

# Star Tidings

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*Denali Chapter #16 proudly presents our newly updated newsletter which will be published on a quarterly basis. Inside you will find information pertaining to Denali Chapter #16, Order of the Eastern Star, events attended by members, upcoming events, and a wealth of other tidbits of interest.*

*We hope you find the information herein rewarding and that it will inspire you to be actively involved within our chapter.*

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# STATED MEETINGS

Our stated meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, except the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Eagle,

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 seated*

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 furthers applicants 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.



## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Denali Chapter #16, Order of the Eastern Star, held an open installation of officers on January 8, 2011, at 2:00 PM.

Worthy Matron Bonnie Duncan extended a warm welcome to all and declared the Chapter opened for the Installation of officers.

<b>Installing Officer</b>	Barbara Kennedy PM
<b>Installing Chaplain</b>	Dan Hawkins PP
<b>Installing Secretary</b>	Iris Crothers PM/WM
<b>Installing Marshal</b>	Victoria Ault PM
<b>Installing Musicians</b>	Alice Chaney PM and Patricia Dart

During the interlude of the 2010 Officers retiring and the 2011 Officers taking their stations, Ms Sierra Gregg and Ms. Ashtin Wilson sang for all attending the ceremony.

After the signing of the bible, the Job's Daughters performed the Living Cross which was followed by an invitation to the people present to join in the Mizpah Benediction. Before the 2011 Officers marched out the Worthy Matron read the following poem:

“May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun and find your shoulder to lean on, to bring you luck, happiness and riches, today, tomorrow and beyond.”



### **Recipe For Happiness**

A dash of laughter  
2 cups of kindness  
Sprinkle of caring  
Touch of patience  
Handful of love

# 2011 Officers Pictured



**Back Row** (*left to right*): Dennis Morgan, PP, Sentinel; Sister Electa; Joan Jackson, Sister Ruth; Joyce Schuerger, Sister Adah; Victoria Ault, PM, Conductress; Theresa Thurston, Chaplain

**Middle Row** (*left to right*): Pat Dart, Organist; Mary Tasker, PM, Sister Esther

**Front Row** (*left to right*): Betty Prentice, PM, Associate Matron; Sandy Polsky, Worthy Matron; Jim McGoldrick, Worthy Patron; Eugene Prentice, PP, Associate Patron; Joan Morgan, PM, Secretary; Debra McGoldrick, Sister Martha; Al Schuerger, PP, Treasurer

**Not Pictured:** Henry T. Dunbar, PP, Marshal; Susan Hargis, Warder



## 2011 Officers



*Worthy Matron*  
*Worthy Patron*  
*Associate Matron*

*Associate Patron*  
*Secretary*  
*Treasurer*  
*Conductress*  
*Associate Conductress*  
*Chaplain*  
*Marshal*  
*Organist*  
*Sister Adah*  
*Sister Ruth*  
*Sister Esther*  
*Sister Martha*  
*Sister Electa*  
*Warder*  
*Sentinel*

*Sandy Polsky*  
*Jim McGoldrick*  
*Betty Prentice, PM*  
*Eugene Prentice, PP*  
*Joan Morgan, PM*  
*Al Schuerger, PP*  
*Victoria Ault, PM*  
*Position Open*  
*Theresa Thurston*  
*Henry T. Dunbar, PP*  
*Patricia Dart*  
*Joyce Schuerger*  
*Joan (J. J.) Jackson*  
*Mary L. Tasker, PM*  
*Deborah McGoldrick*  
*Position filled*  
*Susan Hargis*  
*Dennis Morgan, PP*



## SMILES FROM SANDY ~

*Just as a butterfly emerges from her cocoon...I too have emerged from mine...and my wings are still wet!*

*In 2008 when I was elected Associate Conductress I was told it would be 3 years before I found my way to become your Worthy Matron. Now in 2011, those 3 years have rocketed by, my cocoon has opened and my installation as Worthy Matron is history. WOW!*

