place on December 18th, 2015. All of these wonderful leaders from our chapters took the time from their busy days to be create an event that all of the residents in the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center will never forget. Thank you all so very much for everything that you do within our Grand Chapter, Chapters, and the community! All of the work may never ever be shown full appreciation, but you are all Stars who always continue to surprise and wow everyone within the organization and community!



Pueblo Chapter No. 7 – Pueblo

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Happy New Year from all the Officers and members of Pueblo 7.

How exciting it is to be back in the 4 U 2 Review after so many years of being absent. So many fantastic things are happening in Pueblo 7. We have welcomed new sisters into our Chapter. We continue to visit our local Veterans Home. Our last visit we took out pie and helped the men play bingo. It is so much fun to go and spread some joy. They always love when we come to visit especially when we bring pie.

We started a Pink Lodge with several of our sisters playing the parts of "masons".

This play is our interpretation of what we as the wives of Masons think goes on at a lodge meeting. We had the wonderful opportunity of performing the play at the Colorado Grand Lodge Session in January. It was so exciting to be at Grand Lodge and to perform



our play in the Grand Lodge room.

The best part of the play is afterwards when the brothers come up to us and tell us how surprisingly accurate our play is.

Our next opportunity to perform our play will be in April for one of our local lodges.

We leave you with this thought...

Live for today, love for tomorrow and laugh at all your yesterday's. Never regret the past, always hope for the future and cherish every moment you have.

Star love,



Collins Chapter No. 26 – Fort Collins

Janet Malara, Reporter

It sometimes feels like a new challenge is presented daily as Collins #26 is plagued by the same problems seen throughout the State but great joys and blessings are reaped! We are having a good year with Worthy Matron Rebecca Huffman and Worthy Patron Russ Mason and "Life's Journey" core of officers. Becky is serving as Personal Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron for the Mountain Splendor Grand Family so she is a busy, but very capable, lady (and Russ always kept busy)!



Jeanette Frasier recently received her 75-Year Pin at a celebration at the Temple. What fun to see Jeanette and celebrate with her! Those who know Jeanette - her appearance has changed

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Rave Reviews (cont.)

little and she still has a wonderful sense of humor and wit!

New blood and younger ideas are being welcomed with our first initiation at our last meeting in February and two more expected soon! We have first timers among our officers and it is so refreshing to watch them do their work as we share in their enthusiasm.

Members who have suffered medical challenges are doing better and are returning to Chapter!!! Welcome, welcome our dear Members!! We wish the best for all of you and your Chapters and hope to see you soon along the OES trail!



Waunita Chapter No. 37 – Gunnison

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

In December, our members put together a Christmas box for a 14-year old child at the Denver Children's Home. We donated to the Food Bank, and finished our required inspections according to the Red Book.

Then in January, we were planning our upcoming Grand Visit dinner and practicing our parts for the visit of our WGM CherylAnn Craven Lindblad & WGP Byron Walker. Our chapter also approved giving the WGM & WGP and their Escorts Honorary Memberships.

In February, we had a wonderful Grand Visit with our WGM & WGP and most of the Grand Officers & Escorts. Some of our members then visited Minnehaha's Grand Visit. Also, we had our 2nd initiation where we initiated 2 new members, Claressa Brigham & her daughter Lana Fagan. They informed us that they are 3rd & 4th generation members, as Claressa's parents and grandparents belonged in New York. We had a few members attend Silver Star's Friendship Night and Fountain Valley's Grand Visit.

We are now planning for our joint event with the Elks Lodge, sponsoring a bingo fundraiser for the Book Bus Summer Reading program. We will be assembling door prizes, silent auction items and bake sale goodies. And in the spring we will be putting together the upcoming Scholarship Dinner with the Masons.

We hope everyone has a great Spring!

Respectfully submitted,



Garnet Chapter No. 39 – Delta

Suzanne Teague PM, Reporter

Winter has been a challenge for Garnet Chapter. We made it through December and completed all of our required exemplifications for DL Janet Bennett (40) and delivered cookie

trays to our shut-ins. Each person who delivered a tray shared with the Chapter a little about their visit. It was good to learn about the members we rarely see. We made a Christmas donation to *Teen Challenge – House of Promise* and Sister Millie Young sent a gift to our lady in the home. We also sent items for our needy child. After that, things began to fall apart: Our Friendship Night was snowed out on February 1st and presently has not been rescheduled.

