



CAL STAR NEWS

A Journey of Many Moments



As I am writing my last Cal Star News article I am feeling mixed emotions. I know change is good and am excited about what my Little Sister Kimberlie Kruse has planned for our Order in 2023. On the other hand, I also know I will not be seeing all of you as much as I have over the last five years, and this makes me sad.

It has been a journey of many moments that I will remember for a lifetime. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to meet you all, to see the beautiful Masonic architecture around our state, to eat great food, to learn about many charities, and to just enjoy the journey, thanks to all of you.

Please remember our message of kindness and spread it near and far. We have seen a change in attitudes, but I don't want the momentum to stop moving forward. Kindness in our Order will make a future for our Order. Please remember to be kind to those that will take over our Order in the future. Remember there may be a generation gap between you and those who are younger, but you must not alienate them because they think differently than you do about something. They bring fresh and new ideas to our Order that will attract their peers, and this is what we need to happen to ensure our Order's future.

It has been a pleasure serving you and remember "The Chance to be Kind is this Moment in Time" so, "Always Carry Kindness in Your Heart".

Laura Bouwens
Worthy Grand Matron



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Celebrating a Beautiful Journey as we Head for Home



As the Starlight Express races towards its home station of Visalia California, the 2022 Grand Family is in full swing with our final OV's and celebrating our appointed Grand Officers by attending their Receptions.

This year has been a year of many toils, but even more celebrations of our Order. We have weathered the continued Pandemic with few, if any, major outbreaks. We have been diligent in wearing our masks as we travel the state, helping to ensure that our members stay safe.

This year has been a beautiful journey by being able to have a full calendar of events for the first time in two years. I am grateful for the opportunity to see all of our members, and share with them their renewed enthusiasm for our Order.

As we prepare for our Annual Session in Visalia, we have the opportunity to celebrate this first year back in full swing. Our annual Grand Chapter this year will include many visiting dignitaries, including our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Glenda Winchester, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, F. Lon Lowry, along with many of their General Grand Family. We are looking forward to showing them the best of California OES hospitality.

So, start your planning, prepare that luggage, and join us in Visalia for **“Our Moment In Time”** Grand Session!

I sincerely look forward to seeing you all there!

Scott Smissen
Worthy Grand Patron





NOTES  FROM YOUR CAL STAR NEWS EDITORIAL CONSULTANT - CHERRI WHITELEY

Pages from our Past



As we approach the end of another Grand year, it's time to express appreciation to those of you who have made Cal Star News possible this past year. We have had several Chapters represented in the editions for this year because of members who have taken the time and effort to report on the happenings in their Chapters. Those articles along with the masterful layout work of Sister Cindy Murphy have produced beautiful editions that have been enjoyed by many members. It is my hope that as we continue into another year, there will be representation of many more Chapters. Please note the instructions for submitting articles and photos posted within this edition.

In the last edition, I began sharing some historical information about OES in California. It was my plan to possibly continue in that way, which I will likely do. But something very interesting came my way about which I would like to share. Brother Gary Gole gave me a copy of the very first *Eastern Star Journal* published in California—Volume 1 No.1, San Francisco, October 1, 1913. What an incredible find this is. I'll just share a little bit about it with an invitation to each of you to reach out for more information.

To quote the Editor, J.J. Neubarth, "It will be our aim to publish all news of interest to our members, and in so doing, keep every one constantly in touch with all matters pertaining to Chapter affairs, especially of a social nature. From this we cannot deviate... and you are all aware that no undertaking, however large or small, can succeed without co-operation and support." SO—as I hearken back to my opening paragraph, it seems not much has changed in these 109 years.

It was a joy to read through the 16 pages of beautifully printed articles from many Chapters throughout the state and my invitation to you is that if your Chapter number is 310 or below, please contact me and if your Chapter had an article in that first edition, I'll send you a copy. I know consolidation has changed Chapter names, but generally consolidations assume the lowest number of the Chapters consolidating, so the history of the number still stands.

Moving forward in my "historical" research, I have been looking into the origin and scope of the office of Deputy Grand Matron, so I hope to have a synopsis of that information for you in the next edition.

This past year has been focusing on kindness. Sometimes being kind is a challenge, but challenging as it is to me, I have tried to start days with a positive attitude. That helps kindness to be a more natural response. We need to treat ourselves kindly, not nit-picking our appearance or personality. As we put others in a positive light, we respond kindly to them because we just feel that way more genuinely. I would challenge each of us to begin each day with a prayer for a positive attitude toward ourselves, others, and our circumstances so that kindness will accompany us each step of the way.

