



August 2023 Twinkle

Calendar AUGUST 2023

Tues., Aug. 1

Stated Dinner/After Dinner Amusements

6:30 p.m. dinner/7:30 p.m. program

Old West Masonic Lodge

Join us for the Lodge's monthly dinner; the cost is \$15, and it'll be a ravioli dinner! Afterward, Sister Laura Kelley is teaching a free card-making class.

Thurs., Aug. 3

Block Party

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

It's a free, relaxing night with a burger bar, fun games, and a bake off dessert competition! All Newhall Masonic groups, family and prospects are welcome.

Thurs., Aug. 10

Honors Night Anteroom Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

We'll have a quick business meeting in the anteroom, and then honor our new 25-, 50-, and 75-year members and do an OES tribute to Sister Norma Shannon. Dress is casual; please eat dinner first. Refreshments: Laura Kelley.

Sat., Aug. 12

Grand Esther Reception

7 p.m.

Ventura Masonic Lodge

Old West PM Marie Luskleet will be celebrated for her time as Grand Esther this year. Dress is formal.

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Message from the East

Sisters and Brothers,

We have a lot going on in the month of August! We're composing this just after the July Twinkle re-write due to the loss of our Worthy Matron Norma Shannon, so much of this is coming straight from July to August.

I want to repeat what I said last month: Per the Constitution and Laws, we are required to hold an election upon the vacancy of an elected officer. **Therefore, ANYONE who desires to hold the position of Worthy Matron (or Associate Matron, or Conductress), should have their Letter of Intent on the lectern at our Aug. 24 meeting before opening.**

Thursday, Aug. 3, is our **Block Party**—there will be food, games, and prizes. We're inviting ALL the Masonic Groups: Lodge, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Prince Hall. What we need from YOU is to be there, and bring your family and friends! Please send a RSVP to Amy Hamaker (ajhamaker1@gmail.com) so we have some idea of how much food to make, even if you're a maybe. And if you're so inclined, enter a dessert in our bake-off! Your WM and WP will be the judges, and we are hoping to bring in a "guest star" to be a judge as well.

Thursday, Aug. 10, will be our "**Anniversaries and Awards**" night. This will be an Anteroom meeting, so we'll begin at 6:30 p.m. and cover essential business only. After we close, we'll invite in any non-members and perform the Eastern Star Memorial Service for Sister Norma. We also plan on having the Job's Daughters

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OES Old West Chapter #642

Old West Masonic Center

19208 Avenue of the Oaks

Newhall, CA 91321

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

(except for July)

For more information, contact Doug Kelley:

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Message From the West

As we continue to struggle through record heat, here are some tips on how to beat the heat:

- Hydrate—it's obvious but often overlooked. The more you perspire, the more water you should ingest; if you stop perspiring, that's a real problem!
- If you have furry family members who go outside, be careful they don't burn their toe beans on hot surfaces.
- If you have to be outdoors, try to stay in the shady areas, take it slow, and wear a hat!
- Try to stay inside during the hottest hours of the day.
- Light-colored, lightweight clothing will help your body monitor its internal temperature.

As we get back to being active, please keep our members in your hearts:

- **Sister Kim Brandon** is moving to Tehachapi in August. We wish her and David the best, but will miss them terribly.
- **Sister Norma's** family is continuing to adjust to life "after."
- **Sister Rochelle Haller** has some continuing health challenges and could use our prayers.

If you know of another Sister or Brother who needs some extra love, please let us know. ★

—Laura Kelley, AM, Scott Shepherd, AP

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(many of whom are Norma's granddaughters) sign and sign "Nearer My God To Thee." Afterward, we'll have dessert and presentations to 25-year, 50-year, and even a 75-year anniversary members, as well as other awards. Attire is business casual.

Thursday, Aug. 17, is our **monthly blanket making party**. Drop in anytime after 4:30 p.m., leave when you have to. We have the material and everything you need to make the blankets—no sewing required!