Our installed Conductress resigned and PGM Cindy Wardlaw graciously volunteered to take that station. She was duly elected and installed. Thank you Cindy for all you do. And thank you Len as he too, is a great helper.

Our "Golden Chain" was broken in early December with the passing of Laonia Conrad, PM and PM Jean Ruby who was most active in Hope Chapter before moving to Delta to be near her daughter. Laonia lovingly crocheted hundreds of hand towels as gifts for PGM Cindy to give during her year in the Grand East. Both had not been well but it is still hard to let them go.

Then WP Lee Casto had hernia surgery which should have been routine. However he developed a blood clot which pinched a nerve in his leg rendering him immobile. He is presently recovering with lots of therapy in Colorow Care Center.

PM Millie Young had some dental work done and experienced some very serious issues with the drugs they gave her and ended up in the hospital! Kasha Culver was in a serious automobile accident and ultimately had to have her spleen removed. PP Lee Teague had hammer toe surgery in early December and is still not able to walk. The tendons want to pull the repaired toe back and he is splinting it for another three weeks. PM Dianna Ballinger had a very bad cold/flu/cough but recovered enough to go on a cruise. WM Mary Avara's grandson was hit by a car on Wadsworth in Denver but escaped with bruises and road rash. PM Carlene Dougan's grandson has moved to Oregon to be with his mother after serious liver and bowel issues. Dick Miklich, Past Grand Master of Masons in Colorado and former member of Spruce and Garnet Chapters passed away. Although he had taken a demit from Garnet, he will be missed and remembered fondly.

So how about some GOOD NEWS!!!!

WM Mary Avara was married on Valentine's Day! Her new husband, Jerry Grosshans is not a member of Star but otherwise, it is a match made in Heaven! The ceremony at the Cedaredge Methodist Church was attended by over 250 friends, relatives,



star members and members of the various groups to which they belong. Needless to say, she has been a bit distracted! We are all so happy for them and wish them many happy and blessed years together.

We are looking forward to the Grand Visit of the Mountain Splendor Grand Family on April 16th and hope to see many of you there. The \$10 dinner will be served at noon and the meeting begins at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to our secretary, Nita Casto, before April 10. Our weather has been perfect and we will hope it continues that way for your safe travels.

Star Love,



Silver Star Chapter No. 40 – Montrose

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

WM Connie Pittenger and WP Jack Ward have kept us on our toes! We completed our Inspection requirements and even did our second initiation for Penelope Snowflake on January 7th. PM Darley Hofmann, our treasurer, was not able to attend this meeting as she took a carload to Vernal, UT to help initiate her granddaughter, Jessica and her husband Joe Bowden. Jessica's aunt, Alberta Liimatta (53) and PGM Patricia Andrea assisted in their initiation into Duveromy Chapter #17. Darley also received her 50 year pin at our meeting on February 18th. She said she was Jessica's age when she was initiated! Congratulations to Darley and her grandkids! We also presented Evelyn Brown with her 50 year



pin.

In December, we prepared and delivered cards and cookie trays to our shut-ins and provided a generous monetary donation to Sharing Ministries. We provided a gift box to the child we selected from the Denver Children's Home. We also welcomed Patty Greeves and Bobbie Kerns from Shepherd's Hands in January and provided them with blankets, sleeping bags, warm socks and other items for their homeless ministry as well as a generous monetary donation.

Our German Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Because we netted more than we expected, we were able to provide another generous donation to the Sharing Ministries

building fund and purchase a DeMolay ad. Many thanks to all who assisted with this huge endeavor.

Our "Special Fund" is growing after several opportunities to donate: 25 cents for each sibling and 50 cents for your spouse; 10 cents for each letter of your birth month; 5 cents for each letter of your full name; and a penny for each year of your life. Next month the donation will be 5 cents for each pair of shoes and I am in trouble! This "Special Fund" will ultimately be donated to USO at the end of the year. This has been a fun project.