--Cherri






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- Escondido #154
- Natoma San Juan #233
- San Jose #31
- Delta Star #639
- Sunset #300
- Escallonia #447
- Joaquin #348
- Summit #138
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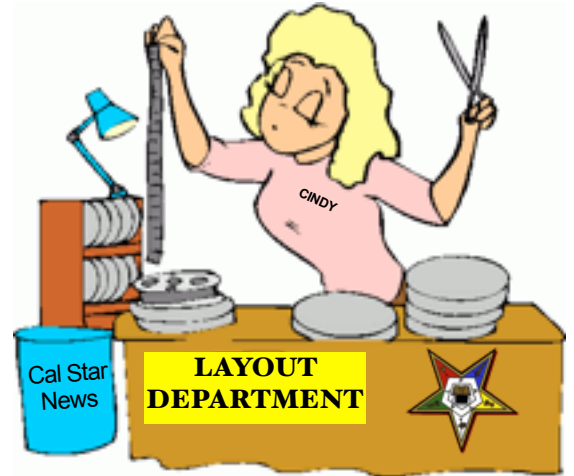
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Grand Representatives
Let's Hear about Your
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General Grand Chapter Committee Service Dogs



A NOTE FROM TERRI EWING General Grand Chapter Committee Member - Service Dogs

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you all had a nice summer and are now looking forward to the upcoming cooler weather along with the Fall and Winter holidays.

In my capacity as GGCCM, I am charged with oversight of the Service Dog Programs in California. This is an area that is very meaningful to me, and I am honored with the appointment and excited to promote service dogs in the state.

I am asked to submit periodic reports on how much as been raised for the program, along with other related projects such as community events and volunteer service. My first report was submitted in July to cover the activities from the beginning of the General Grand Chapter triennium through June 30, but it only included the amount of money that had been submitted through the California Eastern Star Foundation earmarked for the Service Dog Program beginning after Grand Installation last year to that point.

A big thanks to all the Chapters that have already held fundraisers for service dogs. August was designated as “K-9 Companions” month by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, but given a number of Chapters are dark in August it may not have received too much attention. But there is still time! It would be wonderful if your Chapter could perhaps dedicate a coin march or similar for this cause. All proceeds should be forwarded to the Foundation, and everything raised in Sister Laura and Brother Scott’s year will be directed to the service dog program of their choice.

I have heard that some Chapters have also performed community service in their areas, such as dog-walking and other volunteer work at shelters, donating supplies, and visiting, or inviting someone to speak at their Chapter if there is a Service Dog Program in their area. Please send me an email when any of these occasions arise, as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are most anxious to hear what is being done in any capacity for the Service Dog Programs.

I am proud to represent California with this charity, and I know our efforts are making a difference to assist those whose lives are immeasurably enhanced by the services of one of these special dogs.

Many thanks and fraternal love,

Terri Ewing, GGCCM – Service Dogs



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Senior Living Community

“CONTINUING A WAY OF LIFE”

Come for a Visit and Enjoy the SLC Hospitality with our Residents!

Greetings from the Residents and staff at the “Senior Living Community, founded by Eastern Star Homes of California”, located in Yorba Linda, the land of gracious living.

As I sit at my keyboard trying to figure out what the membership of California would like to know about our beautiful facility, I am surprised with the knowledge that some of you have never been to this wonderful building! So first, let me take this opportunity to extend a sincere invitation to come visit us! We would love to show you some of our Senior Living Community hospitality. As the Covid clouds begin to part, we are starting to join the outside world and all the activities that our area has to offer. Although we are still very cautious, we, along with the rest of society are feeling a little more comfortable venturing out. We must thank the awesome members of our staff, current and former, for their due diligence in keeping our residents safe and COVID-FREE during this pandemic, a truly awe-inspiring achievement!



SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY
16850 BASTANCHURY ROAD
YORBA LINDA, CA 92886

The population of our Senior Living Community is made up of women & men, Eastern Star members & non-members alike. Our residents’ ages range from 76 to 101, and they will be the first to tell you that age is just a number! You can follow their antics (I mean their activities) on Facebook..... and please be sure to like our Facebook page

We were invited to the recent Associate Matron/Associate Patron workshop in Fresno where we were able to hand out information and brochures to the Line Officers in attendance. It was a great opportunity to share some news about admission into the SLC and our fabulous residents.

