



# A-U-2 Review



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CHERYL WILLIAMS, WGM

**A MUSICAL JOURNEY**

KEITH HOEY, WGP



*Worthy Grand Matron  
Cheryl*

*Greetings from our*

*and*

*Worthy Grand Patron  
Keith*



Greetings:

This year is certainly passing quickly! We are working hard on the agenda for Grand Chapter in September. So much to do now with printing deadlines, letters, OV's and Grand Representative appointments to be announced. It does fill up the calendar and sometimes I wonder if I need to schedule a mental health day. Yes, I DO!

This is quite a challenging year for all of Eastern Star. We are still recovering from the COVID pandemic and the variants that seem to have followed. Membership is down, members are not attending regularly anymore as the illnesses and weather has kept us away from our Chapters. We have been two years in limbo, with little to accomplish as meeting places, lodges, and event centers were closed. Keith and I are working very hard to keep OES going and hopefully, you are seeing some changes and can realize that we are in an "always changing" mode.



(cont'd page 2 Cheryl)

Hello to all of my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers,

When WGM Cheryl and I were deciding dates for our itinerary this year, we thought February would not be very busy. The month turned out to be much busier than either of us had planned. For us, the month started on somewhat of a sad note. On February 5 we went to Alamosa to have a special meeting with Sierra Blanca Chapter #43. Due to the lack of having a quorum for the previous three months, the members voted to surrender their charter. It was a hard decision for them, but the members realized with only a few of them attending the meetings, they could no longer keep the chapter going. Before the meeting started, all in attendance enjoyed a delicious soup luncheon prepared by the members of the chapter. WGM Cheryl and I also had the honor of presenting a Grand Representative appointment to Dorothy Ziegler for the state of Nevada. She was very happy and surprised.



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There will always be issues, complaints, and “we’ve always done it that way”, don’t like this and don’t like that; this WGM has faced some unique challenges not seen before, questions that are out of the box and always an opinion or two. Rest assured that I

love this Order and this has been a huge learning curve for me and all the line officers as we continue on this journey. PLEASE, PLEASE if something is bothering you or you hear rumors of any nature, talk to the person you believe to have “goofed.” Talk it out, realize we are all human and best source of any information given is the person involved. BE KIND!!

Music is my therapy. It is what gets me through the happy times, the challenging times and the sad times. It is my mental release of responsibility and lets me just focus on the songs and music and lets my mind rest.



And then, guess what? I am ready to once again live by our oath and try and try and try to do what I believe is best for this beloved Order. I hope you will continue to join us in our journey as we move forward, and yes, change is hard; we will succeed; and we will get thru to a brighter future.

Stay safe, stay warm, stay healthy, keep music in your hearts, and enjoy the life as we know it. I hope to see you at an OV or Stated Meeting soon! You just never know what the agenda might be!

Star Love,

*Cheryl Williams WGM*

The members of Sierra Blanca have petitioned to affiliate with Bethlehem Chapter #56. We know these two chapters will work together to make Eastern Star in the San Luis Valley strong.



The following weekend, our travels took us back to Greeley. It was a trip that started out on dry roads, with beautiful blue skies, but turned into one long drive for this WGM and his escort Shelley. What would normally take six hours to drive ended up being a nine hour blowing snow, slick road journey across the mountains. We made it safely there and enjoyed the wonderful luncheon and program that was hosted by the Golden Gleaners Club.



After that we returned to the Best Western Hotel in Greeley and enjoyed the company of our Musical Journey Grand Family at our postponed Holiday Party. Great fun was had by all in attendance. Huge thanks go out to Mary Kae, Jim and Virginia Jarvis for helping with the party.

February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> took us back to the Denver area for two more official visits. WM Skye Brunick, WP Mike Brewer and the officers of Areme #124 had a great meeting. It was their regular meeting so we all got to see them drape their Altar in memory of a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and they also exemplified balloting for a new member. The WGM was able to surprise my wonderful wife and escort Shelley, with a Grand Representative appointment to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It was quite fun watching Shelley walk around the room looking for someone that she knew nothing about. Needless to say, Cheryl and Kay were able to really catch her off guard.

The next day, we visited with the members and visitors at Mt Zion #133. They too, had a wonderful Official Visit meeting. Due to snow and bad roads, we had to postpone the Official Visit at Manzanita Chapter in January. It was rescheduled for February 24. What are the chances that a snow storm would again move into the Western Slope of Colorado, dumping snow for three days in a row? All of the passes leading from



our side of the state to the Denver area were closed, so again, Manzanita OV needed to be rescheduled. It has not, as of this time been rescheduled, maybe the third time will be a charm.