*I am very excited and eager about the year ahead of us. My main goal is to have Anchorage become more aware of our beautiful Order through our community involvement.*

*Throughout the year we will be helping out with the Alaska Special Olympics Winter and Fall games; Alaska Special Olympics is my philanthropy, presenting a wreath at the National Cemetery in honor of our Veterans; participating in Anchorage's 4th of July parade;*

*mannng the phones at the Jerry Lewis Telethon; helping in the Special Olympics Torch Run and having an active participation in the Marine's Toys for Tots drive, which is our Worthy Patron's philanthropy.*

*This year, at all these activities, something new has been added. We will be wearing red vests, courtesy of Sister Helen Towle, with an Eastern star attached. Look for us...better yet...**BE one of us**, as the more red vest there are...the better and the brighter our star will shine.*

*Come to our meetings and see what activities are planned for our meeting nights. Some activities are organized and some are spur of the moment...you'll never know. I am truly hoping our year will be fun for us all.*

*This newsletter, courtesy of Sister Sharon Combs and Sister Kristine Chase is our way of uniting us all, as the family that we are. Near or far we are Brothers and Sisters at heart.*

*In Star Love & with Hugs,*

*Sister Sandy*

*Worthy Matron*



# Chapter News

## *Please Welcome*

### *Our New Members*

To our three new Order of the Eastern Star, Denali Chapter #16 members.

Kyra Mailki, Frank Mailki and Elizabeth Tupper-Wilson were initiated on January 24, 2011.

*You can chase a butterfly all over the field and never catch it. But if you sit quietly in the grass, it will come and sit on your shoulder.*

*~Author Unknown*

## **Birthday Celebrations**

### **January**

*Sharon Combs  
Robert Davidson, PP  
Velma Davidson  
Michael Kean, PP*

### **February**

*Bonnie Duncan, PM  
Patricia Dart  
Barbara J. Rigby  
Joan Morgan, PM*

### **March**

*Jean Kaufman  
Marcia Kean, PM  
Gene Prentice, PP  
Lawana Whaley, PM*

# Anniversary Celebrations

## January

Grace Brown  
Ashley Comer-Malone  
Henry T. Dunbar, PP  
Rebecca Dunbar, PM  
Marcia Kean, PM  
Michael Kean, PP  
Eileen Lawson  
Catherine Plesnik  
Joseph Rayfield  
Joyce Schuenger  
Albert Ticknor  
Meady Ticknor

## February

Carol Bohn  
Margaret Bunch, PM  
Sharon Combs  
Dan Hawkins, PP  
Virginia Henderson, PM  
Jean Kaufman  
Barbara Kennedy, PM  
Shirley Littleton  
Eugene Prentice, PP  
Sonja Stoces

## March

Ruth Brechan  
Kemberly Brooks  
Kristine Chase  
Robert Davidson, PP  
Robert Davis, PP  
Marvin Fitzpatrick, PP  
Marietta Gilliland  
Susan Hargis  
Heather Herndon  
Darlene Kimball  
Melodee Monson, PM  
Eudene Moore

Nan Mucha  
Darlene Nelson, PM  
David Oaks  
Kimberly Oaks  
Shawn Phillips  
Sue Suit  
Mary Tasker, PM



# THE POKE

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*Each meeting we give a report on the Poke.*

## ***A little history on The Poke...***

*Three years or so ago, our chapter voted to work at the little store in the Pioneer Home, here in Anchorage. The chapter loaned us \$1,000.00 to stock the store. The picture should tell you some of the things we carry. In the Fridge we stock all kinds of drinks, along with pot pies, hot pockets, etc. In a separate freezer we carry all kinds of ice cream bars. When a resident can't find what they want we take a special order and Joan tries to find the article.*

*We do not mark items up much but we were able to pay back the chapter in one year.*

*Come down anytime when we are open and check us out.*

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# THE POKE

*Continued*



Barbara Kennedy and Boy Scout Caston Wethererrll



Located in the Pioneers Home  
Store is open on Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday  
From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



**All help is voluntary and we can always use your help.**

It really would be nice to have two volunteers in the store at a time. Right now we only have one, and every time we have to run down the hall to our store room, we have to close the store.