On a personal note, I am over-the-moon to be back “Home”. For those of you that may not know me, my home Chapter is Yorba Linda #347 where I am honored to currently be serving as Conductress. I also serve as Secretary for the equally fantastic Chapter, Emerald Star #143.

Please come say “hi” to the residents and staff that are attending Grand Chapter this year, we would love to meet you, re-kindle old friendships, and make new ones!

Fraternally,

Kat Farris, PM
Executive Director In-training
Senior Living Community, founded by Eastern Star Homes of CA





Grand Chapter Cancer Funds

J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

Grand Chapter of California - Order of the Eastern Star



DID YOU KNOW THAT EASTERN STAR OFFERS CANCER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Submitted by Carla Ross, Chairman, Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

The J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund was created to give aide to **Members in Good Standing** of the Order of California Chapters, **and selected members of their immediate families**, who are cancer patients and in need of financial assistance. These funds can be used to cover the additional medical expenses cancer patients incur that are not covered by their insurance.

Similarly, the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund was created to give **Members in Good Standing** of the Order of California Chapters, **and/or members of their immediate families who are also members of their household or dependent upon them for support**, who are diagnosed with cancer and in need of financial assistance. In many cases, up to \$15,000 of aide is available from these funds.

For more information, or to apply, please visit the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star website at: www.oescal.org and click on the Foundation tab or contact the Cancer Assistance Chairman, Mary Kay Bower at (916) 331-8936 or via email at mkbowser@tat.net.



Member Messages



My thanks you to all of the Chapters and Members who have reached out to myself and my family!!

Your calls, cards, and prayers have meant so much to us and we just want to let you know that we appreciate each of you!

Sue is already missed by each of us.

May God bless you in your daily walk!

Tom McKinney





Chapter Reports

MOLINO STAR CHAPTER #83

Celebrations of Gold & Silver & Much More

Submitted by Janyce Mathis, PM

Our May meeting of Molino Star #83 in Los Molinos, began with a delicious dinner and we then proceeded with a beautiful initiation welcoming four new members: Roseann Boyd, Ed Sargent, Shawn Sparks and Tom Sparks. Unfortunately we have no pictures to share.



**Mothers & Daughters receive 50 & 25 Year Pins
Stacy, Karen, Janyce and Jenny**

In June, Molino Star had a salad luncheon to celebrate all of our 50 and 25 year members and present pins and certificates to the members who have reached these prestigious milestones. Attending this very special event and receiving their 25 year pins were Jenny Mathis and Stacy Skelton Dausse, PM. Janyce Mathis, PM, (52 years) and Karen Skelton, PM (51 years) received their 50 year pins and certificates. Molino Star also awarded 25 year pins to several members who were unable to attend. They were Dennis Garton, Jeannie Garton, Nicole Mathis Lasko, Carrie Patterson, and Andy Rieland. A 50 year pin was awarded to Betty Dudley.



We managed to surprise a couple of very special members. Jon Mathis, PP, received the Service Award. He grumbles a lot but has served as the Chapter Treasurer for 8 years and fills in for other offices when needed.

Then we gave a very special friend from Josephine Chico Chapter an Honorary Membership to Molino Star. For at least the last 4 years Dee Yount, PM has faithfully attended all of our meetings serving as Chaplain and Star Points when needed. Dee has also been known to bring refreshments to meetings.



Worthy Matron Colleen Watkins presents Honorary Membership to Dee Yount, PM - Josephine Chico Chapter

We also attended our Deputy Grand Matron J. J. Jensen's reception, and Jon Weideman's Grand Representative reception hosted by Redding Chapter. Both were well attended, and the food was fantastic.

We have one more initiation before the end of the year.





Chapter Reports

ESCONDIDO CHAPTER #154

Submitted by Divona Roy, PM, DGM

Fun in the Summer Sun!

Summer means warmth, relaxation, and thoughts of bright, happy days. It means spending time in the sun and exploring. **Escondido Chapter** experienced all this and more during the summer months.

June's premier event was our District's Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The theme was "Life Is Better at the Beach," so members donned beach chic attire, the Chapter Room and dining hall boasted summer fun decor, and Escort thoughts took everyone to the San Diego seashore to enjoy nature's simple treasures. Of course, we indulged in boardwalk hot dogs after celebrating the sunny side of life.



