

NOVEMBER 2023

The Twinkle



OLD WEST CHAPTER #642 • NEWHALL, CA



(From left) **Sisters Laura Kelley, Peggy Hill, Amy Hamaker, and Margie Magee** are ready for the Fun Night Jumanji-themed dinner event at Grand Chapter 2023.

From the East

As we wrap up another successful term and launch into a new year, we want to offer each of you our sincerest appreciation for your support of both the Chapter and us as individuals this year. To say that we faced some challenges would be putting it lightly.

But everyone stepped up, kindness and support were offered and we managed to make our way through. The loss of a sitting Worthy Matron is no easy task to deal with, but we have managed to find a path forward. We hope that the intentions Norma had for this year were fulfilled.

As we end and begin, we are seeing a flurry of new members to our Chapter. We have initiation upcoming and at least 2 viable petitions out there! Well done, Sisters and Brothers! Growth and change to meet current desires are the path to success. It reminds me of a quote from PMWGP Loyal Stark, "Our values and principles are written in granite. Our practices and traditions must be written in chalk."

Wishing you each a joyous Thanksgiving season.

—*Laura and Doug Kelley*



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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)

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contact Doug Kelley:

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From the West

Hello, everyone! I'd like to again 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 looking forward to continuing as Associate Matron next term, and I know Brother Scott Shepherd is excited to move up to the East as Worthy Patron with Sister Laura Kelley.

I'm excited about what we have coming in our calendar. As we begin a new term, let's remember all of our Sisters and Brothers who may need comfort, and count our own blessings in life.

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

—*Diane Matalas and
Scott Shepherd*



From the Secretary's Desk

As a reminder, 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 to facilitate proper recording of the Chapter's funds. Turning these items in just before our meetings make it less efficient for us and adds stress to our pre- and post-meeting time.

Secretary Rules

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 (above).
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.

—*Judy Mook*

November Birthdays!

We hope your day is as special as you are!

11: Laura Kelley

16: Debra De Primio

18: Cheryl Cormany

26: Cynthia Ann Yarrow



Masonic Family News

What's happening with Newhall's Masonic Groups

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



As the Bethel Guardian of our local Job's Daughters Bethel, I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your incredible kindness and support throughout the past term. The Chapter's "Secret Star" program has truly illuminated the Bethel Daughters, much like the stars in the night sky. Your thoughtful gifts, warm words of encouragement, and the sense of community you've provided to our girls have made a significant impact on our Bethel.

The anticipation for the reveal later this month is building excitement and curiosity, but what is certain is the appreciation and love our Daughters feel for our Eastern Star family. Thank you for being a shining example of what Masonic brotherhood and sisterhood truly mean.

With sincere thanks and warm regards,

—Peggy Hill

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—and other Lodges—in November.

We continue to have "After Dinner Amusements" on the "even" months. After the December 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 and support these events.

—Doug Kelley

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



Old West is meeting, but we could use help. We ALWAYS need new members! We just initiated a new member at our yearly Conclave over Labor Day, and we will be initiating another member sometime in November, hopefully. But our Chapter is very small and we need more help.

We're planning a day at the "Place to Shoot" range in November. Unfortunately, due to a last-minute schedule change, the actual date is still being determined.

We're still planning a fun event—a "video game night" with a special Video Game truck.

We've started a "pizza and proficiencies" on the 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!).

—Doug Kelley

Calendar

Upcoming events of Old West Chapter

November 2023

Thurs., Nov. 2

Line Meeting

- 6:30 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. Others are also welcome to hang out!

Thurs., Nov. 9

Farewell Meeting

- 7:30 p.m.
- Old West Masonic Lodge

It's our last meeting of the term! Please join us and celebrate the good times and lasting memories. Suggested dress is business casual, but we'll take you however you are!

Job's Daughters CA Grand Council

Nov. 9-11

- 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. Others are also welcome to hang out!