Thursday, Aug. 24, will be **Matron and Patron night** (as well as elections). We're inviting other Chapter's Matrons and Patrons to fill the Star Points and other (non-elected) officer stations. Expect to see some Grands as well. This will be a normal meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. See the Calendar section for attire suggestions. ★

Yours, Doug Kelley WP



August Birthdays!

19: Beverly Graham
27: Sandra Hasler

Hope your day is as special as you are!

From the Secretary's Desk

Thank you to the Old West Sisters and Brothers for your 2023 Dues payments: I'm happy to say all payments were received in July with ZERO dues owed in August! Because 100% of dues and assessments were paid before the Per Capita bill is received, I'm confident we will not have to use ANY general fund money. Again, thank you for your support!

Star Love, Judy Mook, PM, Secretary

Secretary Rules

(Some helpful things to know when working with our Secretary...)

1. Please use the email address oes642secretary@gmail.com for all Chapter correspondence.
2. The Treasurer now receives original receipts for any purchases that require reimbursement. Receipts should be taped or pasted onto a blank sheet of paper with the member's name, what the purchase is for, and the total amount due. Please send a scanned copy to the Secretary's email address (oes642secretary@gmail.com).
3. Any donated funds for fundraisers must be given to the designated finance person with your name, fundraiser name and date, and amount of cash or check. Do not give fundraising money directly to the Secretary.
4. The Secretary does not bring cash to the meetings and will not be able to make change. ★

Masonic Family News

What's Happening with Old West's Masonic Youth Groups and Lodges

Job's Daughters Bethel 249 Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays



Hi, Eastern Star family! We hope you're enjoying your summer and staying cool. The girls certainly have been, as we've had a beach day in Ventura (see picture), and have an outing to the Miss California Job's Daughters pageant in San Francisco coming up in August to root on our own Erica McHorney who'll be competing again this year.



We'll start meetings again in late August, and we'd love to see you there! We're always looking for more members (ages 10-19) and JD to Bees (ages 7-9) as well. Please contact me (pmorrison-hill@gmail.com) if you'd like more information about Job's Daughters in Newhall or elsewhere.

—Sister Peggy Hill, Bethel Guardian

Order of DeMolay Newhall Chapter Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays



Old West is meeting, but we could use help. We had good turnout for the July 4th parade, assisted by several of the parents. AND we got Brother Kevin McHorney's son initiated into our Chapter (top photo). We ALWAYS need new members!

We weren't able to do our "Fun Event" as planned, but we hope to set up the next one—a "video game night." To do this, we'll cook and serve dinner at the Aug. 1 Stated Meeting and use the money to fund a video game truck.

We've started a "pizza and proficiencies" on fourth Fridays (bottom photo), where the young men can memorize their obligations (like the Masons have to). And, of course, we're bribing them with pizza.

Old West DeMolay is struggling. We need more active advisors, and we have just a few members. We really need YOU to step up and help find new members for our chapter, as well as volunteering to become an Demolay ADvisor ("DAD"—but "Mom"s are welcome too!)★—Brother Doug Kelley, Advisor

Old West Lodge No. 813 Stated Meeting: 1st Tues



The Lodge stated meeting dinner is the first Tuesday of every month and is \$15.

The Lodge continues to be busy doing degrees. For each of the 3rd Degree recipients (Master Mason), I have been giving them a petition to the Eastern Star. I am also going to be attending a "class" given by Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patron Art Weiss on how I can talk to the Lodge members better about Eastern Star.

The Aug. 1 Stated Meeting dinner will have a card-making class (hosted by Sister Laura) afterward. After the Oct. 3 Stated Meeting dinner, we will have Cindy Wolcott teach Napkin Folding. We will be inviting the Mason's wives and prospects to stay afterward, so please come out at support these events.

—Brother Doug Kelley (Past Master, Chaplain)



Honors, Anniversaries and Awards

Please join us on

Thursday, August 10 at 7:30pm

(following our 6:30pm anteroom meeting)

as we honor the memory of our WM, Sister Norma Shannon
with the OES floral tribute and a presentation from our JDI Bethel



and celebrate the

Anniversaries and Award Presentations

to some of our wonderful members.