March and is here and the wonderful promise of a rainbow filled spring is right around the corner. I wish you many blessings and hope you continue to be safe as you travel around the state with us. Watch for the Rainbows and remember this as you search for your Pot of Gold:

*A number of European countries have rainbow folklore, spinning tales of elusive gold. In Silesia (part of Central Europe), legend says that angels put a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and only a naked man can reach it.*

*So fortify yourself with green beer, warn the neighbors, and go for the gold!*



Fraternally, *Keith Hoey, WGP*



### Queen Esther Saves Her People (The Story of Purim)

Submitted by Richard Wholf

I thought it would be great to learn more about the heroines of the Eastern Star and what were the actual circumstances in their lives that they dealt with so heroically. Coming soon will be the jolly Jewish holiday of Purim which is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring). This year Purim 2022 begins on Wednesday night, March 16 and continues through Thursday, March 17. This brings us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> point of our Eastern Star exemplified by Queen Esther, the heroine of the Purim story. She is first recognized in the Scroll, or Megillah (book) of Esther in the Hebrew Bible the same as the Book of Esther in the Christian Old Testament. It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian empire ( current day Iran) around the year 357 BCE - the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Before the Common Era.

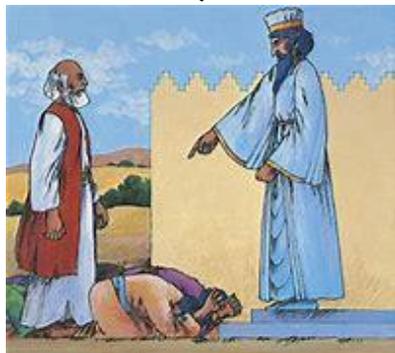
**Basic story:** King Ahasuerus was king of the Persian Empire, he's better known to us today, as **Xerxes**, or as **Khshayārshā** in the old Persian inscriptions. At this time the Persian Empire was very large and encompassed many different peoples. As long as these peoples did not pose a threat to his Empire, Xerxes was somewhat tolerant to their diversity. He was, however, the Supreme Ruler and expected all of his subjects to obey him. After King Xerxes had his wife, Vashti, executed for defying him, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen.



A Jewish girl, Esther, found great favor in the eyes of the king, who married her, unaware of her religious background. The story is that he fell deeply in love with her. Although beautiful, she was a very dutiful and supportive wife.

Sometime around 375 BCE, a new prime minister of the Persian empire was appointed, an

official by the name of Haman. Haman's family had pursued a vendetta against the Jewish people since the time of King Saul. Haman was very proud and expected deference from everyone, except the King. However, Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin) refused to bow



down to Haman. This enraged Haman and his wife. Without the knowledge of the King, they came up with a plot to falsely convince the King that all Jewish

people in the 127 lands which then made-up Persia were a threat to the Empire. Citing false security issues, Haman convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews, *"to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, youth and old, infants and women, in a single day"*. This was to occur on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month Adar, a date Haman chose by the casting of lots.

Mordechai sent out warnings to all the Jewish communities to prepare. Meanwhile, Esther risked her exalted position and even death, by breaking royal protocol and entering the presence of the King without his royal permission. When the King recognized her, Esther requested the King and Haman join her for a special feast. At the feast, Esther revealed



to the King her Jewish identity, Haman's nefarious scheme, and requested the King's help for his loyal Jewish subjects. Xerxes was angered that Haman had lied to him and tried to manipulate him into killing his Jewish subjects. As a

result, Haman was hanged, and Mordechai was appointed prime minister in his place. Because Persian Law at the time did not allow the King to rescind a Royal Decree, Xerxes issued a new

decree granting the Jews the right to defend themselves if attacked. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Adar, the Jews mobilized and killed any enemies who attacked them. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar, the Jews rested and celebrated.

Purim means "lots" in ancient Persian as in the casting of lots. Purim was therefore adopted by the Jewish people as the holiday's name. Purim can be pronounced many ways. In Eastern tradition, it is called poo-REEM. Among Westerners, it is often PUH-rim. When Jews greet each on the joyous holiday of Purim, they say "Happy Purim" or "Chag Purim Sameach" (KHAG poo-REEM say-MAY-akh) in Hebrew.

**How is Purim celebrated today?** First is the reading of the Megillah or the book/scroll of Esther which retells the story of Purim both on the eve of Purim and then again on the following day. Hand noisemakers,



called "Graggers" - are twirled and used to block out Haman's name anytime it's spoken. However, anything that makes a loud noise can be used, and in

some services people stamp their feet loudly instead. I remember one Synagogue Purim service when the Cantor loudly blew his trumpet every time Haman's name was spoken. That was one rowdy and fun filled Purim celebration.

There is a spirit of liveliness, joy and fun on Purim that is not seen anywhere else on the Jewish calendar. It is a day to "let loose", and just be Jewish. It is a "Carnival" time. It is also customary for children and adults to dress up in costumes and celebrate with festive booths for



the children. It is traditional is give money gifts to at least two poor persons. Another tradition is to send gifts of two kinds of food to at least one person, but more often, lavishly wrapped baskets of food are sent to charitable organizations.

And of course, there is a festive Purim feast (*seudah*) which unlike most Jewish feasts, often includes plentiful wine or other intoxicating beverages, and many rich foods. A traditional Purim food is *hamantaschen* (or *oznei Haman*



meaning "Haman's ears"), three-cornered cookies or pastries bursting with poppy seeds or another sweet filling; now frequently stuffed with every kind of jam, chocolate, nuts, and even various savory fillings. (My favorite is chocolate and nut filled

hamantaschen.) Jews of Syrian, Lebanese, and Egyptian descent eat cookies called Ma'amoul which means "filled" in Arabic. These tender cookies are filled with all sorts of delights, like dates or nuts or other sweets. Pistachios and walnuts are popular Purim fillings.