Our Friendship Night was moved to coincide with Darley's 50 year pin presentation and was well attended. We were also treated to a power point presentation by Wayne Quade of his trip to Japan. We also took members from Silver Star to assist Waunita Chapter #37 with their recent initiation of two new members. We are presently completing our Spring Pie Sale. It has been a fun and busy year.

Sadly, our dear sister Shirley Sutphen passed away on February 15th. She was Grand Marshal in 2000-2001 for Marcia Carlson and Chuck Law. For many years she wrote our 4-U-2 Review articles and many, many lovely necrologies for our members. Her husband, Earl survives. She will be remembered fondly and sincerely missed. A beautiful lady and dear Eastern Star Member.

PGP Lloyd and Bridget Hannah are away until May having enjoyed Antarctica and now some time in Hawaii. It is nice for them but we miss them!

We look forward to seeing many of you when you travel to the Western Slope with the Mountain Splendor Grand Family. If you are in our area on the first or third Thursday of any month, we would love to have you join us. *May each of your days be filled with special moments and with equally special people to share them.*

Star Love,



Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 43 – Alamosa

Erin Smith, WM - Reporter

ALAMOSA – With the days of huge banquets for Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star, in the past, the chapter decided to put some of its plates and coffee cups to the use of others.

La Puente, which feeds thousands of meals a year, came to mind first for the 80 vintage plates and coffee cups given to Eastern Star by Alamosa Masonic Lodge #44. The dinnerware harks back to the 1940's and 1950's and is reminiscent of roadside diners of that era.

Worthy Matron Erin Macgillivray Smith contacted La Puente executive director Lance Cheslock and asked in behalf of the chapter if La Puente could use the dinnerware.

Cheslock sent Matt Moore, operations manager for La

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Puente, and Ryan Barnes, donations specialist for Rainbow's End Thrift Store, to pick up the plates and cups.

Smith and Past Matrons Sharon Furukawa and Evelyn Carr and Sentinel John Foster Carr oversaw the donation at the Masonic Lodge on Feb. 16. La Puente is the homeless shelter here in Alamosa and is the umbrella agency for half a dozen or so charities here; it does the Lord's work and our chapter really supports it.



Sierra Blanca #43 Gifts La Puente with vintage plates and cups. L-R: Sharon Furukawa, WM Erin Macgillivray Smith; Evelyn Carr; Seated is John Foster Carr



Centennial Chapter No. 58 - Colorado Springs

Barbara Ballheim, PM - Reporter

We are very happy to have brought in seven new members; Melanie Chavez, Debra Farkas, Loretta Hurst, Jackie Olson, Linda Slattum, and Christine Smilyk by initiation and Cindy Richmeir by affiliation. Our chapter is working on a mentorship program whereby a Chapter member is assigned to each new member. They are introduced to and seated beside the new member and will immediately begin to instruct them through the rest of the meeting. The mentor is also expected to call and remind them of upcoming meetings, events, and is available to answer question. Our goal is to never let a new member feel left out, alone, uninstructed or forgotten. One mentor Karen Wagner even went so far a to help a new member find a dress to attend meetings at our local Nile clothing sale. Our web site started by Kelly Baines has been responsible for some of the new members, as have our youth groups and regular members. Good work all who had a hand in getting these very nice people to join Eastern Star.

Our membership committee has also been very busy serving three meals to El Paso Lodge #13 and a meal for Tejon Lodge #104 to entertain their "honored ladies."

The committee felt that a good connection with our lodges was something we needed to encourage. It also proved to be an

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unexpected fundraiser as the men showed their appreciation for the meals prepared by Mary Kae Jarvis and her many helpers.

The fundraiser dine-out that was held on January 27th at the Colorado Smokehouse on North Academy was successful, with many of our own members participating, as well as several from other local Chapters. Thanks to all—we appreciate you!

Centennial's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th, 2016. Please join us for all the pancakes you can eat, choice of sausage or bacon, juice, and most important good coffee and good fellowship.

Though Centennial Chapter has encountered a gap in our progressive line this year, with no one having been installed an Associate Matron and Associate Patron, that left us with the prospect of not having a Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for the 2016-17 term. Fortunately, a Past Matron and Past Patron have stepped forward and offered to fill those positions this fall, if elected. We all appreciate the gesture and recognize that it will allow our current Conductress to advance to Associate Matron. All is well in Centennial City! Your 4-U-2 Review Editor Barbara signing off.



