



# September 2023 Twinkle

## Calendar SEPTEMBER 2023

## Message from the East

Sisters and Brothers,

**Thurs., Sept. 7**

**Line Meeting**

7 p.m., Zoom

**Fri., Sept. 8**

**DeMolay Rifle Safety Talk**

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

Come out and support our DeMolay! Pizza will be served; please RSVP to Brother Scott Shepherd, [shepard6@pacbell.net](mailto:shepard6@pacbell.net)

**Sat., Sept. 9**

**WGM/WGP Reception**

7 p.m.

*Visalia*

Dress is formal; contact Doug Kelley for more info.  
[d\\_w\\_kelley@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Also: New member affiliation! Please bring your next Secret Star gift and 2 family-size cans of veggies for Family Promise. Dress is business casual. Refreshments: Doug Kelley, Scott Shepherd.

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I write this after our Eastern Star funeral ceremony for our Worthy Matron Norma Shannon on August 10. Most of our Job's Daughters Bethel were in attendance to pay their last tribute to her by singing (and signing) "Nearer, My God To Thee."

Thursday, Aug. 24, was Matron and Patron night (as well as elections and balloting). We invited other Chapters' Matrons and Patrons to fill the Star Points and other (non-elected) officer stations.

In addition, during the Aug. 24 meeting, Sister Laura Kelley was elected as Worthy Matron for the remainder of this term, and Sister Diane Matalas was elected as Associate Matron for the remainder of this term. Both were initiated that evening as well. On behalf of the Chapter, thank you to both of these Sisters for stepping up when most needed.

This month, we will be meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Sept. 14 is Brother's Night and the dress is business casual. We will be doing our affiliation that night for Sister Cindy Wolcott. Brother Scott and I will provide refreshments. On Sept. 28, we are planning to INITIATE a new member, so please brush up on your ritual work! Attire will be white dresses / tuxes for officers.

Saturday, Sept. 16 will be our monthly blanket-making party for Project Linus and YSC. Come out and help--no experience necessary! We'll be there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; come in when you can, leave when you have to.

Our September dine-out will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Hook

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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

Howdy friends! How is fall approaching already? Time sure does fly when we're having fun!

As we approach a new term of office, I have tried to reach out to all of our active members to seek guidance for our Chapter in the coming days. I really appreciate all the input I have received and hope to integrate it into our plans.

A huge thank you to all helped with the funeral service for our dear Norma. I hope it brought some peace to you, as it did to me.

It was also a thrill to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our members at Anniversaries and Awards!

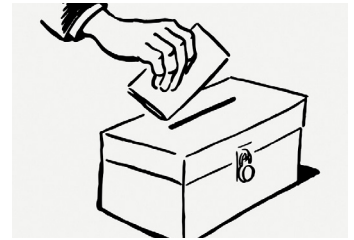
As always, please let me know if you know of a member who needs some special attention. ★

—Laura Kelley, AM, Scott Shepherd, AP

## Chapter Elections Notice!

Anyone seeking the offices of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Secretary, or Treasurer **should have their nominations on the dais in the East prior to the start of our Oct. 12 meeting.**

Nominations shall be in writing and include the name of office, the nominee and the signatures of two Chapter members in good standing. The slip must also be signed by the nominee as her/his consent to accept the position if elected. ★



## September Birthdays!

*Hope your day is as special as you are!*

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| 1: Denise Weed     | 22: Andrew Winter |
| 5: Pat Saletore    | 23: Dolores Bunce |
| 11: Rick Baca      | 25: Buzz Haller   |
| 14: Jamie Campbell | 27: Judy Mook     |
| 16: Jerry Chandler | 29: Ellie Lacy    |

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Burger in Valencia from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. There's a flyer in this issue on page 6 and there will be some at the Lodge. Have dinner, socialize, and make some money for your Chapter!

Last, but by no means least, congrats to Erica, the daughter of Sister Erin and Brother Patrick, who became Miss California Job's Daughter 2023-2024! ★

Yours,

—Doug Kelley WP

## From the Secretary's Desk

### Secretary Rules

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

1. Please use the email address [oes642secretary@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. ★

—Star Love, Judy Mook, PM, Secretary

## 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! The most exciting part of our August was our trip to San Francisco to watch our own Erica compete (and win!) in the Miss California Job's Daughter pageant! Not only did we cheer her on, we also had a great time in the city. Thankfully, we got home safe from tropical storm Hilary.



We're happy to be growing—we have two new JD to Bees, and we're expecting two petitions this month! If you know of young women who might benefit from Job's Daughters, please contact me ([pmorrisonhill@gmail.com](mailto:pmorrisonhill@gmail.com)) for more information about Job's Daughters in Newhall or elsewhere.