So now you know about the Jewish holiday of Purim, the celebration of Esther's heroism, and unselfish dedication to justice and the welfare of others.

## CHAPTER NEWS REEL



### COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

Colorado #2 has had a slow winter, but activities are increasing. The scholarship committee is preparing for interviews for the Dessie Powell Scholarship. Exemplification of initiation have been completed and preliminary plans for Official Visit in May are in progress.

Grand Organist Bob Trezise and his escort, Myrna Salberg have had good weather and mostly dry roads to attend Official Visits and other Grand Family activities.

Let's see, where do I start? Well, first, I would like to thank all those who came out to support our Variety Show. Everyone had a great time and we had a nice turn out.

Like many chapters, we celebrated Valentine's Day at our February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. WM, Vic shared many silly, corny Valentine jokes. There were a lot of moans and groans, but everyone had a fun time.

February 12<sup>th</sup> brought the Grand Family to Greeley to the Golden Gleaner meeting hosted by our Chapter. The Grand Family was honored by the club. An interesting game of the infamous "Telephone Line" was played. All the Grand Officers formed a circle (maintaining social distancing – hahahaha) and were instructed to repeat a sentence from to the next in a whispered voice. I am sure most of us have played the game as a child growing up. Of course, the sentence did not maintain its integrity. It was a lesson about how gossip gets started and can be very hurtful – so "If you are not part of the problem or part of the solution, it is gossip".

Our meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> brought jokes about "National Be Humble Day". The altar was draped and other business was transacted.

Because Grand Chapter events were rescheduled, freeing up March 5<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to move our annual Smorgasbord Dinner Fundraiser to that date. Please come and join us as you enjoy a wonderful meal of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Ham, Chicken, Salads and dessert. Reservations would be greatly appreciated, but of course if you walk in wanting to eat, we will welcome you with open arms. (see the flyer in this edition)

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter will celebrate its 136<sup>th</sup> birthday. Wow!!!! I am not sure what the WM has planned, but I do know that we will have a birthday cake for refreshments. Come join us.

Our local Masonic Lodge, Century #190 will be hosting a program on March 17<sup>th</sup>. A Pot Roast dinner will be served at 6:30 by our Chapter and a program about the Revolutionary War will follow the dinner. On behalf of the members of Century Lodge, I invite you to attend. It is open to all members of the Masonic Bodies and their families and friends. Please let CherylAnn know by March 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend and she can add you to the

dinner reservation list. (text or call 970-396-3364)  
\$12.00

Our Century Masonic Hall Association will be selling Krautburgers again this year. They are \$5.00 each. This year, we will offer jalepeno cheese, as well as our plain Krautburger. We will bake the krautburgers on March 21-23 with pickup on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Again, if you would like to order, please call CherylAnn. (see the flyer)



Can you believe it, Ash Wednesday is on March 2. May this be a time of reflection, promise and renewal.

Of course, Garden City would like to wish everyone a very happy St.

Patrick's day.

Pueblo 7 along with South Pueblo Lodge 31 will be hosting a fundraiser in honor of Brother Robert Smith.

Sunday March 20th 11-2  
Pueblo Masonic Lodge  
126 Broadway Avenue  
2nd floor dining room

We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks and of course sweets. We will also be playing a FUN FREE game of poker. I also am trying to put together a small silent auction. March 20th marks one year that Robert gained his wings and we want to celebrate him, so we are celebrating Robert with what he loved...his Masonic family, food and poker.

Everything will be by donation. 100 percent of all money collected will be donated to our Worthy Grand Matron's special project in honor of Robert...So donate BIG 

I also will have my gnomes there. I am also donating a portion of all money collected from the gnomes to colon cancer research in honor of my Robert.



I look forward to seeing you all. March is also Colon Cancer Awareness Month so wear your blue with pride.



 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
GARDEN CITY #3

**ST. PATRICK'S SMORGASBORD**  
**MARCH 5, 2022 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

CENTURY MASONIC HALL : 2532 9<sup>th</sup> AVENUE

Adults = \$12.00 5 - 12 yrs old = \$6.00

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Oven Fried Chicken, Ham, Green Beans, Salads, Dessert

Call/text CherylAnn 970-396-3364

No later than March 4<sup>th</sup> for reservation.

COLLINS #26 - FT. COLLINS  
Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Spring is on its way, despite the snow and cold! We had a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with 13 members present.

In "Happy News", Roger received a handmade brag rag from Lydia and also attended Greeley's fund raiser theatre and had a good time. Jim and Sandy Oldson are in Arizona getting their new winter home ready.

In "sad news", Kristy Kelsay's father passed away this past weekend.