Edith Chapter No. 61 - Yampa

Mary Beckert, Reporter

Well, not too much has been going on at Edith Chapter #61 as we have been dark during January and February.

Each spring our chapter helps out at the literacy carnival at the elementary school. Each child plays games and wins free books. They can win up to 5 books and there is also a book exchange.

We will be meeting again the 1st of March at 7:30.

Hope to see you soon.



South Gate Chapter No. 104 - in south Denver

Lesle Thomas PM - Reporter

Happy 100th birthday to South Gate Chapter #104.

Here is a bit of history taken from our OES Centennial book 1892 – 1992 and other sources.

The name “South Gate” was granted at the request of the first Worthy Patron Clifton H. Allen. Since the Chapter was to meet in the South Gate Masonic Temple, he felt that it should be so named. The first Worthy Matron was Jesse F. Neff.

Worth Grand Patron Homer H. Grafton and Worthy Grand Matron Gertrude Fimple, **instituted** the Chapter on March 31, 1916, at which over 200 members were in attendance. Nineteen of the twenty-two petitioners were present. Soon sixty-one candidates

were initiated into the Order, and with the original number, a total of 84 petitioners were designated as Charter members.

A charter was granted and South Gate Chapter No. 104 was **constituted** October 12, 1916, at a time just prior to our entry into World War I. The Worthy Grand Matron was Katie J. Davis and the Worthy Grand Patron was Willard W. Adams at this time.

South Gate Chapter No. 104 has been outstanding for its music throughout the years, and has provided excellent Grand Organists, Marjorie Nash Getty in 1933 and Eileen Hartline in 1976. Both of them served many times at the Grand Chapter Sessions. In addition to the Organists, South Gate members have held many Grand Office positions throughout the last 100 years.

Worthy Grand Patrons from our Chapter - Marvin B. Snook served at in 1947 and Stephen F. Hahn in 2001 and Worthy Grand Matron—Marianne Erickson Sevier in 1963.

South Gate Chapter No. 104 has been a very active Chapter throughout the years, supporting Grand Chapter projects and being of assistance wherever they can, and continues to have good attendance at Chapter and Grand Chapter Sessions.

Overseeing our celebrations this year are first time Worthy Matron Kathy Easterday, and Grand Chapters longtime audio engineer Worthy Patron David Wilpolt.



Dawn Chapter No. 125 – Aurora

Joan Velotta, Reporter

Winter hit Dawn Chapter big time!! We had to cancel a meeting in December because of inclement weather. We don't want anyone getting hurt on icy/snowy roads. SO, had to postpone an initiation.

We were lucky enough to be able to accommodate the Grand Officers for our Grand Visit on December 5. We had 83 in attendance representing 21 Chapters. Our Grand Organist, Joan North was under the weather, but was able to make it through the meeting.

Some of our members did make it over to the Eastern Star Masonic Center to sing Christmas Carols and visit with the residents.

One of our great fundraisers was in December and fortunately the weather cooperated so that we were able to work. We gift

wrapped at Barnes & Nobles for four days prior to Christmas, and it was a great success. We enjoyed gift wrapping and visiting with our customers. I do believe we found a couple of prospective members while there, and had questions from customers about Eastern Star. It was great being able to make ourselves known to the public. We did this last year and we are scheduled to do it again in December of 2016.

Our casino bus trips have also been very productive, thanks to Joan Velotta. We had a bus in August, October and again in January. We plan one more in April, and then not again until August.

We continue to enjoy monthly meals prior to the first meeting of each month, thanks to Susan Franzen. She has done a great job, and it has given us some wonderful social time. We have invited prospective members, and it has given us time to get acquainted with them and make them feel welcomed into the Chapter.

Both of our January meetings made it through without a weather day, but February, we again had to cancel a meeting. We were scheduled to have initiation, but had to postpone to our next meeting, when we initiated two lovely ladies, who we anticipate being VERY active members.

We look forward to another initiation soon. We've sent the bad weather off to the East, and hope it's all behind us. In spite of the weather, some of our members were able to make it over to the Eastern Star Masonic center to deliver valentines and mingle with the residents.