**Escondido Chapter Members
WGM Laura, DGM Divona Roy, WGP Scott**



**Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons
District #37
WGM Laura, DGM Divona Roy, WGP Scott**



LIFE IS better AT THE
Beach

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ESCONDIDO CHAPTER #154

More Summer Fun! **Continued from Page 11**

Submitted by Divona Roy, PM, DGM



Induction Dance company, founded by the son of one of our members, provided entertainment. Here, the company's ballerina en pointe

August brought our big Chapter fundraiser and Members Night. Our “Christmas in August” event included a full holiday dinner; boutique items handmade by Chapter members; silent auction baskets including things for the garden, natural beauty, spirits, home baked goods, and quilt art. There was also a long-awaited dress sale; and entertainment by a new dance company in town that was founded by the son of one of our Chapter members. The evening was a great success because of the hard work of so many members and all of the guests who purchased tickets and shopped. Celebrating members seems like a natural follow-up to such a huge effort, and our Chapter’s annual Members Dinner did just that. Our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron kept in mind the diverse dietary needs of Chapter members and cooked/baked foods for everyone. After dinner, we celebrated some wonderful Chapter members who earned the Eastern Star Service Award.



A Holiday Meal with all the Trimmings was Served



Tracy Reynolds, PP, entertained our guests!

Toward the end of summer, we turned our thoughts toward the new year for students. We usually collect school supplies for our local middle school, but this year we took on the librarian’s “most wanted” list at Bear Valley Middle School. Members came to our September meeting with their donation and shared the book character they relate to most or their favorite book character. Some dressed in full costume, some wore accessories, and some just came with the reason they love the character.

Summer means being gentle to yourself, enjoying life, and being hopeful about the future. Escondido Chapter had a good summer this year – meeting members from up and down the state, carrying out a successful fundraising effort, honoring faithful Chapter members, and promoting literacy for our local tweens and teens.





Chapter Reports

NATOMA SAN JUAN CHAPTER #233

A "Brazilian Carnival" to honor Jana

Submitted by Suzi Voudouris, PM



Natoma San Juan Chapter #233 honored Jana Wesche, Grand Representative of São Paulo, Brazil in California, with a Reception on August 6, 2022 at the San Juan Masonic Center in Citrus Heights. The night began with a delicious shish kebab dinner and dessert. The theme for the evening was "Brazilian Carnival", complete with brightly colored paper flowers, feathers, and carnival masks.

Past Grand Matron Terri Ewing and her husband, Gary, were in attendance along with current and former Grand Representatives, members, friends, and family.

Jana's daughter Lauren was the hostess for the evening. Past Patron Gary Wheeler, who signed Jana's OES petition, introduced her, and gave a biography on her Eastern Star background.

It was literally a "Hot August Night" as the air conditioner had unfortunately broken earlier that day, but several fans made the heat bearable and everyone enjoyed a wonderful reception!



Natoma San Juan Members and Grand Representative Jana



Jana and Natoma San Juan Members in Carnival Masks



Chapter Reports

SAN JOSE CHAPTER #31

Opening the Door to Community Service

Submitted by Susan & Tom Dunbar



San Jose #31 has been working with a non-profit organization this year known as Front Door Communities in downtown San Jose. Front Door Communities is located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Tenth Street. This organization has been offering services to the homeless for over twelve years.

They have a comprehensive array of services including hot breakfasts, bag lunches, clothing, shower trucks and laundry trucks. Their director, Alys Milner was the keynote speaker at our Official Visit that we shared with Manzanita Star #342.

We have been collecting supplies and performing back up volunteer work once a month at St. Paul's Church. We have had so much fun together as we sort clothes, prepare the non perishable lunch bags, hygiene kits, all while singing and getting to know each other in a special way. Volunteering can sometimes have an unexpected payback. When you do something for someone else, you also receive in return.



From left to right: Margaret Wolford, Elaine Behrmann, Ann Spalding, Jennifer Craig, Tom Dunbar, Bonnie Jain, and Sue Dunbar



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DELTA STAR CHAPTER #639

A Summer filled with Celebrations!

Submitted by Brenda Hansen, PM

Our June 28th meeting was Friendship and Brothers night and we had a FULL house. What a wonderful sight to see the sidelines full! The brothers served dinner before the meeting using a sports theme. We had hot dogs, beer or soft drinks, potato salad, fruit, peanuts, popcorn, and ice cream. All the foods you would find at a sports arena. Some of the members of Scepter Lodge helped cook and serve. A big thank you to the brothers. Proceeds from the dinner will be sent to Fly Brave, the WGM and WGP project. Our friendship officers opened and closed the meeting. We had an intermission for a coffee and treats break.