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. (*See Flyer, p. 7*)

Wed., Nov. 15

Dine Out Fundraiser

- 12-9 p.m.
- Tomato Joe's Pizza & Taps, 19167 Golden Valley Rd., Canyon Country

Join us for food and fun, and help our Chapter help others through fundraising. We'll receive 20% of all food and drinks (excluding alcohol) for dine in, take out, and delivery orders (via calling the restaurant, *NOT* through third-party services like Grubhub and Door Dash.) Questions can be directed to **Sister Peggy Hill** at pmorrisonhill@gmail.com. *Flyer coming soon!*

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, and be there no later than 6 p.m.

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

December 2023

Sat., Dec. 2

Bethel 249 Installation

- 7 p.m.
- Old West Masonic Lodge

We'll be visiting the Job's Daughters for their installation of officers. Dress for the evening is formal.

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December 2023

Tues., Dec. 5

Lodge Stated Dinner/After Dinner Amusements

- Dinner 6 p.m.; amusement afterward
- Old West Masonic Lodge

Come have a delicious dinner served by Newhall DeMolay (\$15), and stay for **Sister Amy Hamaker** teaching handbell caroling for the holiday season. No musical experience is required!

Thurs., Dec. 7

Line Meeting

- 7 p.m.
- Zoom

Sat., Dec. 9

Ho-Ho-Holiday Breakfast

- 9-11 a.m. (set up and clean up times TBA)
- Old West Masonic Lodge

Our traditional holiday breakfast is here! Come have a great big breakfast, have the kids meet Santa, visit our gift boutique, take some holiday selfies, and bid on our fabulous silent auction baskets! Adults and youth ages 10 and up, \$20; children ages 2-9, \$10; children under 2, free. All are welcome; for more information, for tickets, or to find out how you can help, contact **Sister Amy Hamaker** at ajhamaker1@gmail.com, 818-389-9867.

Sat., Dec. 9

SFV OES Association Meeting

- Immediately following the Holiday Breakfast
- Old West Masonic Lodge

Right after our breakfast, our local association will have a meeting to talk about new ideas for how the association will function and what we want out of it. All OES members are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact **Sister Amy Hamaker** at ajhamaker1@gmail.com, 818-389-9867.

Thurs., Dec. 14

Holiday Meeting

- 7:30 p.m.
- Old West Masonic Lodge

We'll have a long-form meeting with a tentative practice with our new Deputy Grand Matron, **Sister Cathy Krailo**. Bring a holiday ornament with you for an ornament exchange, and we'll be doing a cookie exchange as well. (*See Flyer, p. 7*) Suggested dress is business casual in holiday colors. *Please note, this is NOT an anteroom meeting. We'll have a separate holiday party this year.

Thurs., Dec. 21

Holiday Light Viewing

- 6 p.m.
- Old West Masonic Lodge

We'll meet at the Lodge to carpool to see the beautiful holiday light displays in the Santa Clarita Valley. Hot chocolate and goodies will be had during our drive! Contact **Brother Doug Kelley** at d_w_kelley@yahoo.com for more information and to let us know if you're able to drive or need a ride. (*See Flyer, p. 7*)

Thurs., Dec. 28

Pre-Eve New Year's Eve Party

- 7 p.m.
- Laura and Doug Kelley's home

Time for a party to ring in the New Year...a little early! Bring a pot luck dish to share and a white elephant gift to exchange. Please contact Sister Laura Kelley at lewleu4444@yahoo.com for address and event information. (*See Flyer, p. 7*)

Calendar Information?

To add Chapter events to the Twinkle, please contact **Sister Amy Hamaker** at ajhamaker1@gmail.com.

Chapter News

Members and friends in and around the community



Huge thanks to **Sister Jan Sanders** for creating a new cover to protect our Chapter's altar! Our old cover was worn out, and Sister Jan used her sewing skills to fit and create a beautiful new blue cover.