We are planning an MS Walk on April 30th, and if any of you wish to participate, sign up under "Team OES". For additional information about the MS Walk, contact our Worth Matron Carrie Andree.

Wishing you all a great 2016.



Mt. Zion Chapter No. 133 - Golden

John Warren, WP – Reporter

It has been a rough couple of months at Mt. Zion. On December 26th, 2015, our Associate Matron, Kay Fellers, entered into that House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Kay's passing left a great hole in the hearts of her family, as well as our Chapter, and Eastern Star in general. Kay's daughter, Elizabeth, is a member of Mt. Zion and attends most of our meetings.

Having said all that, in accordance with Chapter Bylaws and the Constitution and Laws of the Colorado Grand Chapter, OES, and an election was held during our first meeting in February on the 10th, to elect a new Associate Matron.

Sister Jan Cromwell was elected to be the AM in Mt. Zion and is looking forward to the challenge. Elizabeth, Kay's daughter has offered her mother's "BOOK" to help Jan plan for next year,

depending on the outcome of regular elections in June.

WM Pat is continuing with scheduled activities. At our second meeting in February, Mt. Zion #133 celebrated our 1500th meeting. A chicken dinner was enjoyed by all prior to the meeting.

My first ever Alpha/Pentalpha with other Chapters responding will be on March 23rd. I'm a little nervous, but all the Sisters and Brothers are very forgiving of my mistakes.

Many Chapter members have been going to OV's in support of the WGP, who is a 50 year member of Mt. Zion. Our own OV is in May.

So, with regular elections in June and Grand Chapter in September, we remain busy with the work but have fun as well.

It will be interesting to see who all has been appointed to next year's Grand Line.



Loyalty Chapter No. 145 – Westminster

Jan Schneider, Reporter

Easter is almost upon us and Spring is in the air. The term is half over, but the best is yet to come.

We had our annual Souper Bowl Supper on Friday, February 5 with a great turn out and lots of good soup as always.

February 11 was our Alpha/Pentalpha Valentines party. We were honored and surprised by an "unofficial" visit from WGM CherylAnn.

Several members have been making the rounds to some of the other Grand Visits in the area and took home the traveling "Bambi" Saturday, March 5 at Areme #124 with 3 members present and won the tie breaker for the most line officers. Loyalty then came out in force on March 11 at Collin #26 with 7 members present.



We continue to have a great time on our bus trips to the Mardi Gras Casino in Blackhawk on the 2nd Saturday of each month, with the next one being Saturday, April 9th. If you are interested in joining us, contact Sunny Hewitt, Flo Christian or Marlene Doyle. We do miss our Sister Phyllis Lewis who has gone to be with the Lord. This was one of her favorite activities and we all honor her memory as we reminisce about those past bus rides that she helped to organize.

We will be delivering Easter Baskets to our shuts-in soon and our Chapter Birthday is coming up in May.

Please come and join us at Loyalty Chapter on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Snowflake Chapter No.153 – Woodland Park

Genie Wilcox, Reporter

Snowflake #153 has gone to the Dogs! Snowflake Chapter has been a faithful supporter of the Woodland Park Community Cupboard contributing canned goods and non-perishables for those in need for many years. At our October 2015 meeting we voted to change our support for this year to help the National Mill Dog Rescue Center in Peyton, Colorado a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Our Worthy Matron is a volunteer for the Center which is a no-kill facility that has rescued more than 10,000 dogs from puppy mills to date.

We asked our entire membership to help with this project, even if they could not attend our Chapter meetings, by making a donation in honor of their current pets, or in memory of former beloved pets. We have received over \$200.00 in donations based on this request, and continue to take up coin marches and other exciting ways such as cake walks, and other projects to help fund this worthwhile project.

In November we had a potluck Thanksgiving dinner prior to the meeting which was enjoyed by all. Our Eastern Star members are sure good cooks and we were all reminded of how thankful we are for the many blessings we have in our lives.



For our December meeting we had a Christmas cookie exchange and members were also asked to bring unwrapped toys for the Toy's for Tot's Marine Corp Drive. Our WM, Gloria Joritz took over \$200.00 worth of toys to a collection site to be photographed with the Marines.

In February, we enjoyed the Grand Visit of the WGM, WGP and the Mountain Splendor officers. In true form we had beautiful white snow to greet everyone in Woodland Park. A good time was had by all.