We do this as one of our service projects. We have it for the residents and the people working there too. They all tell us how nice it is to have a store in the home.

## IN MEMORIAM

The following members have passed into the fullness of immortal life:

**Frederick W. Clarke**, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, passed away on December 28, 2010.

**Barbara J. Stearman**, Initiated into Denali Chapter #16 on October 11, 1976, born on September 28, 1933, passed away on August 24, 2010.

**Nancy Joann McCarty**, Initiated into Denali Chapter #16 on October 26, 1992, born on July 16, 1938 and passed away on April 15, 2009. Her address is Glen Allen

**Barbara Shea, PM**, died peacefully at home in Seward, AK. on January 26, 2011. She was born April 20, 1930 in Kentuckian, AK. and moved to Seward in 1947. Barbara affiliated with Denali Chapter #16 February 11, 1991.



*We extend our  
sincere  
condolences to all  
of their Families,  
Friends and  
Fraternal Sisters  
and Brothers.*

# GRAND LODGE 2011, THE LADIES VIEW

*Reported by Becky Dunbar.*

*For those of you who are new to the Masonic family, or who haven't been involved in the Grand Lodge activities, let me give you a brief overview.*

*The Grand Lodge of Alaska meets the first week of February each year. It is a gathering of the Masons of Alaska, to discuss and vote on state Masonic business, elect new officers and spend time getting to know each other. Masons from all across our great state, as well as visitors from other states attend, and the ladies are invited.*

*We ladies are invited to the public opening at 8:00 am the first morning, and to the installation on the last afternoon. At the public opening heads of many Masonic groups and organizations outside the Masonic family give welcoming speeches. At the installation, the new Grand officers are installed. Then except for the fine dinners, we get to enjoy the ladies events.*



*Star Helpers at Grand Lodge*

## ***Grand Lodge 2011, the Ladies View***

*(continued)*

*For those of you who are new to the Masonic family, or who haven't been involved in the Grand Lodge activities, let me give you a brief overview.*

*There is a nicely furnished hospitality room open during most of the lodge. There we can get to know each other better, especially those from out of state or far corners of Alaska. The room is stocked with snacks and games, relaxing chairs and provides a peaceful get together time.*



*Barbara Kennedy is pictured above enjoying a dog sled ride.*

## ***Grand Lodge 2011, the Ladies View***

*(continued)*



*What a beautiful day!*

*This year dog sled rides were arranged. Now this was fun. Come on, this isn't just for tourists, how many of you Alaskans have ever been on a dog sled ride? Wouldn't it make a great Christmas card? The ladies were also invited to tour David Green furs. If you are ever planning to buy a fur, Grand Lodge is the time. Not only do they arrange a great showing that you get to enjoy with friends, but David Green's offers a nice discount during Grand Lodge to the Masonic family.*

*This year there were two luncheons, one after the fur show/shopping trip which was held at the Lodge. There was entertainment, good food and often keep sake gifts. The Grand Master's wife and her committee select or make Alaskan gifts for the ladies. These are great keepsakes from each Grand Lodge.*

## ***Grand Lodge 2011, the Ladies View***

*(continued)*



*Seniors provided us great entertainment!*

*On Friday there was a luncheon at the Senior Center. Not only was there good food, but the entertainment was special. One part was a dance group of Senior citizens. What fun and a reminder that we can still do it. If you can't attend all the events, the Friday luncheon is a must. The next two on your list should be at least one of the banquets. The Grand Master's banquet is on Wednesday night and is a formal affair and is attended by the Grand Lodge officers, past Grand Masters, out of town guest and is now open to all the Masonic family. On Thursday night is the Fellowship banquet. This one has great entertainment and is when many to the yearly awards are announced and presented. All of these events are chances to make good friends within the Masonic family. Even though we may only see them once a year at Grand Lodge, great friendships are formed.*

