

The Eastern Star Echo of Alaska
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Deputy Do-Ins

Did you notice the newsletter has a name now? Al Brookman, AP, Juneau # 7 suggested the name and I think it's a great one, don't you?

Summer is on its way out, fall is approaching, and winter will soon be here. Where did the summer go? I did a bit of traveling since the last newsletter. In May I drove to Valdez for my Official Visit and was pleased to have Joan Morgan accompany me. Other Denali #16 members who attended the meeting were Sharon Combs and Marvin and Gwyn Fitzpatrick. We had a great visit. Two new members were initiated into Midnight Sun #6 so Joan and I drove to Fairbanks to share the evening with them. That initiation was so much fun that Glenda Ledford, C, at Matanuska Valley #14 and I drove to Soldotna a few days later to see WM Roxie Little's son initiated. May 20 found me in Skagway at Naomi #9 for my Official Visit. From there I flew to Juneau for my Official Visit. Our Sisters and Brothers in Southeastern Alaska are just wonderful and ever so hospitable. Do attend a meeting there if you

ever get to Skagway or Juneau. I attended the **Informal Opening of the Grand Assembly**, International Rainbow for Girls in June in Anchorage. I attended **Washington's Grand Chapter** in June where our **MWGM Barbara Benton** was in attendance. I enjoyed spending a few quiet minutes with her. The **Grand Court of Alaska**, Order of the **Amaranth**, was held in Anchorage in August. I attended the informal opening and brought greetings from our MWGM. **WM Judy Kelly** and **WP Al Kelly** presided over this Grand Court. **Barbara Kennedy** and **Victoria Ault, Denali #16**, rode with me to **Star of the North Chapter #17** in Soldotna to my Official Visit. And most recently **Barbara** and **Victoria** accompanied me to **Fairbanks #18** and **Midnight Sun #6** for their Official Visits. My car is burning up the miles! September 24 found me flying to **Kodiak** for my Official Visit. **Barbara Kennedy** again accompanied me. While there we attended our very first **Table Lodge** presided over by the Grand Master. My last Official Visit for 2007 was October 1 at Anchorage #8, **AM Sherry Love** and **AP Jerry Pinion** presided.

Midnight Sun #6 - reported by
Deanna Morris, Secretary

The Sisters and Brothers of Midnight Sun #6 have spent the past 3 months taking advantage of the fabulous summer weather the interior has enjoyed this year. We have especially enjoyed not having any smoke from wildfires this year. There have been lawns and gardens to tend, picnics and fishing trips to share with family and friends, and good fellowship at every turn.

Our Sister, Robin Early, is still healing following gall bladder surgery, Brother Ralph Miller is having recurring problems with back pain, and others are coping with aches and pains or arthritis and other ailments. All in all, each of us can say an honest "Thank you God" for everything we experience daily as well as asking where is the time going?

If our prayers were honored, each one of you has enjoyed the beauty of God's great out-of-doors and the fellowship of friends and family over the past 3 months and are now ready to continue the work of our beautiful order.

Juneau #7 - Reported by Georgene Brookman, Associate Matron

The Scottish Rite Temple in Juneau was sold. Eastern Star is holding their meetings at the Mendenhall Mall. WM Vicki Atzell

has kept our members busy. We adopted a family for the year, made plans for a garage sale, and a fall dinner and auction. Deputy Claudianne Jones made her official visit on May 22. We gave her the grand tour of Juneau and its environs. Pat Beadle, Juneau born and raised, delivered the commentary. As Officers, our goal is to promote peace, love, and friendship. When you attend our meetings, it gives us a chance to practice our goal. We hope to see you often at the meetings.

Kodiak #13 - Reported by Lois Stover, Secretary

We are looking forward to our Friendship Night in September and hope to see you there! (Lois is in California with her sister Ann who is awaiting a lung transplant.)

Denali #16 - Reported by Betty Prentice

Denali helped with Rainbow Grand Assembly in June, hosting the Welcoming Picnic and prepared lunches for two days. Anchorage 8's donation of food for the lunches was appreciated as well as Ladies Oriental Shrine for letting us assemble the lunches at the Shrine. We have continued to serve dinners for Glacier Lodge over the summer. We prepared lunch for the Grand Court of

Alaska, Order of the Amaranth. We participated in the Masonic Information Booth at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer. We celebrated Rob Morris night at our September 10 meeting. On October 8 we will honor Masons and October 22nd the Trustees will be honored along with Helping Hands. Our chapter birthday will be celebrated on November 12 with a potluck at 6:30. Charter and 25-year members will be honored.

Matanuska Valley #14 - Reported by Kathleen Bowen, Esther

In June we worked joined with Iditarod Lodge #20 and Frontier Court #6, Order of the Amaranth, to hold a two-day garage sale, which was a huge success. Victoria Ault, Associate Matron, was installed in June in Indianapolis as Supreme Truth, Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc. Congratulations, Victoria! We are all proud of you. Our Brother Ronald Bowen, WP, is Worshipful Master of Iditarod Lodge #20. We do keep our Brothers busy! Sister Betty Ward, Ruth, has been commissioned by Worshipful Master Ron to once again use her artistic talent for a painted gold pan which will be presented to Grand Master Samuel Medsker during his official visit to Iditarod

Lodge #20. Our Secretary, Claudianne Jones, and Deputy to the MWGM in Alaska, gave a warm welcome to the Grand Court of Alaska, Order of the Amaranth. As you can see from the preceding news for our chapter, many of our members belong to other concordant bodies. We are a small population; however, we work hard to fulfill philanthropic work in our various organizations.

Fairbanks Chapter #18 - Reported by Hilary Freeman, Worthy Matron

We enjoyed the dedication of our new Masonic Temple on May 19, with visitors from all over Alaska and Canada. An historic day! We lost one of our Rainbow Girls recently in a tragic car accident. 17 year old Beth Osterby will be missed. Our next big event will be our Harvest Celebration Dinner planned for Saturday, October 20. This event is a family time with dinner, games, and dancing. Come visit when you are in our area.

More thoughts from Claudianne:

I'm thinking that instead of trying to get this newsletter out every two months, a more reasonable schedule would be quarterly.

Does anyone know which chapters numbers 11 and 15 belonged to?

This issue is being sent via e-mail to all whose e-mail addresses I have. Let me know, please, if you do not wish to receive it this way. I will continue to mail a copy to each chapter for distribution.

I'm off to Oklahoma on October 12 to attend their Grand Chapter and their Homecoming Celebration for MWGM Barbara Benton and MWGP Bill Owen.

Reporters: you're doing a grand job of providing me with material! Keep up the good work.