We have had many of our members with illness and hope the spring will bring good weather and better health.

Fountain Valley Chapter No. 155 – Fountain

Margaret Elliott, PM - Reporter

On January 7, 2016 Fountain Valley #155 held their first meeting of 2016. The weather outside was snowy and not conducive to having a big turnout. There were fourteen officers and seven sideliners present. The meeting was shortened to allow members to return home safely.

The Chapter recently lost a long time member, Judy Buxman. A visitation and service was held at the Dove-Witt Funeral Home on December 29, 2015 for Judy. Sharon Heintzen, Worthy Matron of Fountain Valley #155 and other members presented the Order of the Eastern Star Funeral Ceremony. At our meeting a Memorial was read and the Charter was draped in memory of Judy. It will remain draped for thirty days.

The following Chapters located in our area have had their Grand Visit from the Worthy Grand Matron, CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad and Worthy Grand Patron, Byron Walker. Several of the Fountain Valley members attended both Centennial #58 on January 9th and Ruxton #10, Manitou Springs on January 16th.

On January 21st Fountain Valley #155 met for their second stated meeting in 2016. All eighteen officers were present. Sideliners also numbered eighteen.



L-R: Sharon Heintzen, WM; Bill McKee, New Member; Kimberly Schmitz, New Member; Bill Heintzen, WP

Bill McKee and Kimberly Schmitz were initiated into our order. During the good of the order, Les Saylor presented both with a Bible and Ritual Book from Fountain Valley #155. WELCOME to Fountain Valley Chapter

Bill and Kimberly. Miki Knudson also became the newest plural member of Fountain Valley #155. Welcome!

Our Chaplain, Les Saylor read a Memorial in memory of the Grand Lecturer, Stephanie Phillips.



L-R: Sharon Heintzen, WM; Miki Knudson, Newest Plural Member; Bill Heintzen, WP

Our altar was draped in her memory and will remain draped for thirty days. She was the Grand Lecturer for the Mountain Splendor Grand Family and passed away unexpectedly on December 30, 2015. Her services were held on January 12, 2016 in Denver. She will be greatly missed by all members.

Following the meeting, our Worthy Matron, Sharon and Worthy Patron Bill Heintzen served pie and ice cream. Our next stated meeting will be on February 4th. The Worthy Matron plans to Honor Officers and Celebrate Valentines' Day. Wear red!

On Saturday, January 23, 2016 our Chapter had a Spaghetti Dinner at the Lodge from 4:30 to 7. This is major fundraiser for Fountain Valley each year and involves many of our members. This year C.T. Elliott is a General Grand Chapter Committee member serving on the Support First Responders Committee. Our Worthy Matron, Sharon Heintzen wrote a letter and extended an invitation to the Fountain Fire Department and the Fountain Police to join us and let us serve them a hot meal. Nine members of the

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Fire Department accepted the invitation and came in two separate groups. Those attending in the first group were Jared Cass, David Lummis, Tyler Draper and



Rob McEntyre. The second group included Tyler Lowe, Dan Swann, Joe Jeffers, Jerrish Curtis, and Kyle Kirkland. Thank you



for attending our dinner and for all that you do for the Fountain area.

On the afternoon of February 20, 2016 Fountain Valley Chapter #155 welcomed the Worthy



Grand Matron, CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, Byron Walker, Worthy Grand Patron and "THE MOUNTAIN SPLENDOR GRAND FAMILY" as they came to complete our Official Visit. The meeting was held at the former Manitou Lodge located in Manitou Springs.



Our Chapter has two Grand Officers who are a part of the Mountain Splendor Grand Family. Robert Harper was appointed Grand Warder and Les Saylor was elected Grand Sentinel.

A lunch with a variety of soups and desserts was served prior to the 1:30 meeting. The tables were decorated with white cloths and a blue runner down the center. Smalls bowls of yellow flowers were also on the tables together with turtle banks that had been painted in various colors by the members of Fountain Valley. The Worthy Grand Matron, CherylAnn was asked to select the winning turtle. The prize went to our organist, Marsha Carlson. These turtles will remain with their owners who will be using them as a bank to place their spare change in over the next few months. In September the money will be turned in to be donated to the Worthy Matron's and Worthy Patron's Philanthropy Project, Special Olympics Colorado.