We were represented by Becky Hoffman, Sarilyn and Gary Stein, and Lydia Shelley at Golden Gleaners who was honoring the Grand Family, Saturday February 12 in Greeley. But Greeley came away as the clear winner again of the traveling trophy. Maybe next time our chapter can earn a turn! Collins Chapter will be hosting Golden Gleaners on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will come available as we get closer to the date.

In New Business, our WM Colette is collecting socks during the months of February and March for Marshall Fire victims. She had a client of hers that donated \$200 worth of socks.

Our WM gave fun facts about the Winter Olympics and WP-protem Russ Mason explained that Inspections and Initiations allow us to stay proficient in our work and for members to hear our lessons of the Order. He asks that all officers be prepared and ready to exemplify the work at our February 22 meeting for Inspection of our Initiation work.

Our Northern Colorado Past Matrons Club met on February 5<sup>th</sup> for a Valentine themed meeting. Sonja brought some delicious refreshments with some festive cupcakes. Our president Lydia gave out tiny stickers and tiny Valentine skate boards as party favors and they were really cute. And of course there was plenty of candy, yummy. We installed our new officers; Lydia Shelley, President, Sarilyn Stein, Vice President, and Pat Allen, Secretary/Treasurer for the 2022 sessions. Our next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am, celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The yearbooks will hopefully be ready by then for distribution.

We have recently had a taste of what many other chapters have gone through. In the past, we have always had a full complement of officers *and* sideliners. Now, with many missing members/officers at each meeting, we find ourselves struggling. With only 11 officers, it is really difficult to march in and carry on business without playing "musical chairs". We have, however, had a quorum at every meeting and all officers are willing to fill the necessary stations so that we can get our work done. We even did a mock initiation! Tough, but we did it.

As a result, (*or because God saw us struggling!*) we have at least three petitions out and hope to initiate a few more new members! We are so proud of the *newbies* we have, as they are all so willing to jump around as needed. And, they do their work very well!

WM Cindy Wardlaw, PGM has added some special reports and interesting facts to each meeting making it fun and entertaining.

We are working on our plans for the German



Dinner, now to be held on March 19, with two settings: 4 pm to 5:30 pm and 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Take-out will also be available. The traditional German meal is only \$12 and we hope many can

attend. You won't be sorry! Or hungry!

We are also planning a Taco Bar for our Friendship Night which will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm before our regular meeting. We certainly hope many of our sisters and brothers can join us for a "South of the Border" celebration!

We have learned from Sister Marian Ferguson that her husband's funeral will be in Grand Junction, at Martin's Mortuary on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

We can also let you know that Mary Avara-Grosshans' husband Jerry's funeral will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Eckert Presbyterian Church, 13025 Hwy 65, Eckert, CO.



Artwork by Lydia Shelley, PM #26

Our precious sister, Darley Hoffman has finally joined the Golden Chain on High. Being a strong woman, she tried her hardest but finally slept away early Saturday morning, February 19th with her family and Hospice at her side. Darley was Grand Esther for Janet Malara and William “Bill” Carlson during the “Colorado Splendor” Grand Session, 2006-2007. She had previously served as Grand Adah for the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah. She will be missed and remembered fondly.

Sister Lin Mussman recently had a hip replacement surgery and did well. However, she contracted Covid somewhere along the way. Then the wound opened up and got infected. At this point, she is in St. Mary’s hospital where they did surgery and believe they got all of the infection before it got into the prosthesis. Keep her in your prayers.

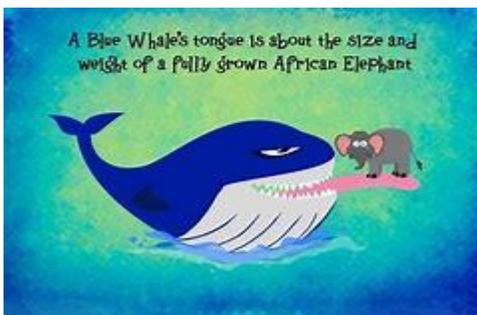
Bonnie Lou Lamb was thrilled to learn that her breast biopsy was indeed “nothing to worry about” according to her doctor. So she says, “I’m not going to worry!”



We were thrilled to learn that Shelley Hoey, Grand Escort to our WGP and PM of Silver Star #40 has been honored to receive a Grand Representative appointment to Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Brother Keith

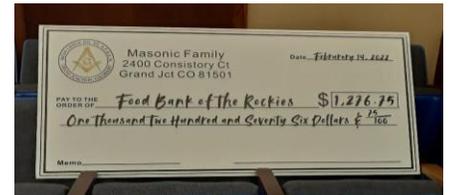
and WGM Cheryl surprised her with this at Mt. Zion’s OV. Shelley is excited to have this opportunity to share OES love and greetings with our Canadian sisters & brothers!

In closing, we would like to leave you with a little-known fact: A blue whale’s tongue is the size of an elephant! Check it out! It’s true!



Happy March, Sisters and Brothers! Time for haggis, green shamrocks (and other things!) and the First Day of **SPRING!**

Sunshine #53 is been busy collecting canned goods for the Souper Bowl of Kindness and we have been supported in this effort by our Masons. On March 14<sup>th</sup> WM Sharon and a representative from each of our Masonic Bodies traveled to the Food Bank of the Rockies in Palisade to present them not only canned items but a check totaling \$1276.75. They told us that each \$1 donated will provide 4 meals, so we did a wonderful thing. Expect it to happen again next year!!