Sister Lori Hope received her 25-year pin and was presented by her daughter Sarah Alvarez. The chapter was presented a certificate "Chapter Shining Star Award" for the initiation of Carole Logan. This was presented by Annette Hovorka, PM and member of the California Membership Committee. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted us for our friendship night. Friendship and kindness abound in Eastern Star.



Sister Lori Hope receiving her 25 Year Pin and Certificate from daughter Sarah Alvarez with WM Kim Shira and WP Dave Shira



Friendship Night and Brothers Night at Delta Star 

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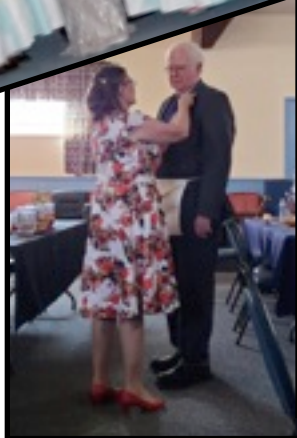
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DELTA STAR CHAPTER #639

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On August 7, 2022 the Members of District #9 celebrated our Deputy Grand Matron and President of the DGM State Association, Kat Monedero. The event was held at the Charles F Anderson Masonic Center in Folsom. A brunch of deliciousness was held at 11:30am followed by the Reception at 1:00 pm. Members of Delta Star #639, Elk Grove Onisbo #109, and Rio Linda #631 served as Marshals and in many other positions. Nancy Olson, PM was the Chairperson and had many volunteers for help.

Submitted by Brenda Hansen, PM



On August 27th, our Worthy Patron, David M Shira, was honored at the “Guild of Gold” dinner, by Scepter Lodge #103 in West Sacramento. David is now a 50-year member of Free and Accepted Masons in California. A great crowd of friends, relatives, and fellow Brothers enjoyed wonderful food and companionship. David was presented his pin and certificate by PGM Art Weiss, and pinned by his wife, Worthy Matron Kimberly Shira.



Chapter Reports

SUNSET CHAPTER #300

A Road Trip to Visit Sarah Submitted by Jacquelyn Neil, AM & Grand Representative of Illinois

Sunset Chapter #300 is blessed with fantastic members and it is always sad when active members move away. This happened with our Sarah Crowder. She is greatly missed. When her brother entered Assisted Living in Rancho Mirage, she sold her home in Point Loma and moved into the complex to be closer to him. Unfortunately, he passed so she remains with little family nearby. That's the background story. Since she has no car, she's dependent on rides to attend Chapter meetings, but loves our Order. That's more background story.

At our June 20th meeting, members decided to go on a road trip to visit Sarah. Our Worthy Patron, David Descoteaux, led the charge after Secretary Debby Baptist had acquired a 100-year-old certificate from Grand Chapter for Sarah. She's currently 102 years old and a 60 year member, and as bright and sharp as anyone of us would want to be. After multiple adjustments, on July 9th we took off. Others that came were Betty Ruth McFaden, Tonya Thompson, Conductress, and Roy, Tonya's husband. Sarah was taken out to lunch. Then we returned to her room where David, on bended knee, presented the certificate and some flowers. It was a special day for all of us.



Worthy Patron David presenting Sarah with her 100 year certificate from Grand Chapter



Members of Sunset Chapter enjoying lunch together with 60 year member Sarah



Worthy Patron David on bended knee presenting Sarah with flowers from her Chapter



Chapter Reports

ESCALLONIA CHAPTER #447

Fun and Service....Come Check Us Out!

Submitted by Escallonia Chapter

Escallonia has had a wonderful year in 2022! Our Chapter has focused on service and membership this year. Our priority hasn't been initiating new members (although we did that, too). Instead, we've reconnected with many Sisters and Brothers who haven't attended in awhile! Because of our efforts, our Chapter meeting attendance has grown, and we're reconnecting and enjoying our friendships, new and old!

Our service to our community has been so rewarding. We continue our Patient Comfort Station, and regularly contribute bone pillows, mastectomy pillows, and portpals to our local cancer treatment and dialysis centers. Our monthly movie nights always have a charitable focus. Members and visitors brought stuffed animals to donate to the local Family Justice Center for displaced families escaping abusive situations. We showed our appreciation to our local First Responders by working together to create goodie bags, and delivered them. Our local Police, Ambulance, Fire Fighters, and Sheriff Departments all were so grateful for our donations.