Robert Harper, Grand Warder carried in the Bible and was escorted by Tish Neagles. Eighty six members and visitors were

present at the meeting that was conducted by our Worthy Matron, Sharon Heintzen and Worthy Patron, Bill Heintzen. Introductions were made by the Conductress and there was much laughter when Sharon and Bill read their greetings. A special highlight was when the Grand Representatives were to be introduced.

Worthy Grand Matron, CherylAnn announced that Bill Heintzen was being appointed Grand Representative to Mississippi. CONGRATULATIONS Bill. Valerie Evans, Conductress read our report of activities so far this year. The year is flying by fast.

CherylAnn, Worthy Grand Matron and Byron Walker, Worthy Grand Patron each addressed our Chapter. The Worthy Grand Patron presented Harold Roxburgh and daughter Nicole with white Eastern Star ball caps for being the newest members present from Fountain Valley. We do thank both CherylAnn and Byron for all that they do for Eastern Star in Colorado.

On March 3, 2016 Fountain Valley #155 held their first meeting in March. Thirty three members and visitors were present. The Chaplain, Les Saylor and the Marshal, Kim Brooks draped the Charter in memory of Lucille Keeser who passed away on February 8, 2016. The Charter will remain draped for thirty days. The altar was draped in memory of Dallas Lloyd, Past Worthy Grand Patron of Colorado who passed away on January 26, 2016. Dallas was Worthy Grand Patron of Colorado in 2003-2004. He also served Grand Chapter as a General Grand Chapter Committee member (Registration) in 2009-2012. The altar was also draped in memory of Lennert A. Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter who served from 1997-2000. He was from Illinois. The altar will remain draped for thirty days.

Our Chapter did have a successful silent auction at our Official Visit. Thank you to all that made contributions. Worthy Matron, Sharon reminded us that we should be filling our Turtle Banks with money that will go to the Special Olympics in September. The membership voted to send a donation to the General Grand Chapter for Support First Responders Committee.

For Good of the Order, Worthy Matron Sharon Heintzen provided a lot of information about Dr. Sues that was very interesting. He passed away in 1991 at the age of 87 and having written a lot of fun books and being on television. "Fun is Good."



L-R: Sharon Heintzen, WM; Elva Kochis; Bill Heintzen, WP

The meeting was closed and all met to enjoy refreshments of cookies, fruit and lemonade.

Our second March meeting was on March 17th. All wore something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on a cold evening. A total of 27 members and visitors were present. Elva Kochis became a plural member tonight making our total of 12 new members since September. Welcome Elva!

Our Chaplain, Les Saylor assisted by the Conductress and Associate Conductress draped the altar in memory of Donna Jeanne Yanz, Past Grand Matron of Colorado 1991-1993. She also served for the General Grand Chapter as the Ambassador to Italy in 2006-2009. The altar will remain draped for thirty days in memory of Donna.

Worthy Matron Sharon read interesting information about Saint Patrick's Day.

She also honored all of the sideliners by reading from information she secured from the OES library in Denver and presenting each with a packet of flower seeds to plant this spring. She also announced that our Chapter will be hosting the Past Matrons and Past Patrons from our area on April 5th. Rita Bucholtz will be organizing the meal and members will provide cakes for dessert. April 7, 2016 will be our Friendship Meeting and we will Honor Fifty year members.



Following our meeting, all enjoyed an Irish stew and other goodies prepared by Daisy Saylor and Tish Neagles. The beautiful tables were decorated with lots of Irish figurines that Daisy's mother had made many years ago. THANK YOU!!



Metro Chapter No. 157 – Denver

Bruce Wilkie, PP – Reporter

Spring greetings from the mighty Metro 157!

Brother Ric Rogers and his Star Catchers are going to be very visible all over the state this year. (Star Catchers is a group that builds membership in Colorado Eastern Star).

They will have a presence at numerous events, including Cinco de Mayo, the People's Fair, the Dragon Boat Festival, Leadville Boom Days, Cider Days, Westy Fest, Highlands Ranch Days and Parker Days. You are invited to join with them, or just drop by and say "hi".