—Sister Peggy Hill, Bethel Guardian

#### **Old West Lodge No. 813**

**Stated Meeting: 1st Tuesdays**



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree recipients (Master Mason), I have been giving them a petition to the Eastern Star.

I recently attended 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. I'll be giving a presentation to our Lodge members (and possibly other Lodges as well) in the near future.

After the Oct. 3 Stated Meeting dinner, we'll have an “After Dinner Amusement” featuring Cindy Wolcott teaching Napkin Folding. After the Dec. 5 Stated Meeting dinner, Sister Amy Hamaker will give a lesson on handbells. We'll 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)

#### **Order of DeMolay Newhall Chapter**

**Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays**



Old West is meeting, but we could use help. We ALWAYS need new members! And we ARE getting a new member Rowen, who will be initiated at Conclave in Riverside over Labor Day weekend.

We weren't able to do our “Fun Event” as planned, but hoping to set up the next one—a video game night with a special video game truck. Thank you to all who showed up at the Aug. 1 Stated Meeting and donated to the cause!

We've started a pizza and proficiencies on fourth Fridays, 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 meet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, but 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



## Blanket Making Project!!

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: Saturday, September 16  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

Upcoming Dates: Sat, Oct 7 (Noon-6PM, after the Alzheimer's Walk)

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| Tentative (2024): | Thurs, Jan 18  | Sat, Feb 17  | Thurs, Mar 21  | Sat, Apr 20 |
|                   | Thurs, May 16  | Sat, June 15 | Thurs, July 18 | Sat, Aug 17 |
|                   | Thurs, Sept 19 | Sat, Oct 17  |                |             |

Join us for fellowship and dinner, and help us raise money to fund our philanthropic and fun activities. Flier on p. 6.

## Thurs., Sept. 28 Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

We'll be initiating a new member at this meeting! Officers: white formals / tuxidos. Refreshments: Peggy Hill

## Sat., Sept. 30 Job's Daughters Eggs Benedict Breakfast

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

Come support our Jobies! Tickets available at the door.

## OCTOBER 2023

## Wed., Oct. 3 Stated Dinner/Amusement

6 p.m. / approx. 7 p.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

Dinner is \$15 and available to everyone. Afterward, Sister Cindy Wolcott will be teaching us fancy napkin folding techniques.

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## 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.

## Wed., Sept. 20 Dine Out Fundraiser

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

*Hook Burger, Valencia*

## Thurs., Oct. 4 Line Meeting

7 p.m., Zoom

## Sat., Oct. 7 Alzheimers Assn. Walk

8 a.m.

*Bridgeport, Valencia*

We're walking and collecting money for the Alzheimers Association—contact Doug Kelley or Stephanie Taylor to sign up!

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## Photo Album

*Pictures from some of our recent activities*



Sister Laura Kelley hugs Sister Erin McHorney, daughter of Norma, at Norma's OES funeral service.



Sisters Laura Kelley (left) and Peggy Hill (right) and Brother Doug Kelley delivered stuffed animals to the Shriners Medical Center in Pasadena.



Honorees from our Awards Night. Pix from left to right: Pat Masnica (left), new 75-year member; Beverly Graham (left), new 25-year member; Amy Hamaker (center) new Dr. Rob Morris award recipient.

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**Sat., Oct. 7**

**Blanket Making**

12 - 6 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., Oct. 12**

**Elections Meeting**

7:30 p.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

Anyone wishing to run for an elected office should have their letter of intent on the lecturn in the East prior to the start of the meeting (see notice on page 2 for requirements). Bring your next Secret Star gift!

**Wed., Oct. 18 - Sat., Oct. 21**

**Grand Chapter**

Times vary

*Visalia, CA*

This is our annual convention, being held at the Visalia Convention Center. We have several members attending; watch our Facebook page for event photos and items of interest!

**Thurs., Oct. 26**

**Fall Frolic Meeting**

7:30 p.m.

*Old West Masonic Lodge*

Join us at our meeting and wear your fall colors! We hope to see you and catch up on Chapter activities.

**Fri., Oct. 27 - Sun., Oct. 29**

**Grand Lodge**

Times vary

*San Francisco, CA*

This is the Masons of California's annual convention, being held at the Scottish Rite Center in San Francisco. We have several Brothers attending; watch our Facebook page for event photos and items of interest! ★



## **Restaurant Night**

**Get together with family and friends to help us,  
Enjoy some great food and at the same time support the**

### **Old West Eastern Star**

**Enjoy a Great Evening at Hook Burger  
While supporting the community...**

**Hook Burger will donate 20% to our cause!  
Please bring this flyer to the location listed below**

**Date: Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Time: 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Where: 24369 Magic Mountain Pkwy, Valencia CA 91355**