



# A-U-2 Review



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THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

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## CONSTITUTION DAY

Well here we are the first of September and I'm sure we are all getting ready for Grand Chapter and starting a new Eastern Star year. Oh, wait a minute I must have been dreaming. We're still stuck on hold

waiting to hear when we can resume life as normal. Not the New Normal which I hope never comes, but the Normal that allows us to gather together, exchange hugs and hand shacks, join in song and celebrate all the wonderful blessings that we use to enjoy as citizens of the greatest country on the face of the earth and I for one hope that it will not be long until all of this will become just a footnote in the continuing history of the world.

September can be one of the most beautiful months of the year. The weather usually begins to cool, our gardens are beginning to slow down and everything seems to take on a more relaxed atmosphere. For Eastern Star it usually denotes the beginning of a new term full of promise and hope that the next year will be successful and that we will increase our membership.

When I think back to last September and the excitement that I felt as I began my journey as your WGM, I never would have guessed that the journey would be interrupted by a worldwide pandemic that would impact so many lives. And that I would be required to make tough decisions that would cause many sleepless nights and many doubts about my ability to make those decisions. Without the help and encouragement of so many of my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, I would not have been able to meet the task at hand. So many of you have been such an inspiration with your dedication and creativity in reaching out to your chapter members and coming together like the OES family that we are.

Even through these trying times I am more optimistic than ever about our organization and who we are. We have a mission, a purpose in this world and because of sisters and brothers like you, we will not fail.

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## DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

The month of September marks the end of summer and vacation time is over for the year. The last three day weekend and travel time for families, before or at the beginning of the school year, is Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day is an American federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. It celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. In 1882 Matthew Maguire, a machinist first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York. Others argue that it was proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada.

Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states officially celebrated Labor Day. Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of U.S. military and U.S. marshals during the Pullman Strike, a widespread railroad strike and boycott that severely disrupted rail traffic in the Midwest of the United States in June - July 1894, the United States Congress unanimously voted to approve the rushed legislation that made Labor Day a national holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law a mere Six days after the end of the strike. The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Workers' Day because President Cleveland was concerned that the observance of the holiday would be associated with the nascent Communist, Syndicalist and Anarchist movements that, though distinct from one another, had rallied to commemorate the Haymarket Affair in International Workers' Day. All U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.

The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday. A parade to exhibit the "strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations",

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September 17<sup>th</sup> will be the 233<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America. This year in particular, we need to honor and give thanks to God who gave those men who gathered in Philadelphia the strength, wisdom and courage to create a document, a blueprint for the government of a free people and in so doing gave them the power to control their own destiny.

This document for the first time in history, recognizes that government belongs to the people and that government was to be the servant, not the master, and that individual liberty was the most important ingredient of a system founded in the belief that every person has certain inalienable rights given to them by God and that it was and is the purpose of their government to preserve and defend those rights from all enemies both foreign and domestic. They didn't know whether or not we as a people would be able to bring to fulfillment their hopes and dreams of a government based on these God given principals. Today 233 years later the question still remains unanswered for it is up to each successive generation to have the courage to stand against those who would take away these rights given to them by God and protected by our Constitution.

I recently had the honor to present two sisters with their 60 and 80 year membership certificates and pins, both having spent pretty much a life time as members of this Order. When I left that ceremony I couldn't help but think what our world was like when they joined our Order and what challenges our country faced. One joined in 1960, that year that our Country saw the inauguration of our youngest President and we were engaged in a great scientific race between ourselves and the former Soviet Union to see which system of government would be the first to land men on the moon and return them

safety to earth. Would it be the Socialistic Communism of the USSR or the Capitalistic Democratic Republic of the USA? We were late to get started in this race when President Kennedy challenged us and we answered the call. As the world watched and the first man stepped onto the surface of the moon we heard the words, "one step for man, one giant leap for mankind" spoken in English. The USSR, like so many before them, failed to recognize the strength and power of a free people when called upon to meet whatever challenge they may face.