Dessert will be served.

Attire: Business Casual



Old West Masonic Lodge, 19310 Avenue of the Oaks, Newhall CA 91321.

Within the Friendly Valley Community – tell the guard you are going to the Lodge.

Please RSVP to AM Laura Kelley at lewlew4444@yahoo.com

Area WMs and WPs will join us and take over some stations. Dress: Ladies, sundresses! Men, casual polo shirts. Refreshments: Libby Whisnant.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Thurs., Sept. 7

Line Meeting

7 p.m., Zoom

Sat., Sept. 9

WGM/WGP Reception

7 p.m.

Visalia

Dress is formal; contact Doug Kelley for more info. d_w_kelley@yahoo.com

Thurs., Sept. 14

Brothers Night Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Come and honor our Brothers at this long-form meeting. Dress is business casual. Refreshments: Doug Kelley, Scott Shepherd.

Sat., Sept. 16

Blanket Making

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Blanket making for Project Linus and the Young Survival Coalition is easy and fun! Come anytime and bring a snack to share.

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Thurs., Aug. 17

Blanket Making

4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Blanket making for Project Linus and the Young Survival Coalition is easy and fun! Come anytime and bring a snack to share.

Thurs., Aug. 24

Matron/Patron Night Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Wed., Sept. 20

Dine Out Fundraiser

Save the date—more info to come

Thurs., Sept. 28

Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Casual dress for this short-form meeting. Refreshments chair needed! ★



Blanket Making Project!!

(Patient Comfort Committee)

Project ♥ Linus



We have been gifted with a large quantity of fleece and want to use it to make blankets for Project Linus and for the Young Survival Coalition (a breast cancer support group for young adults).

Worried that you don't have the skills? Don't!

NO SEWING NEEDED!

We will be assembling at the Old West Masonic Lodge approximately once a month.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 17

4:30 - 9 (come by any time)

19310 Avenue of the Oaks, Newhall, CA

(within the Friendly Valley Housing Community)



Please bring a small snack to share and any beverages you might want to enjoy.

What else should you bring?

- A willingness to learn and a fun attitude!
- Fabric scissors, if you have them (not required)
- Seam ripper, if you have it (not required)

Organized by the Patient Comfort Committee of Old West Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.
Contact info: Laura Kelley 661/400-2686, lewlew4444@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates: Sat, Sept 16 (9-3)
(no meetings during Nov or Dec)

Sat, Oct 7 (9-3)

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Thurs, Jan 18 (4:30-9pm)
 Thurs, Mar 21 (4:30-9pm)
 Thurs, May 16 (4:30-9pm)
 Thurs, Jul 18 (4:30-9pm)
 Thurs, Sep 19 (4:30-9pm)

Sat, Feb 17 (9am-3pm)
 Sat, Apr 20 (9am-3pm)
 Sat, Jun 15 (9am-3pm)
 Sat, Aug 17 (9am-3pm)
 Sat, Oct 17 (9am-3pm)



PLEASE COME CELEBRATE
OUR
MATRONS AND PATRONS
AT OLD WEST CHAPTER
AND
ENJOY AN EVENING AT THE BEACH
ON
THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2023

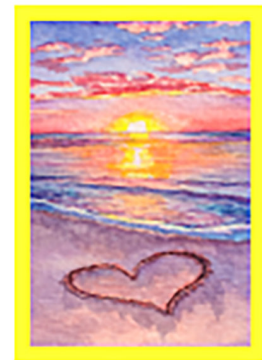


LADIES, THROW ON YOUR FAVORITE SUN DRESS
GENTLEMEN, COME IN YOUR SUMMER COMFORTABLE WEAR



AND
COME PLAY IN THE EVENING SUN
AT 7:30 PM

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FRIENDLY VALLEY RETIREMENT CENTER
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