We were honored to give one of our members her 50-year pin! Sherry Verdieck was so pleased to visit with us, She and her husband, Tom; stayed for the entire meeting (even through mock initiation).

We did have our exemplification of Initiation on February 15. Many, many thanks for the following Brothers and sister who came to help us: Ken and Kathy Ashwood, Cindy and Len Wardlaw, Suzanne Teague and, of course, our DL Connie Pittinger. It was great to have filled chairs!

In closing: “An Old Irish Blessing” - is there any better kind??

May peace and plenty bless your world  
With a joy that long endures  
And may all life’s passing seasons  
Bring the best to you and yours.



May the grace of God’s protection  
And His great love abide  
Within your home and within  
the hearts  
Of all who dwell inside.

BETHLEHEM #56 – MONTE VISTA

Margaret Rominger, PGM - Reporter

Our chapter is cautiously beginning to meet under the leadership of Karen and Dusty Little as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. We have plenty of space to spread out in our chapter room and some of us still wear masks.

It has been our honor to initiate several new sisters and brothers during the last several months: Steve Dunkel, Methodist pastor, Christie Arnett, and Jennifer Baker, our Rainbow Assembly #23 Mother Advisor. Most recently, Mary Liken was initiated. We will enjoy helping them with proficiency when we start gathering more freely.

The theme for Karen and Dusty's year is "Blue Skies". "Blue skies smiling at me"....

Following is a paragraph written by Kaitlyn Martin, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Colorado Rainbow for Girls. (Her parents are members of Bethlehem #56).....

*"Monte Vista Assembly #23 has initiated two new members and there are a few more planning to come in.*

*The Assembly had a fun event at Christmas with a gift exchange at the Arcade Center in Denver. We have had numerous statewide fun events: the Denver aquarium, the Holiday Train in Georgetown, the Alpine slide. We had a leadership retreat at Beaver Creek Youth Camp above South Fork, Colorado.*

*This year has been amazing! For the first time in Colorado history, two sisters myself Kaitlynn and my sister Kelsey are serving as Grand Worthy Advisor and Kelsey as Associate Grand Advisor.*

*Rainbow is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this July in Oklahoma.*

*We are striving to increase membership and help girls with their college. To help this cause, there are centerpieces at each of our Assemblies for anyone to bid on. This is a continued bidding-- one out bidding the other with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.*

*We are also making blankets for the Linus Project and the Assembly making the*

*most money also gets a prize.*

*We would love to have any Masonic family member join us for our meetings and events!*

*Any questions please reach out to me at e-mail: landjmartin9290@gmailk.com.*

CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

Marcia Carlson, PGM - Reporter

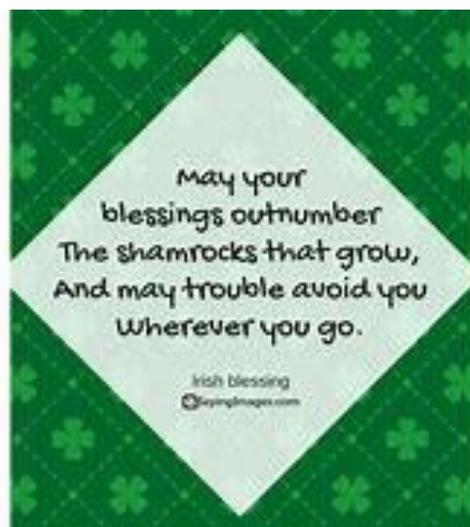
You all have not heard from us for a very long time, so since I can't play the piano or organ right now, I'm hunting and pecking on the computer to tell you about our Chapter.

We had a beautiful Installation in September and have all of our stations filled with Teresa Peyton and David Eckman as our leaders. Our poor Worthy Matron, Teresa had an accident in November and broke her hip and femur. She is a real trooper and worked so hard to be able to do our OV on January 22. Our officers did great work under the direction of our DL Shirley Day PGM.

Each fall we have our Annual Chili-Soup & Craft Fair which is one of our main fundraisers. On December 1, under the direction of our AM Kerry Ferguson, it was a huge success. We thank our Masons for supporting us in such a big way!

We initiated a new member, Louisa Ferraro on Nov 17! We have collected 100 pounds of nonperishable foods for Care and Share food Bank.

Mark your calendars for April 10 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast! Centennial Chapter will be hosting our Friendship Night on March 16. We'd love to see ya'll there.



EXCELSIOR \$66

Carol Danford, PM - Reporter

This article will cover both January and February Meetings for Excelsior 66. This reporter had a mild case of COVID and did not send in January's information.

On January 11th, Initiation was held for Emma Hebert and April Diaz. Kyra MacGregor had COVID and will be initiated at our February Meeting. It was truly an exciting and Family night. Emma is the Granddaughter of Pam and Mike



Jones April is a wonderful addition to our membership. Sister Pam Jones presided as Worthy Matron and Brother Jake MacGregor was Worthy Patron, Sister Jenna MacGregor was our Conductress.