80 Years ago, 1940, the United States was just one year away from facing its greatest challenge since its founding. The free people of the world were threatened by the advance of Fascism in Europe and Imperialism in the Far East and Pacific. Once again America was called upon to join the fight to preserve freedom and those God given rights recognized in the Constitution given to all mankind. We as a country stepped up, sacrificed and with the help of God prevailed. This is who we are, this is our heritage and the dream of America and while we are human and in so many instances have not lived up to that dream, we continue to struggle and strive for the ideal. We must never let anyone or anything deter or weaken our resolve, whether it be from tyrants across the sea, insurgents within our own borders or a virus that threatens our way of life, we will face it and them and overcome because we are Americans.

God bless you all and God Bless and Preserve the United States of America.

Anna Peterson  
Worthy Grand Matron

followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest and parties. Speeches or political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labor Day celebrations in most countries, although events held by labor organizations often feature political themes and appearances by candidates for office, especially in election years.

Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports camping trips, hot air balloon events and the like. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer recess. Similarly, some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend before returning to college or university, although presently school start times vary.

Note of interest: President Stephen Grover Cleveland was 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> president of the United States; the only president in American history to serve two non-consecutive terms in office (1885-89 and 1893-97).

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!!!

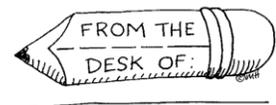
Fraternally,  
Bob Harper, WGP

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our WGM, Sister Anna Peterson and our AGM, Sister Cheryl Williams presented a 60 Year pin to Sister Elsie Stoetzer and an 80 Year pin to Sister Lillian Rogers.



Both beautiful ladies reside at the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus and are from New York.



## Of Our Chapter Reporters

**COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE**  
*Robert Trezise - Reporter*

Most OES Chapters have special activities or projects to support. In addition, there are Grand Chapter assessments and designated programs which require Chapter participation. Yes, these are called Fundraisers. A review of the activities of Colorado #2 shows a variety of fundraisers used through the years.

Beginning in the 1950's (nobody can remember past that time) Colorado #2 had a pie booth during the Boom Days celebrations. A successful project during the 60's and 70's was the sale of commercial quality dishcloths. This was extremely successful because no one had dishwashers at that time.

Spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts benefited the Ronald McDonald House. Ongoing fundraisers were dinners served for Corinthian Lodge #35 and the Leadville York Rite Bodies.

For two years, the Chapter sold listings on Community Calendars. This gave way to the Christmas wreath and garland project which is the main fundraiser, which benefits the Dessie Powell Scholarship and Chapter expenses. This activity added \$3000 to the Chapter treasury last year.

Sister D'Ann Downing collected recipes to publish an Eastern Star Cookbook. This publication included the top secret and specialized recipes for Coffee Roast (Beef). The printing sold out immediately.

Finally, we need to recognize the most consistent and reliable fundraiser of all, namely the devoted members who include extra donations with their dues. One year events such as the Ghost Tea are always helpful, but the most reliable fundraiser of all are those extra donations with the dues.

**GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY**

*CherylAnn - Reporter Protem*

As Robert Trezise talked about Fundraisers in his Chapter article, every Chapter faces the dilemma of how to increase Chapter funds in creative ways. Things that worked last year may not work this year. Sometimes pulling up old ideas may be the key. So many people don't want to take the time nor effort to attend fundraising dinners, which are a lot of hard work. We can all remember when these annual dinners would bring in a couple hundred people. Now, we are lucky to get 60 people out, especially now with COVID restrictions.

It appears that our society does a great deal of shopping online these days from the comfort of your home. No fighting crowds, you don't have to battle the variety of weather – heat, snow, rain, wind.

So with this in mind, please help Garden City #3 with their online fundraiser. Go to:

[charlestonwrapstore.com](http://charlestonwrapstore.com)

Use the code 19558. When you browse the website, you will find a huge variety of kitchen cooking items and gadgets, wrapping paper, personal items for him or her, gourmet food kits, jewelry, candles, chocolate candies, cookie dough and so much more. Thank you for your support.

