



October 2023 Twinkle

Calendar OCTOBER 2023

Tues., Oct. 3

After Dinner Amusement

Dinner 5:30 p.m. / activity immediately after

Old West Masonic Lodge

Join us as Sister Cindy Wolcott teaches us how to fold napkins that will impress even your most hardened dinner critics! Dinner is \$15; napkin folding is free.

Thurs., Oct. 5

Line Meeting

7 p.m., Zoom

Sat., Oct. 7

Blanket Making

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

Help us make blankets for Project Linus and Young Survival Coalition. Bring a snack to share. *This will be our last blanket making event of the year; we'll start again in January!*

Sat., Oct. 7

Alzheimers Assn. Walk

8 a.m.

Bridgeport, Valencia

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

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Message from the East

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to fill Norma's very big shoes. I'll do my best to finish the term in the way she would have wanted. I ran across this thought the other day and it reminds me to try to imitate Norma's kindness every day:

BE THE THINGS YOU LOVED MOST
ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GONE.

Plans for next year are already underway. Here are some important dates for you to know:

- **Sunday, Nov. 5**, 4 p.m. - incoming officer's meeting at the Kelley home, dinner will be served
- **Thursday, Nov. 9**, 7:30 p.m. - farewell meeting
- **Sunday, Nov. 12**, 4 p.m. - installation practice at the Lodge
- **Monday, Nov. 13**, 6:30 p.m. - Secret Star revelation after the Bethel meeting. Come and spend some time with your special daughter!
- **Thursday, Nov. 16**, 7 p.m. - installation of officers, formal in holiday colors, please
- **Saturday, Dec. 2**, 5 p.m. - Bethel 249 installation
- **Saturday, Dec. 9** - Holiday Breakfast - ALL HANDS ON DECK, PLEASE!
- **Thursday, Dec. 14**, 6:30 p.m. - Practice with our

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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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Email: d_w_kelley@yahoo.com

Message From the West

Hello, everyone! Thank you so much for your confidence in allowing me to take on the office of Associate Matron for the remainder of the term for our Chapter.

I'm excited about what we have planned for the coming two months.

Please, if you know of someone who could use our help or comfort, contact me at dhmata-las@gmail.com. ★

—Diane Matalas,
AM, Scott Shepherd, AP



October Birthdays!

Hope your day is as special as you are!

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| 1: Belinda Alarcon-Ryan | 15: Nicki Kubinak |
| 2: Margie Magee | 19: Barbara Schnepf |
| 2: Deanna Pettersen | 21: Susan Armstrong |
| 15: Cindy Alarcon | 22: Denise Sanford |

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new DGM, Cathy Krailo

- **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 -p.m.** - Holiday Hoopla meeting with cookie exchange
- **Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m.** - driving tour to see SCV holiday lights (Starbucks run after?)
- **Thursday, Dec. 28, 6 p.m.** - New Year's "Pr'Eve" party at the Kelleys - bring an appetizer to share one white elephant gift per attendee ★

Star love,

—Laura Kelley, WM

From the Secretary's Desk

Hello, all! Treasurer Jackie and I have worked out a schedule that helps us manage the recording of payments to the Chapter and receipts for bills in a timely, more efficient manner. Please do all that you can to turn in checks and cash to the Secretary, as well as receipts for reimbursement to the Treasurer, no later than the Tuesday before each meeting. Turning these items in just before our meetings make it less efficient for us and adds stress to our pre- and post- meeting time. This timeline action is requested to facilitate proper recording of the Chapter's funds.

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. ★**

—Star Love, Judy Mook, PM, Secretary

Please make checks payable to:

Old West Chapter #642

Please address all correspondence to:

Old West Chapter #642 OES
c/o Judy Mook, Secretary
19208 Avenue of the Oaks
Newhall, CA 91321

Masonic Family News

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

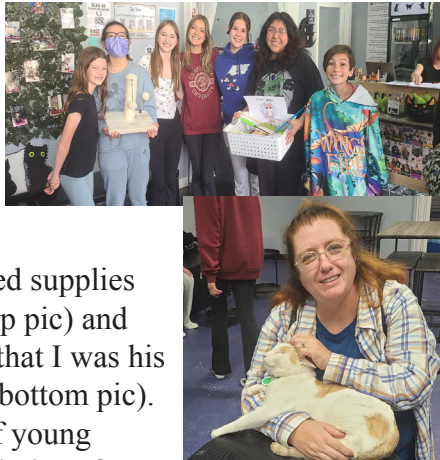
Job's Daughters Bethel 249

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays



Thank you so much to all the Eastern Star who came out to the Jim and Cynthia Cunningham Memorial Eggs Benedict Breakfast! It was a smashing success, in large part to all of you.

We went to the Tail Town Cat Cafe for a play date visit. The girls collected and donated supplies for the rescue (top pic) and Freddie decided that I was his new best friend (bottom pic).



If you know of young women who might benefit from Job's Daughters, please contact me (pmorrissonhill@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 3rd 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 will be giving a presentation to our Lodge members soon.

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

Order of DeMolay Newhall Chapter

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays



Old West is meeting, but we ALWAYS need new members! We just initiated a new member at our annual Conclave, and we will be initiating another member sometime in October. But our Chapter is very small and we need more help.

