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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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\textsuperscript{th} 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 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 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.

Installing Officer
Barbara Kennedy PM
Installing Chaplain
Dan Hawkins PP
Installing Secretary
Iris Crothers PM/WM
Installing Marshal
Victoria Ault PM
Installing Musicians
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 laugher
2 cups of kindness
Sprinkle of caring
Touch of patience
Handful of love
2011 Officers Pictured

Back Row (left to right): Dennis Morgan, PP; Ileana Hawkins, Electa; Joan Jackson, Sister Ruth; Joyce Schueger, Sister Adah; Victoria Ault, PM; 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 Conductress; Sandy Polsky, Worthy Matron; Jim McGoldrick, Worthy Patron; Eugene Prentice, PP, Associate Patron; Joan Morgan, PM, Secretary; Debra McGoldrick, Sister Martha; Al Shueger, PP, Treasurer

Not Pictured: Henry T. Dunbar, PP, Marshal; Ileana Hawkins, Sister Electa
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
Ileana Hawkins
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;
manning 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
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 Schuerger
Albert Ticknor
Meady Ticknor

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

March
Ruth Brechan
Kembelry 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

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.
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:


**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


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)

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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.
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.
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.

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“In Your Easter Bonnet”
*Please join us for an Easter Bonnet parade.*

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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.
This is a **REMININDER** 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 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:
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scombs@gci.net
Or
Sandy Polsky
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.