Garden City is excited to resume their Chapter meetings this month, with the welcome back meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Of course, guidelines will be followed to the best of our ability. We will welcome 2 prospective members from Idaho to our fold. They have petitioned our Chapter for plural membership. We also have a petition for the degrees and will read that petition in February, as the petitioner must fulfill the 6 months residency requirement. A few of us have met all 3 and find them to eager, engaged and dedicated.

Our Golden Chain was severed by the loss of Sister Miriam Lee, a 73 year

member and Sister Arlene Kanouse, a 66 year member. Prayers to the families of these dedicated members.

May you all have a safe and fun Labor Day Weekend and we'll see you on the Eastern Star Trail.

**EXCELSIOR #66**

**LAFAYETTE**

*Carol Danford - Reporter*

The Grand Officers Initiation of the 4 candidates from Excelsior #66 that was to be held on September 19th at Radiant Temple, has been canceled due to COVID restrictions.

The Memorial Service for Robin McCauley has been delayed because of the difficulty in finding a venue that will comply with the COVID restrictions. Excelsior Chapter is working hard on this and will inform all members when we have a definite date and location.

Excelsior will have a regular meeting on September 8, 2020 with COVID restrictions in place.

**MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON**

*Larry Wullbrandt, PGP, Reporter*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to Debby Kier & Herb Carr!

Debby Kier was recently installed as Supreme Love of Rainbow Supreme Assembly. This is a 2-year appointment. The Supreme Assembly was a virtual event with the Supreme Worthy Advisor, who is from Nevada and a Past Grand Matron of Nevada, presiding.

Herb Carr was recently named DeMolay Advisor of the Year, a prestigious and well-deserved award from Colorado DeMolay.

CONCERNS - Please keep these sisters in your thoughts & prayers. Darlene Tietz is recovering from a recent fall. Janet Staats is battling Parkinson's disease. Carol Ferebee's husband, George, lost his battle with brain cancer and passed on July 30,

2020. Carol's parents were Charles (PM) and Dorothy Driver.

SECRETARY'S MUSINGS - We are anxiously looking forward to resuming meetings. However, present TCH regulations limit attendance in our lodge room to 16 persons, which begs the question - which two officers cannot attend? Of course, we must have a quorum to conduct business but how does one determine who will not attend to comply with the TCH regulations? In my opinion, each officer / office is essential. Our Official Visit has been rescheduled for February 26, 2021 which will no doubt invoke discussions on who from Chapter & the Grand Family will attend.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS – Committee chairpersons - please send your annual report to the Secretary prior to Sept. 10, so they can be included in the proceedings. A Chapter Term Book/Roster will not be published for 2020-2021. A schedule of chapter meetings and other information for 2020-2021 will be sent out soon via e-mail. We are continuing Chapter gatherings via Zoom. Please join in via 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. Please stay safe, everyone!!

Th-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

**MT. ZION #133**

**GOLDEN**

*Roberta Park, PM - Reporter*

My Zion #133 met for a brown bag picnic on August 15th in Golden. The day was beautiful, warm but with a nice breeze. We all enjoyed being outside together with our brothers and sisters and catching up. There were a few friendly but competitive bingo games with lots of laughter.

Mt. Zion has been having regular Zoom meetings all through the months of the covid lockdown but it just doesn't

compare with really being together. We are planning for our next meeting September 9th which will have a western flavor. We will follow all of the safe guards put in place by our government and the WWGM.



**LOYALTY #145  
WESTMINSTER**

*Marlene Doyle, PM - Reporter*

Loyalty members have all received calls from our WM Thresa again, as she has checked on all of us a few times since March. Out of the 150 on our active members list she was able to visit with 78 members. Everyone seemed to be good for where the world is right now, most had responses of "for my age I'm doing well" one said "fantastic". Everyone misses the hugs. Terry Hudson will be having knee surgery soon, and there were 2 members dealing with the hurricane as she spoke with them. Over this last weekend two of our members were able to attend Shelley and Keith Hoey's retirement party in Montrose. The AGP and his Escort were honored by having over 100 guests attend the gathering.

By the first week in Sept. it will be decided if Loyalty will have its meeting on the 10th.