Many members of "A Musical Journey" Grand Family were in attendance: WGM Cheryl Williams, Escort Kay Finnerty, AGM Elizabeth Spangler, AGP Gary Lindblad, Escort PGM CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, along with many other Friends. I hope my memory is good. If I missed any guests, I apologize! After an emotional and wonderful initiation, refreshments and fellowship was held.

Excelsior wishes Happy Valentine's Day to all Members across the State!

On February 8th, Excelsior held our second Initiation. Kyra MacGregor, daughter of Jenna and Jake MacGregor became Excelsior's newest member. Pam Jones served as Worthy Matron, Jake MacGregor as Worthy Patron and Jenna MacGregor as Conductress for Initiation. Again, it was a special family-oriented time. Refreshments



were yummy and fellowship was fun!

Our Chapter will be offering Butter Braids for sale, close to Easter. Information will be sent out, closer to Easter.

Pictures of our newest members should be in this article. Most of our members are healthy but tired of the snow!

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter

HELLO MARCH!

The weather prognosticators say March will come in like a lamb. Let's hope so.

Our Official Visit, which was rescheduled for February 24 was cancelled by WGM Cheryl due to bad weather. A new date has not been confirmed. However, our stated meeting was held with 18 hearty souls braving the cold. We were delighted that Sister Barbara Aldridge, who drove 20 hours, with her daughter and 4 dogs, from Corpus Christi, TX, arrived safely to receive her 50-year certificate and pin. Everyone present enjoyed an evening of reminiscing with Barbara during this special evening.

Other happy news – Sister Mary Wilkes, was installed as Grand Associate Conductress, Grand Court of Amaranth, Feb. 19. Debby & Joe Kier celebrated their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Feb. 28. Br. Lyle Wilkes is serving as RI Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

During our March 10 meeting we will Initiate Carolyn Goodrich-Vigil. Please join us as we welcome a new member. Carolyn will be our third initiate this year.

We were saddened to learn belatedly that Sister Jeffy G Watkins passed away Oct. 23, 2021. She was a 60-year member, living in Texas.

March is loaded with National days, at least 160 so there is a celebration for anyone's fancy. The most widely celebrated day in March is St. Patrick's Day. We hope you enjoy that corned beef & cabbage and a pint or two of green beer. A few of the lesser-known days – Peanut Butter Lovers; Employee Appreciation; Banana Crème Pie (yum); International Women's; Worship of Tools; K9 Veterans; Quilting; Puppy; Tamale. And of course, one that is again causing controversy in our State Legislature – Day Light Savings Time. Love it or

hate it, nothing is lost or gained by resetting a clock, there are still 24 hours in each day.

We wish Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Sisters and Brothers.



Be safe & take care of each other.  
-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

**HOPE #122 - BENNETT**

*Gaylene Alton, PM - Reporter*

Hope Chapter met in January with 9 Hope members present. Linda Johnson received her 25 year pin and we had a nice ceremony in her honor. Yvonne Read, read a nice 25 year tribute and Julia Krug read the presentation and Gaylene got to pin her pin on her. What an honor it was for the 3 of us to do this and it was a surprise to her and that made it fun for us. She was very appreciative and thanked the Chapter.

We voted to not affiliate at this time so we can get our building sold and it is now under contract. We also voted to have our Worthy Matron Barbara Griffin, Secretary Gaylene Alton, Treasurer Yvonne Read to handle the sale of the building and getting the contents of the building taken care of and we will Surrender our Charter in April I think it is. I for one am very sad about this as we have worked so hard to keep this chapter going and we are

almost 100 years old! The last few years we have only had about 4 people from the area to attend and all the rest came from the Metro area. It has been a fun chapter and we have lots of good memories but the last couple years have been hard on us and we have no way to make money and we are running out of funds so we are going to have to surrender our charter. This is not an easy task as we have so many memories and so much to go thru, we went in today to go thru papers and ya know it is hard sorting and separating things of almost 100 years.

We have a complete set of paraphernalia and if anyone needs anything please let us know and we will put your name on it and as soon as the charter is surrendered you can come get what you need. I think we have 30 days after the closing to vacate the building so will have to move things fast or get a dumpster and just throw things away. Our Star rug is going to the Eastern Star Museum so we are happy about that. We have a Room Full of Eastern Star things and would love to see another chapter using them. We also have a player piano, And organ if anyone is interested in them, we have a full set and I do mean FULL set of Stoneware. If interested in anything let me know.

Now on to some good things, we will affiliate with another chapter when we get this all under control and can think straight again if that is at all possible. Yvonne called and left a message for Betty on my phone today, so see we are all under control. I went to her place last week and could not get out of the car – finally decided if I unfastened the seat belt it would be easy. See we are all okay but think we need keepers. Ha. My car show my drivers side tire is low but found it is my passenger side tire is low, see I am not the only one mixed up. Ha.