Our Friday, Sept. 8 meeting with firearm safety was very well attended; we had some Lodge Leadership show up and participate. Thanks to all who attended. We plan to have a day at a shooting range soon.

Our next fun event will be the annual Shrine Halloween Dance at the Shrine Expo Hall on Friday, Aug. 20, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you want to bring your teen or pre-teen (10+, boys and girls welcome!), its FREE and well-chaperoned.

We are still planning a fun “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!

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

Bylaw Changes

All Old West Chapter members: We will be voting on these proposed bylaw changes at our Oct. 12, 2023, meeting:

Change #1:

Article V, Sec. 2: The dues of each member shall be ~~forty~~ dollars plus the amount of the Grand Chapter Per Capita fees and special assessments plus \$10 Home Assessment per year, payable annually on January first in advance. Non payment of dues and/or assessments shall subject a member to penalties prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

Proposed: The dues of each member shall be **fifty** dollars plus the amount of the Grand Chapter Per Capita fees and special assessments plus \$10 Home Assessment per year, payable annually on January first in advance. Non payment of dues and/or assessments shall subject a member to penalties prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

Change #2:

Article III, Sec. 3a Currently reads: Issue all checks, which are to be signed by any two of the three following officers: Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer.

Proposed: Act as custodian of the checkbook and issue all checks, which are to be signed by any two of the three following officers: Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer.

Change #3:

Article III, Sec 3d Currently reads: Submit ~~biannually~~ a report of the monetary transactions of the Chapter. All Disbursements of Chapter funds shall be paid by check ordered by the Chapter.

Proposed: Submit **semiannually** a report of the monetary transactions of the Chapter. All Disbursements of Chapter funds shall be paid by check ordered by the Chapter. ★

Watch for our members' adventures at Grand Chapter on our Eastern Star-Old West Chapter #642-public page on Facebook.

Oct. 20-22

Grand Lodge

San Francisco, CA

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. Refreshments: Beverly Graham

NOVEMBER 2023

Thurs., Nov. 2

Line Meeting

7 p.m., *Zoom*

Sun., Nov. 5

Incoming Officers Meeting

4 p.m.

Kelley home

Learn about your office for the

upcoming term. Dinner will be served.

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Thurs., Oct. 12

Election Night Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

All members of Old West Chapter are invited to come and vote for the leadership of our Chapter. Bring your next Secret Star gift! Dress suggestion is business casual. Refreshments: Peggy Hill.

Oct. 18-21

Grand Chapter

Visalia, CA

Thurs., Nov. 9

Farewell Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

It's our last meeting of Norma and Doug's term. Join us and celebrate the good times.

Nov. 9-11

Job's Daughters Intl. Grand Council

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Alzheimer's Walk is October 7, 2023

Team page of Old West Masonic Family

DONATE TO THE TEAM

JOIN OUR TEAM

Support our team for the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®, the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.



To register for the walk on our team, Old West Masonic Family, go to the website:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=801292&fr_id=16400&pg=team

You will see the above depiction of the website.

To join the team, click on the JOIN OUR TEAM box and follow the instructions.

To make a donation to the Old West Masonic Team, click on the DONATE TO THE TEAM box.

Our goal is to raise \$1000. Currently we are at 33% with \$330 raised.

By joining the team, you will be asked to set a goal of money. You can ask people to support you by donating and walking. Collect the money and then donate that amount online at the website cited above. You will be asked for a credit card account or Paypal to use.

Once you join our team, you can choose not to walk, but can donate to the team online. You will be asked for a credit card account or Paypal to use.

WALK LOCATION

Bridgeport Park
23670 Newhall Ranch Rd
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

TIME

Registration / Expo at 8 a.m.
Ceremony at 9 a.m.
Walk at 9:30 a.m.

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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.

Note special meeting time!

Next meeting: Saturday, October 7

Noon – 6pm (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: (no meetings during Nov or Dec)

2024 (tentative)	Thurs, Jan 18 (4:30-9pm)	Sat, Feb 17 (9am-3pm)
	Thurs, Mar 21 (4:30-9pm)	Sat, Apr 20 (9am-3pm)
	Thurs, May 16 (4:30-9pm)	Sat, Jun 15 (9am-3pm)
	Thurs, Jul 18 (4:30-9pm)	Sat, Aug 17 (9am-3pm)
	Thurs, Sep 19 (4:30-9pm)	Sat, Oct 17 (9am-3pm)

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Long Beach, CA

Sun., Nov. 12

Installation Practice

4 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

If you'll be holding an office in the next term, please plan to be here so we're prepared for installation.

Mon., Nov. 13

Secret Stars Reveal

Bethel meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

We're letting the secret of the Secret Stars out after the Bethel meeting! Come and enjoy desserts and fun revelations with the Jobies!

Thurs., Nov. 16

Installation of Officers

7 p.m.

Old West Masonic Lodge

All are welcome at this open ceremony! Please join us

for a lovely evening. Incoming officers, please wear a formal in holiday colors of cobalt blue, forest green, or cranberry red.

Sun., Nov. 5

Incoming Officers Meeting

4 p.m.

Kelley home

Learn about your office for the upcoming term. Dinner will be served.

***Please note: There will be no Chapter meeting on Thursday, Nov. 23. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!**