Loyalty's Thanksgiving Dinner is canceled and our peach sale is not going to happen, these are two huge money makers for our Chapter. Our members are planning a bake sale. Pies by Jill Quedenfeld, cookies and rolls by the members and you know we have some darn good cooks in our Chapter. Please read the information, share it and order all you'd like.



## Pies, Rolls and Cookies

Everyone will need baked goods for the Holidays, why not let Loyalty #145 help

9" Apple, Pumpkin and Pecan pies \$10

1 dozen soft dinner rolls \$4

2 dozen cookies \$15



Place your order by mailing a check made out to Loyalty #145, when & what you'd like along with your e-mail to

Marlene Doyle

11711 Ivy St.

Thornton, CO 80233



When the check is received, I'll e-mail you and confirm your order

Pick-up Pies and Dinner Rolls Fri Nov. 20 & Sat. 21 1:00 until 5:00

Pick up Pies and Cookies Fri Dec. 4 & Sat Dec. 5 1:00 until 5:00

At Westminster Lodge 8151 Bradburn Drive

SILVER STAR #40

MONTROSE

*Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter*

You would think we would have some news to share but the weather is about the extent of it! It is HOT! Oh, I know, it is called Summer! The smoke is adding to the discomfort though! Pray for the fire fighters! Our Colorado Mountains are going to be scarred and bare for a long time. So sad.

We do have happiness to share with Keith and Shelley Hoey's retirements. They had 'gatherings' with "social distancing" of course, but celebrations never the less. It is amazing to Keith and Shelley that so many people love and care about them. This doesn't surprise us at all! Super people, regardless of where they are or what they are doing. Their kids gifted them with a Boston terrier puppy. After several name changes, she is now *Libby!* She is darling! A great lap dog and travel companion.

WM Cindy Wardlaw, PGM is still having issues with her A-fib. We worry about her but she seems to be on a first-name basis with the hospital staff. Keep her in your prayers.

We are happy to report that Suzanne Teague's son, Andrew, has recovered from Covid-19 and is now donating plasma to help others in their recovery. None of the rest of the family got it but all got tested.

Bonnie Lou Lamb is still sporting a lump on her leg after her diagnosis of a DVT but she carries on, helping others as she always does. Fortunately, she is not in any discomfort.

Lin Mussman's husband, Jerry, is still dealing with heart issues related to Congestive Heart Failure. Lin just tells us, "He is about the same!" Even a shower wears him out. Please keep them in your prayers.

Connie Pittenger has renovated her house. She said it was time for paint and carpet. So she moved to the basement and the crews took over. She is back working some at the Rec Center and that is a really good thing. Busy people don't do 'quarantine' well!

We did manage to get 21 members together for homemade ice cream in the Teague's back yard. It was especially nice to see Beth Allen and Betty Chapman from Paonia. And also, Bridget and Lloyd were back from Hawaii and full of stories to tell. Lots of visiting, safely of course, and the ice cream Keith and Lee made was perfect!

We sprung Nita and Lee Casto from their rooms in Montage Retirement Center the other day, and shared an hour outside under a shade tree visiting and laughing. They have not been out of their room since March 5<sup>th</sup>. Both have shoulder length white hair and are frail-looking but in good spirits and happy. It was just so good to see them, social distanced, of course.

Our 98 year old, 69-year member, Delphine Mead has moved from Alamosa to Monte Vista. We are pleased to know that she is in Carolyn David's Nursing Home so we know she will be well cared for.

We are all trying to stay in touch with each other and make sure everyone is dealing with the virus the best they can. Let me tell you my new personal mantra:

My 7-year old grandson, Joshua, found me bent over with pain after working in the garden. He said, "Nana, what's wrong?" I replied, "Well Joshua, I am in pain!" He quickly said, "Nana, on a scale of one to ten, what is your pain level?" I said, "Well right now Joshua, it about a nine!" Sincerely he replied, "Well Nana, just be glad it isn't a ten!" So that is my new mantra: *Just be glad it isn't a ten!* "Yes, Joshua, it can always be worse! Thanks for reminding us."

God Bless you all and stay safe!