

The Eastern Star Echo of Alaska
February, 2008

Deputy Do-Ins

The days are getting longer, we have more sun (and wind here in the Matanuska Valley), and spring will be here before we know it. Your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are settling in and chapter plans for 2008 are well underway.

In October 2007 I traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Homecoming for our WMGM Barbara and MWGP Bill. I had a wonderful time meeting and greeting new and old friends. I was pleased to see **Sister Virginia Tomlinson, Juneau #7** at the event. In early December I attended the reception in Anacortes, WA for that state's Grand Chaplain and responded in behalf of GGC. What a thrill and honor for me. I flew to Juneau on December 14 to attend the installation of **Georgene and Al Brookman of Juneau #7** on December 15. The Brookman's and Juneau Chapter #7 sure know how to throw a party! I also attended the installation of officers for Anchorage #8, Denali #16, Matanuska Valley #14, and Star of the North #17. It was my privilege to have been asked to be the Installing Officer at

Matanuska Valley #14 and Denali #16. Schools of Instruction are underway and soon my Official Visits will start.

Midnight Sun #6 - Reported by Deanna Morris, Secretary

Midnight Sun Chapter #6 members seem to be going non-stop with activities in the Masonic Fraternity as well as their personal lives.

Sister **Lana Nicotera** and **Dan** welcomed a beautiful baby boy in November. Sister **Evelyn Pruter** and **Jim** traveled Outside over the holidays to spend time with family and friends and several of our members who stayed home had visitors from Outside for the holiday season. In December we honored visiting Sister **Paula Faye Cosson** who moved when school let out for the holidays to be with friends and family in Florida over the holidays. She will be in Washington, DC by now in her new position with the government. All of us in Fairbanks will really miss her friendly, helpful persona at all of our meetings.

Installation of officers was held at our January meeting. WM **Margaret Dial** and WP **Dave Worel** will lead us through 2008 with the assistance of AM **Robin Early**, AP

George Steck, Conductress **Lana Nicotera**, and Associate Conductress **Evelyn Pruter**. We are very proud to have five members new to their office in the top six! (Brother George Steck is serving as AP once again. Thanks George!) Sister **Barbara Nore** and Brother **Dwight Morris** who were at the helm of **Midnight Sun #6** for the past three years and did such a terrific job – THANK YOU!!! – are filling other positions this year.

Under the guidance of these members and with the assistance of other officers and sideliners, we will continue to move forward and share the beauty of our fraternity with others.

As we bask in temperatures hovering around -40 degrees, we would like to send greetings to everyone and best wishes for a fantastic 2008.

Questions from Claudianne: (1) do sidelines sit or stand during the retiring march? (2) Who are the first officers to enter the chapter room?

Denali Chapter #16 – Reported by Betty Prentice, Associate Matron
Denali #16 held installation of officers on January 14. **Barbara Kennedy** was installed as WM. Her theme is “Friendship”. Barbara has several projects planned for this year: care packages to military troops serving overseas, making chemo caps for the hospital, blankets for young adults who have been removed from their homes, bibs for Alzheimer’s patients, and bedside holders for telephones or remote controllers, etc. As you can see, we’ll be having some work parties. Denali meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30, Anchorage Masonic Center, 15th and Eagle. We’d love to have you visit our chapter.

Star of the North #17 – Reported by Cheryl Smith, Esther
Since the last newsletter Star of the North #17 initiated a new member in November and had a wonderful Christmas party and gift exchange in December. As a special treat at the Christmas party our WM **Roxie Little** arranged to have a Peninsula group of Victorian carolers perform. It was particularly special as our own AC **Linda Duce** was one of the carolers!

Star of the North #17 held its open installation of 2008 officers on January 6, 2008. **Tichi** and **Dennis Cole** were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Sister Tichi is having an Hawaiian theme this year; instead of formals and tuxedos the chapter room was filled with Hawaiian print dresses, shirts, and leis. Many thanks to installing officers **Joan Morgan, Victoria Ault, Gwyn Fitzpatrick, Dennis Morgan, and Pat Dart** from Denali #16. We also welcomed **Deputy Claudianne Jones** and **Barbara Kennedy**, who was our photographer. Come visit our chapter on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and wear your Hawaiian garb!

Juneau #7 - Reported by Georgene Brookman, Worthy Matron

Installation is over and we have been installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Juneau #7. We have a fun-filled year planned and hope to see you at our meetings. Juneau #7 initiated 4 members in 2007 and already in 2008 we have 5 petitions out and hope to be able to initiate them soon.

We enjoyed a brief visit of **Deputy Claudianne Jones** who came for our installation. We had a party

for her at our home and were also honored to have the new Master of Sitka Lodge and his wife attend.

Worthy Patron Al was honored at the installation of officers of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 when he was presented with **Mason of the Year for 2007 for Juneau Lodge**. How proud we are of him!

Matanuska Valley #14 - Reported by Claudianne Jones, Deputy and Secretary

Installation of officers was held on December 29. **Victoria Ault** and **Marvin Fitzpatrick** were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. This is the third time Victoria and Marvin have served together as WM and WP (twice in Denali #16). Deputy Claudianne conducted a School of Instruction at our last meeting. Fund raising activities are underway. Among them are a bake sale, Mother's Day basket raffle, and a phantom garage sale.

2008 Official Visit Schedule

April 7	Anchorage #8
April 20	Naomi #9
April 22	Juneau #7
May 9	Midnight Sun #6
May 12	Denali #16
May 14	Valdez #5
June 4	Matanuska Valley #14
September 5	Fairbanks #18
September 16	Star of the North #17
October ?	Kodiak #13

Please join me in my travels when you can. I love having the company and the chapters truly enjoy having visitors.

Congratulations to the Worthy Matrons of 2008:

Priscilla Gregg, Valdez #5
Margaret Dial, Midnight Sun #6
Georgene Brookman, Juneau #7
Sherry Love, Anchorage #8
Debbie Ackerman, Naomi #9
Anne Kalcic, Kodiak #13
Victoria Ault, Matanuska Valley #14
Barbara Kennedy, Denali #16
Tichi Cole, Star of the North #17
Nona Elliott, Fairbanks #18

Featured Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

Georgene and Al Brookman, Juneau #7, were married in Sitka in 1954 when Georgene was 16 and Al 18. (Al tells me he fished briefly and gave it up because there were no girls on the fishing boats!) They raised their family of three in Sitka, becoming grandparents at 34 and 36 and great grandparents at 56 and 58! They did live Outside for 25 years in Washington and California returning to Juneau in 2005 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. For hobbies Al enjoys home remodeling, wine making, wood carving, sewing hats, and vegetable gardening. Georgene

has fun with cooking gourmet meals in a healthy fashion, cross stitch and needlepoint, flower gardening, and home decorating.

Their Masonic life has been busy, too. They have served as WM and WP of chapters in Alaska and California. Al is a Past Master. Both have been active in Rainbow.

These people are real assets to Eastern Star and we are privileged to have them in our Order. If you travel to Juneau, attend one of their meetings and get to know them and their chapter members. You won't be sorry!



WM Georgene Brookman, Deputy Claudianne Jones, and WP Al Brookman, Juneau #7, 12/15/07



Anchorage #8 Installing Officers
Victoria Ault, Beverly Keto, Pat
Dart, Mary Tasker, Steve Lee,
Jerry Pinion, and Marvin
Fitzpatrick with WM-elect, Sherry
Love, 1/20/08



WM Victoria Ault and WP Marvin
Fitzpatrick, Matanuska Valley #14,
12/29/07