Eastern Star has been my life for so long and Hope Chapter #122 has been that for 26 years and Lakewood before that. But I will survive this and be the best side liner anyone ever had in their chapter. Being Secretary and Treasurer is not an easy job and something I think we work at daily so give your Secretary and Treasurer all the praise and accolades you can, as they really deserve it.

I want you all to know there are 3 kinds of Men in this world,  
Some remain single and make wonders happen,  
Some have girlfriends and see wonders happen,  
The rest get married and wonder what happened!

This is probably my last item unless I just feel like putting something in for the fun of it. Remember to contact me if you want any of the things we have and we have a lot. I have a trailer full of Star Paraphernalia that Don got so we could use when we moved to another building for our

official visits and I need to get that cleaned out. The wood in the furniture is wonderful and could be used for other projects, just need to take them apart so any wood workers out there we have a lot of wood if you want it. Thanks.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and gosh I turn a year older in March, I always looked forward to getting old but now that I ARE, I am not sure it is as great as I thought it would be, but just trying to put one foot forward all the time and will get along fine. I am finding looking for the Gold in Old Age is not happening, I don't have any Gold in my teeth but have a lot of Lead in the rear. Have fun ya all!!



DAWN #125 - AURORA  
Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Once again, WM Elizabeth had to cancel our first meeting in February due to snow and cold. At our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we were thrilled when our Treasurer, Wayne Wells, received his appointment as Grand Representative of California in Colorado from WGM Cheryl Williams. CONGRATULATIONS, WAYNE! And we were excited to welcome Brother John Warren as a plural member.

At our meeting on March 1, we will hold a mock Initiation and on March 10, our A/PA members will travel to Loyalty #145 for their meeting, where we will respond for PA. Then will will look forward to hosting our A/PA Party on March 15. Metro #157 will respond for A. We hope we will have LOTS of guests, as WM Elizabeth always provides a lot of FUN and LAUGHTER at her meetings! Of course, the meeting will be "All About the Irish".

Our Chapter has been saddened by the passing of one of our most loyal sideliners, Sister

Lucretia Fustin on January 11, 2022. We continue to ask for prayers for Amy Raia and Carrie Andree as they suffer from cancer and their treatments.

Dawn Chapter would love for everyone in the Aurora or Denver area to support our fundraiser at Applebee's on March 8, 2022, at 14091 E. Iliff Ave, from 11-close. **This is NOT a Dine In experience, but is for CARRY OUT only!! Also it is valid for online orders only!! Order online at [Applebees.com](https://applebees.com) or via their mobile app.**

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LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Jodi Musser, PM - Reporter

Our Annual Souper Bowl feast was held on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and we had a fantastic turn out. We had a delicious variety of 8 soups from which to choose, stationed around the room. Cakes, pies, cookies and Jello deserts were abundant and made decisions difficult. Our mothers taught us we should try a little bit of everything so we don't slight a cook. Consequently, we all left, "stuffed to the brim"!

WM Marlene has asked each of the Star Points to give an educational history of the women whom they represent. At our last meeting Carol Heagney gave an amazing historical report with several different views on the story of Adah as told in the Bible and other sources, as well as from the view point of OES. At our next January meeting we will hear from Ann Tiff, representing Ruth. This should prove to be equally as interesting. Later that evening we will honor Mary Ann Knowski with a 50-year pin ceremony.

From our Worthy Matron, Marlene Doyle:  
**Celebrate Mardi Gras with us on March 10th,  
Alpha/Pentalpha Party @ 7:30 pm  
Westminster Masonic Center  
8151 Bradburn Drive**

Lots of Mardi Gras beads, fun entertainment and of course, a King Cake for refreshments.

Fun will be had by all.

"Laissez les bons temps rouler"  
"Let the good times roll"

We really do have so much for which to be thankful. Count your blessings!  
Hugs to all!!!



## NEW GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

AREME Chapter, hosting the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family for their Official Visit, gave WGM Cheryl Williams the opportunity to not only surprise this newest appointment, but also WGP Keith, when she commissioned his wife, **Shelley Hoey, as Grand Representative of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.**

Nova Scotia, Latin for "New Scotland" is the second smallest province of Canada in terms of land area and population. As of December 2021, the province of Nova Scotia reached 1 million in population and is the most populous of Canada's Atlantic provinces. The province of Nova Scotia is a peninsula connected to the mainland of North America by the Isthmus of Chignecto, on which the province land borders with New Brunswick. Its other borders are the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine to the West, the Atlantic Ocean to the south and east, and is separated from Prince Edward Island and the island of Newfoundland by the Northumberland and Cabot straits, respectively. Nova Scotia's largest city is Halifax, which is also the capital and is home to 45 percent of the province's population. The province has 87 National Historic Sites of Canada, including the Habitation at Port-Royal, the Fortress of Louisbourg and Citadel Hill (Fort George) in Halifax. Nova Scotia has two national parks, Kejimikujik and Cape Breton Highlands, and many other protected areas. The Bay of Fundy has the highest tidal range in the world, and the iconic Peggys Point Lighthouse in Peggys Cove is internationally recognized and receives 600,000-plus visitors a year and is the most famous of the 160 lighthouses of Nova Scotia.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest province in terms of land area and population, but the most densely populated. The island has several nicknames: "Garden of the Gulf", "Birthplace of Confederation" and "Cradle of Confederation". Its capital and largest city is Charlottetown. Prince Edward Island is located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about 120 miles north of Halifax, Nova Scotia and 370 miles east of Quebec City. It is the 104th-largest island in the world and Canada's 23rd-largest island. There are 56 lighthouses on Prince Edward Island