*Thanks to Barbara Kennedy and Georgene for aiding in this article.*

# Grand Lodge 2011~Pictures



Jr Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and his wife, Mary



Past Grand Master Wives from Grand Lodge



Grand Lodge Star Helpers



Grand Lodge Women's Luncheon



## PLEASE BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Be an active member  
The kind that would be missed;  
Don't be just contented  
That your name is on the list.  
Do attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd:  
Don't stay at home  
And Crab both long and loud  
Don't leave the work for just a few  
And gripe about the clique.  
And take time out to visit  
A member who is sick.  
There is quite a program scheduled  
That means success, if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.  
So attend the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart,  
Be an active member  
And take an active part.  
Think this over, Member  
Are we right or are we wrong?  
Be an active member,  
Please don't just belong.



## **PLANTING A MASONIC GARDEN**

*First, plant five rows of peas...*

*Preparation, Purity, Presence, Promptness and Perseverance*

*Then, plant four rows of squash...*

*Squash gossip, Squash interference, Squash indifference, Squash unjust criticism.*

*Add five rows of lettuce....*

*Let us be faithful to duty, Let us be unselfish and loyal, Let us be true to our obligations, Let us obey rules and regulations and Let us love one another.*

*And since no garden is complete without them, finally plant turnips...*

*Turn up for meetings, Turn up with a smile, Turn up with new ideas,  
Turn up with new members, Turn up with determination to make everything count for something.*

*If you plant all of the above, you will enjoy a perfect Masonic Garden, and reap lots of pleasure for your efforts!!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

*Sometime in April we will share a joint activity with our sponsored group, The International Order of the Rainbow Girls, Nugget Assembly #13. We will be having a Spring Celebration with all of the residents of the Anchorage Pioneer Home.*

11 - Monday      Stated meeting  
Celebrate April Anniversaries

14 - Thursday      Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner

25 - Monday      Stated meeting  
**“In Your Easter Bonnet”**  
*Please join us for an Easter Bonnet parade.*

### May

9 – Monday      Stated meeting  
Celebrate May Anniversaries

12 - Thursday      Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner

21 – Saturday      Help **Special Olympics** with **the Law Enforcement Torch Run**. (Your help is most appreciated.)

23 – Monday      Stated meeting.  
Honoring the Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Widows and Sisters of Master Masons. Program on the Masonic Apron by Bother Hank Dunbar, PP.

30 – Monday      **Honoring our Veterans** by presenting a wreath at the **National Cemetery at Fort Richardson**. (Your help is most appreciated.)

# June

9 – Thursday

Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner

11 – Friday

**Special Olympic Summer Games**  
(Your help is most appreciated.)

12 – Saturday

**Special Olympic Summer Games**  
(Your help is most appreciated.)

13 – Sunday

**Special Olympic Summer Games**  
(Your help is most appreciated.)

# July

4 – Monday

Participate in the **City of Anchorage, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**  
(Your help is most appreciated.)

10 – Thursday

Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner

# August

11 – Thursday

Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner



*Please mark your calendars and join us in our stated meetings and activities this year. We would love to see each and every one of you.*

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*This is a **REMINDER** for all members.*

Your 2011 dues are due in to me as soon as possible. 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](mailto:oesjpm@aol.com) or send me a note at the Chapter address.

We are making an effort to update our membership records and need to know your birth date. The month and day are sufficient. Also we need your phone number and e-mail address, if you have one. Please contact me with any questions you may have about Eastern Star.

*Fraternally,*

Joan Morgan  
Secretary



*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  
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*Or*

*Sandy Polsky  
[alaskaramblers@gci.net](mailto:alaskaramblers@gci.net)*

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

*Submission deadline for our next newsletter is June  
24, 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.*