Metro proudly welcomes our two newest members: Rachel Alexander and Jennifer Leavitt.

In other Metro news:

-Our beloved PGM, Donna Yanz passed away on 2/27. Our chapter, and indeed our organization, owe a great deal of gratitude to Donna for her many



years of service, her fellowship and her Star Love.

-Stephanie Phillips, our beloved Grand Lecturer, entered Eternal Life on

December 30th. Among her many contributions, Stephanie was the Drill Master for Pentalpha Drill at Grand Chapter. All those who participated in the Drill will remember the environment of genuine fun and laughter that Stephanie created.

-Mary Day fell and broke her hip. She's at home and doing well with all the physical therapists and nurses.

-Bruce Wilkie fell (again). His injury required surgery and lengthy hospitalization.

He's home and doing well.

-Betty Duncan is at Orchard Park.

-John Peck is flying back to New York every few weeks to help his brother, who has Alzheimer's.

-Jill Quedenfeld was elected Associate Conductress to Liberty Court 1, Order of Amaranth.

-Mary Lou Martin has a new great grand child.

-Tom and Tina Brown are now grandparents to twin boys.

Join us at Metro 157 on 2nd & 4th Friday's at Radiant temple!



Origin of The Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is a symbol that originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the hare or rabbit.

Easter Bunny Origin and Dogwood Legend

The date of Easter is determined by the moon whose symbolism is strongly tied to that of the hare.

In fact, the hare is the symbol for the moon. Ever since the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., Easter has been celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after March 21st.

The Easter bunny was introduced to American folklore

by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania

Dutch country during the 1700s. The arrival of the

“Oschter Haws” was considered “childhood’s greatest

pleasure” next to a visit from Christ-Kindel on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the “Oschter Haws” would lay a nest of colored eggs.

The children would build their nest in a secluded place

in the home, the barn or the garden. Boys would use

their caps and girls their bonnets to make the nests.

The use of elaborate Easter baskets came later as the tradition of the Easter bunny spread through out the country.



Legend of the Dogwood

An old and beautiful legend says that, at the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood was comparable in size to the oak tree and other monarchs of the forest. Because of its firmness and

strength it was selected as the timber for the cross, but to be put to such a cruel use

greatly distressed the tree. Sensing this, the crucified Jesus

in his gentle pity for the sorrow and suffering of all said to it:

“Because of your sorrow and pity for My sufferings, never again

will the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross.

Henceforth it will be slender, bent and twisted and its blossoms

will be in the form of a cross ~ two long and two short petals.

In the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be

nail prints ~ brown with rust and stained with red ~ and in

the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns,

and all who see this will remember.”

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REAL EASTER EGGS BRING NEW LIFE

What do you think of when you think of Easter?

Eggs, of course. The symbol of new life come spring. How better to illustrate the season's spiritual message?

I looked forward to teaching the lesson of the egg in my Sunday school class as Easter approached, but when I asked the children where eggs came from the answer surprised me.

"Bunnies!" all 12 students shouted.

Bunnies? I thought. Could these kids be so far removed from nature they actually think rabbits lay eggs? My own chickens would have been insulted!

"It's on TV," one of the girls explained. "A white rabbit lays chocolate eggs."

Now I knew what they meant. I'd seen the commercial, but it didn't have much to do with the lesson I wanted to teach. I had to think this through.

The following Sunday morning I got ready for school, still not sure what to do. I have to find a way to set them straight, I thought.

I checked my chicken coop before I left. My birds strutted and clucked around the hen houses: Ida, Ada and Henney Penney in their nesting boxes, Rudy the rooster scratching at the ground. Penney puffed her feathers to twice her size when Rudy got close. She was guarding a dozen eggs.

"If only the kids at Sunday school could see your eggs," I said, stroking Penney's copper-speckled feathers, "they'd forget all about chocolate."

That's when it hit me: What if I took Penney and her eggs to Sunday school with me? How many of the kids had ever seen a real egg hatch? Or watched an ordinary-looking, beige-colored egg turn into a live chick with bright little BB-pellet eyes, downy feathers and tiny feet, peeping away? The hatching of an egg was like a miracle. Why not share it with the kids? I'd give those children an Easter message they'd never forget!