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This is what is happening in our corner of the world. We would love to know what is happening in your corner, and to include it in our next newsletter.

Please send your news/activities to:

Sharon Combs
scombs@gci.net

Or

Sandy Polsky
alaskaramblers@gci.net

*We would **love** to hear from you.*

Submission deadline for our next newsletter is December 21, 2011.



***An Eastern Star Sister and Brother
Is a Gift to our Heart,
A Friend to our Spirit,
A Golden Thread in our Tapestry of Life.***



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Reminder for all members. Your membership dues must be submitted to me by January 1, 2012. Our annual dues are \$20.00 per member. If you have a question about how much you may owe please e-mail me at oesjpm@aol.com or send me a note at the Chapter address.

If you are currently receiving a mailed hard copy of our newsletter, and you have an email address, please help us to keep our publication costs down (paper, ink, postage and of course our volunteers' time). Simply send us your email address and we will then be able to send you a short note to let you know when our newsletter is available on our website. We even include a link to our website for your convenience. You may then view our newsletters (or print them) at your leisure.

Fraternally,
Joan Morgan
Secretary

STATED MEETINGS

Our stated meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, except the 4th Mondays of June and December.

We are dark in July and August (no meetings are held).

Our meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

At the Anchorage Masonic Center

Located at the corner of 15th and Eagle,
in Anchorage, Alaska

For further information please phone our Chapter Secretary, Joan Morgan, at 337-5706 or visit our website at

<http://www.akeasternstar.org>

*Response to gavel raps: One rap – All be seated
Two raps – Officers only stand
Three raps – All stand*

WORTHY MATRON – SANDY POLSKY

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:26 “I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in the season; there shall be showers of blessings.”

Motto: “Count Your Blessings”

Flower: The Forget-Me-Not

Colors: Purple and Silver

Emblem: Butterfly

Philanthropy: Alaska Special Olympics

WORTHY PATRON – JIM MCGOLDRICK

Scripture: the 23rd Psalm

Motto: “Nothing is Impossible. The difficult we do right away. The impossible takes a little longer.”

Flower: The Shamrock

Color: Emerald Green

Emblem: Marine Corp Emblem

Philanthropy: Alaska’s Toys for Tots

OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CHARITIES

As an organization, we encourage our members not only to help one another, but also to reach out to our community. We offer two scholarships: Our Jessie Bentley Scholarship, which goes to high school seniors to further their education, and our ESTARL Scholarship which assists applicant’s further training in religious service.

This year we are focusing on our Community Involvement. Our Worthy Matron’s project will be concentrating on **Special Olympics** and the many ways our chapter can offer help. From the Alaska Winter Games which are held in March, to the Alaska Summer Games which are held in June, we will strive to shine for our community.

Toys for Tots is the special project of our Worthy Patron. Our objective will be to help needy children in Alaska experience the joy of Christmas and to unite us all in a common cause during the toy collection and distribution campaign. Gift collecting will be ongoing throughout the year.

Our chapter also manages the **POKE**, which is a general store at the Anchorage Pioneer Home. We hope you will help us increase our community involvement this year.



**THREADS OF FRIENDSHIP
THAT WILL NEVER BREAK**

**Thank you for the laughter and the good times that we share,
Thank you for always listening and for try to be fair.**

**Thank you for your comfort when things are going bad,
Thank you for your shoulder to cry on, when I am feeling sad.**

**This poem is a reminder that all my lifetime through,
I'll be thanking all my lucky *stars* for special friends like you.**

**Hugs & Thanks to ALL of you,
Sister Sandy**



IN MEMORIAM

Philip Ault, passed into the fullness of immortal life at his home on July 11, 2011.

Philip was born February 17, 1941 in Monroe, Wisconsin and moved to Alaska in 1962. He enrolled in Alaska Methodist University and graduated in 1965. Phil joined the Alaska Air National Guard in June of 1965 and was discharged in June of 1971. He owned and operated Our Point of View Lodge in Cooper Landing for the next few years and then owned and operated several small businesses ranging from a house painting business to the owner operator of Diamond Texaco in Anchorage. Philip was an avid fisherman as well as log cabin builder and recreational land developer in the Matanuska Valley. He was a member of the Abbott Loop Community Church and also did missionary work in India and Southeast Asia with New Harvest Inc.



*We extend our
sincere
condolences to
Sister Victoria,
her Family and
Friends.*



SMILES FROM SANDY ~

Happy Fall to my Sisters and Brothers.

The summer was like a whirlwind which passed by rather quickly, and suddenly we are entering into the last quarter of the year.

Our summer months had Denali Chapter #16 getting ready for the visit from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton, which occurred during the first week of September.

I am blessed with wonderfully supportive members and without all their combined talents and energy her visit would not have been so memorable.

THANK YOU TO ALL.

I do, indeed, "Count my Blessings."

In September, we also honored the birthday of our founder, Dr. Rob Morris, and celebrated our Friendship Night with other local Eastern Star chapters.

In October, we will have a program on Historical Flag Ceremonies. Brother Hank Dunbar (a member of The Alaska Chapter #355 of the National Sojourners) and the Sojourners will present this very enjoyable and enlightening program for us to enjoy.

In November we will be celebrating our Chapter's Birthday, honoring our Veterans (by placing a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial on the Park Strip) and also honoring and thanking our Past Matrons and Past Patrons for their dedication and service.

December is filled with our Chapter's elections of new officers, supporting Salvation Army by being Red Kettle Bell Ringers, the end of our Toys for Tots Drive and a Blessed Christmas.

Thank you for your support. It is really, truly, appreciated. I am only a phone call away @ 333.7246. Please call me if you have any question on anything.