Our meetings are always full of fun and laughter. You never know what our members are going to be up to! Theme meetings are always exciting, with costumes, decorations, and refreshments to fit: Women's History, Alice in Wonderland, 80's Night, and more! Visitors are always welcome to join in our fun!

We are beginning the planning of our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2025, and look forward to continuing to grow, celebrate, and thrive in Escalon! Come check us out!



Stuffed Animals donated to Family Justice Center



Goodie Gift Bags for First Responders



Members Sewing for Patient Comfort Station



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JOAQUIN CHAPTER #348

Proud of our OES Scholarship Recipients!

Submitted by Joaquin Chapter



Letter from Melanie Pivoda:

I wanted to share with the Chapter that I was one of the lucky recipients to receive a scholarship through the Order of Eastern Star this year. I currently study Forensic Psychology at Liberty University and will be finishing my Bachelor's Degree this fall. I plan to continue my education towards a Doctorate. With my degree and education, I hope to work for the FBI one day as a forensic psychologist. For those of you that aren't familiar with what exactly a forensic psychologist does, think CSI and Criminal Minds TV shows, just less glorified. Boiled down in simple terms, my job as a forensic psychologist would be to apply psychological knowledge and reason to help answer legal questions arising in civil and criminal proceedings in and outside of court. I would also like to do volunteer work with my skills to help children with mental disabilities such as autism and trauma. Once I retire from the FBI, I want to give back to the community by becoming a professor at a local college and teaching psychology. My very first psychology professor at Delta College encouraged me to chase this field and I am so thankful that he did because it has led me where I am today. I want to be that same professor for someone else in the future and give them all my life's experience and knowledge from working in

the field so hopefully they too will be inspired to choose psychology as a career. Lastly, I want to say thank you to everyone that donates to the scholarship funds across the Masonic family. It is because of you that students like me can continue to dream and achieve their goals to change the world.

With Star love, Melanie Pivoda
(Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen & Daughter of Gail & Bill Hunt)

Congratulations to Kate Fogg, daughter of Heather Fogg & Granddaughter of Denise & Kent Armstrong, on her graduation from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Media Studies and a minor in Italian. Kate was honored with three awards at her graduation ceremony: Outstanding Graduating Seniors—Recognizing students' overall academic achievements across critical studies and productions as well as their contributions to the life of the department; the Spirit Award—recognizing students who embody the dynamic spirit essential to the collaborative environment of the department, their enthusiasm, generosity, and initiative while working for the department, the Pollock Theater and department student clubs; and the Lazarus Scholarship which fosters the development of a student's focus on writing for the screen. This was actually awarded to Kate in 2021. The scholarship recipient spends their senior year working in connection with an instructor to develop a new film or television screenplay. Kate started her new job working at a small production and management company in the Los Angeles area and plans to keep working on her screenplay writing in her free time. Kate thanks all of you for your support and is very appreciative of receiving three years of Eastern Star Scholarships.





Chapter Reports

SUMMIT CHAPTER #138

Another 4th Generation Member!

In 2022 the hills of Knights Ferry were alive with Summit Eastern Star. The first event was the 125 +1 celebration of Summit Chapter #138. Then the Grand family came back for District #17 OV where we learned about different types of fraud. In July we happily initiated our 2nd fourth generation member. With the help of Escallonia and Wistaria Chapters, Paige Morgan granddaughter of Chuck and Darlene Cross continued the family tradition.

Submitted by Summit Chapter



PENRHYN CHAPTER #159

A Tea Party to Celebrate 25 Year Members

Submitted by Tina Spriggs, WM



A tea was held at Penrhyn Lodge on Saturday, July 30, where eight members received their 25 Year pins. Many of these members have been members of Penrhyn Chapter for longer than 25 years, but it came to our attention that the Chapter had never given pins to those members. So, we chose to invite all of our members to attend the Tea Party to celebrate this milestone. Those who received their pins were: Jim Victorine, Scott Warren, Jim Maroney, Alice Epperson, Judith Miegs, Claude Walker, Connie Walker, and Sandra Miller. Tina Spriggs, Worthy Matron, finished up with a “Dancing Through the 60s” program which was appreciated by the group. A wonderful time was had by all.