Lucy Maud Montgomery, who was born in Clifton (now New London) in 1874, drew inspiration

from the land during the late Victorian Era for the setting of her classic novel *Anne of Green Gables* (1908). The musical play *Anne of Green Gables* has run every year at the Charlottetown festival for more than four decades. The sequel, *Anne & Gilbert*, premiered in the Playhouse in Victoria in 2005. The actual location of Green Gables, the house featured in Montgomery's *Anne* books, is in Cavendish, on the north shore of PEI.

"Music, Dance and Laughter" is the Theme for this Eastern Star Grand Chapter Year. The Session will be held July 3-6, 2022, at the Best Western Glengary Convention Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia where WGM Beth Lois Brett and Worthy Grand Patron Shane MacFarlane will preside. Congratulations Shelley! Enjoy your travels!!



Saturday, February 5, 2022, was a rather solemn day for Sierra Blanca Chapter No. 43, WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey as the Chapter officially surrendered their Charter. But the entire day was not all solemn, as one of the last official acts before the Chapter surrendered their Charter, WGM Cheryl and WGP Keith commissioned **Dorothy Ziegler** as the new **Grand Representative of Nevada** in Colorado.

Nevada is the 7<sup>th</sup>-most extensive, the 32<sup>nd</sup>-most populous, and the 9<sup>th</sup>-least densely populated of the 50 United States. Nevada is in the western region of the U.S. bordered by California to the west, Oregon to the northwest, Idaho to the northeast, Utah to the east and Arizona to the southeast. Its Capital is Carson City. Nevada is officially known as the "Silver State" due to the importance of silver to its history and economy. It has several other nicknames, one of which is the "Battle Born State" because it was granted statehood during the Civil War, just eight days prior to the Presidential election, on October 31, 1864. The rush for statehood prior to the election was to help ensure Abraham Lincoln's reelection on November 8. As it turned out, Lincoln and the Republicans won the election handily and did not need Nevada's help.

While the biggest attraction in Nevada is Las Vegas with its sparkling lights, casinos, gourmet dining and shows, there are many other things to see and do in Nevada. Hoover Dam, Fly Geyser, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Valley of Fire State Park, Lake Tahoe and the

National Car Museum are just a few of the many other attractions Nevada has to offer.

“It’s About the Journey, One Moment in Time” 116<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nevada will be held at Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, October 2-5, 2022, where you will find WGM Deniece Campbell and WGP Dan Gross presiding. Another note of interest for Colorado Members: Former Fountain Valley Chapter member, Sister Patty Loewenkamp, will be installed WGM at the end of the session in October.



Dawn Chapter No. 125, while holding their regularly stated meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2022, found WGM Cheryl Williams commissioning the newest **Grand Representative of California** in Colorado to Brother **Wayne Wells**.

California, admitted to the Union, September 9, 1850 as the 31<sup>st</sup> State, stretches from the Mexican border along the Pacific for nearly 900 miles. Cliff-lined beaches, redwood forest, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Mojave Desert, and Central Valley farmland make up the terrain of this beautiful state. You can find a little bit of everything in California. San Francisco, known for its hills, cable cars, Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island, along with Las Angeles, the seat of the Hollywood entertainment industry, are among the biggest attractions in California. However, many visitors to California migrate to the sunny beaches to walk along the shores of the Pacific Ocean, to hear the sound of the waves going in and out and collect seashells. Occasionally a glimpse of sea turtles, dolphins, whales and other marine life make the visit to the beach even more exciting!



The Grand Chapter of California was organized in 1868 and celebrated 150 years in 2018. The 2022 Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California will be held in Visalia, October 25-30, 2022, with WGM Laura Bowens and WGP Scott Smissen presiding.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE’S CLUB**  
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## Fundraising for Colon Cancer Research



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- Due to COVID-19, colonoscopy screening for #coloncancer declined nearly 90%. Join all your sisters and brothers to go #BlueForCRC in March to raise awareness and encourage preventative screenings.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and a great time to plan a fundraiser in your chapter. Organize a dinner out ([www.groupraise.com](http://www.groupraise.com)), hold a coin march at one of your meetings, hold a bake sale or silent auction...everything helps! Feel free to call and brainstorm ideas with me!

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- Trinidad #1. . . . . March 11**
- Queen Esther #1, Raton, NM. . . . March 12**
- Metro #157. . . . . March 25**
- Fountain Valley #155. . . . . March 26**
  
- Waunita #37, Gunnison. . . . . April 1**
- Bethlehem #56, Monte Vista. . . . . April 2**
- Hope #122, Bennett. . . . . April 8**
- Loyalty #145, Westminster. . . . . April 9**
- Kansas Grand Chapter. . . . . April 21-23**
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