As always, don't forget to Count Your Blessings.

*In Star Love and with Star Hugs,
Sister Sandy Polsky, WM*

<h2>November</h2> <p><i>Continued</i></p>	<p>11 - Friday</p>	<p>Honoring all our Veterans. We will place a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial, located on the park strip in Anchorage.</p>
	<p>14 - Monday</p>	<p>"Happy Birthday" to US! Time to celebrate the birthday of Denali Chapter #16. Please join us for our Birthday Party.</p>
	<p>18, 19 & 20 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday</p>	<p>Special Olympics Bowling Tournament Time and place to be announced later.</p>
	<p>28 - Monday</p>	<p>Stated Meeting</p>
<h2>December</h2>		<p>Sometime in December, we will be Red Kettle Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army. Time and place to be announced later.</p>
	<p>8 - Thursday</p>	<p>Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner.</p>
	<p>12 - Monday</p>	<p>Stated Meeting Holiday dress, celebrate December anniversaries, Elections, Chinese Auction and Toys for Tots Campaign. Please bring a toy to brighten a child's Christmas.</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

10 - Monday Stated Meeting
The Alaska Chapter #355 of
The National Sojourners will
present a program on Historical
Flag Ceremonies and Brother
Hank Dunbar is part of this
program.

13 - Thursday Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner.
Sandy's husband, Warren
Polsky, will make chili; Brother
Al Schuerger is bringing two
types of corn bread; Sister Joan
Jackson is bringing a veggie tray;
and Sister Barbara Kennedy is
making that wonderful
chocolate cake that melts in
your mouth.

We are also starting up our
baked goods raffle again as it
is a major fund raiser for our
chapter. Please support your
chapter and bring something
for our raffle, the more
goodies we have, the better.

24 - Monday Stated Meeting
Wear a Halloween costume and
be ready for laughs.

November

10 - Thursday Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner.

TOYS FOR TOTS

CHRISTMAS TIME IS COMING, THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT, IT'S TIME TO PUT A GIFT IN THE TOYS FOR TOTS VAT!

Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, I've chosen the TOYS FOR TOTS charity for this year. Starting next Monday, October 10, 2011, there will be toy collection boxes placed on all floors of the Masonic Temple.

TOTS FOR TOTS program requests that toys be new, and in an unopened container. The Marine Corps supervisor asks that we remember children between the ages of three and eight years of age in particular.

I will collect the toys and see that they are delivered to the Marine Corps Reserve unit on Elmendorf so that they may be distributed to the children.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 688-3568.

Thank you one and all for your support.

Jim McGoldrick

Worthy Patron

Chapter News



Please join us in wishing our members a very happy birthday, albeit belatedly, and may their hearts and lives be filled with love, peace and their stars shine bright all year.

Birthday Celebrations

July

R. Brechan
R. Dunbar, PM
L. B. Fitzpatrick
N. King
R. Little, PM
R. F. Rigby

August

J. McGoldrick, WP
E. Nilles
S. Polsky, WM

September

V. Ault, PM
J. Bishop
C. K. Korman
S. Thompson, PM

Tootsie Tops



Why are you hanging on to that yarn left from other projects? There are Tootsie Tops to be made. They're infant sized hats that Providence Hospital Orthopedics uses to keep their patients "tootsies" warm while in leg casts.

Sister JJ, has made about four dozen and says they are a fast and easy project. For more information about that call her at 243-3177.

Sister JJ has been slipping one of her Eastern Star business cards into each little hat to help spread the word of our existence as well as the help our members give to the community.

If you need some yarn call Theresa at: 277-1713.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S VISIT

- *Continued*

Following a delicious dinner provided by Anchorage's Prince Hall Eastern Star Chapter, Denali Chapter #16 and Anchorage Chapter #8 adjourned upstairs for their joint-meeting. During the meeting, Brother John Bishop, dressed in his Alaskan tuxedo of Carhartts and Alaskan hat, gave a very entertaining presentation of Robert Service's, *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you Brother John!



The evening ended with a reception downstairs to honor our visitors. Thanks to the handiwork and planning of Sisters Barbara Kennedy, Betty Prentice and Victoria Ault, the reception was beautiful and enjoyed by all.

It was, indeed, a time for Food, Fun and Fellowship for everyone.



MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S VISIT

With Our Chapter

Denali Chapter #16 was a potpourri of fun when the Most Worthy Grand Matron Rennie Ofton and her wonderful traveling party (travelers from Texas, Missouri, Nova Scotia, Canada and Prince Edward Island) visited Anchorage in September. The visit offered a great chance to learn about the homes of these Sisters and Brothers.



MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S VISIT

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Most Worthy Grand Matron (front - center) and Traveling Party

It was also an opportunity to share our beautiful state with all of them...and that we did. They began their Alaskan adventure in Juneau, explored Soldotna, Palmer, Fairbanks and spent a few busy days in Anchorage.

Denali #16 members met the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton, at the airport wearing our new "Eastern Star red vests" and carrying welcome to Anchorage signs. I was later told by one of our visitors, that our reception made them feel really welcomed and our vests made us very recognizable...how fun was that!

Sister Joan Morgan acted as driver and tour guide to some of the places the travelers visited and explored, including Soldotna, Kenai, Palmer and Anchorage. Sister Joan, we are very grateful for all your time and help!

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S VISIT

- *Continued*

Denali Chapter #16's official visit was held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 and was shared with Anchorage Chapter #8. The visit began with a presentation from the PAWS program (Pet Assisted Wellness Service) from Providence Hospital.



Service Dogs are the project of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton. A fantastic standard poodle, named Remy, and her companion Laure, visited us and warmed everyone's heart.