The Chapter's participation in the Alzheimer Association Walk in Santa Clarita went well, with **Sisters Holly Winter** (left) and **Stephanie Taylor** (center) and **Brother Doug Kelley** hiking through the Bridgeport park to help the organization. Overall, the Chapter raised more than \$1,000 for the cause.

Time to celebrate with a new member at Old West!

Sister Amy Gutierrez was initiated at our Oct.

26 meeting. **Brother Doug Kelley** is one proud Worthy Patron, and we're so happy to have Amy as a member!



Newhall youth were certainly present at this year's Youth Day at Grand Chapter in Visalia, Calif., with two of the speakers being from our local Job's Daughters Bethel and DeMolay Chapter! **Jody Williams**, the Master Counselor of Southern California Jurisdiction (left) told the audience that SoCal DeMolay had shown a positive membership growth during 2023. Miss California Job's Daughters **Erica McHorney** (right) spoke about her grandmother, **Sister Norma Shannon**, and how Norma's journey through Eastern Star showed her how our two groups are stronger together.



Have an image to share?

If you have pictures of Old West members at events you'd like to share for The Twinkle, please send them to **Sister Amy Hamaker** at ajhamaker1@gmail.com.

Info Flyers

Printable information on Chapter and OES events

Secret Star Reveal!!!

Monday, November 13, 2023

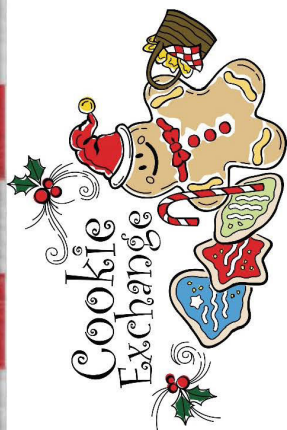
6:30pm at Old West Lodge

Reveal will take place after the Bethel meeting.

Daughters: Please make or provide a dessert for you and your Secret Star to share and bring it to this meeting.

Mrs. Kelley will let you know of any food allergies your Star might have.

Secret Stars: Please bring your final gift to this meeting.



Would you like to have an assortment of cookies
for your holidays?

We're having a cookie exchange!

Each participant will bring 6-12 homemade cookies for each participant
of the exchange.

(Depends on how many people join in, no more than of 12, so max of 6 dozen cookies)

We'll have the exchange after our meeting
on Thursday, December 14.



Please let WM Laura know if you want to participate.

Deadline to sign up is 12/8.

Info Flyers CONTINUED



Holiday Lights Driving Tour

Love all those home Christmas light displays? Come along as we carpool and follow Tour Guide Doug's sure-to-be-dazzling plan to see the best light displays in Santa Clarita!



Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023
 Time: Meet at Old West Masonic Center at 6pm
 We'll tour for a couple hours and top things off with a hot beverage at Starbucks.

Please RSVP to WM Laura by 12/17.



Please let us know if you are willing to share in the driving, and if so, how many passengers your car can take.



Happy New Year!

New Year's Pr'Eve Party



Ring in the new year (a little early) with our Pre-Eve Party!

Thursday, December 28, 2023, 6pm

At the home of Laura and Doug Kelley
 24371 Crestview Drive, Newhall CA 91321

Please bring an appetizer to share and one (wrapped) white elephant gift per attendee!

RSVP to Laura at lewleu4444@yahoo.com or text 661/400-2686 by 12/23.



Info Flyers

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15. For newly consolidated Chapters, allows existing Bylaws to be used until GC has approved new Bylaws. *Adopted.*
16. For newly consolidated Chapters, allows additional time for audit of books. *Adopted.*
17. For consolidating Chapters, allows for an expedited form of consolidation: "Consolidation by Absorption". *Adopted.*
18. Requires addition of "Grand Chapter Consolidation Manual" to be among the materials each Chapter Secretary must have present at every stated meeting. *Adopted.*
19. Maintains 2/3 vote requirement for consideration of consolidation but allows for majority vote on the Chapters to approach and the order in which to approach them. *Not adopted; written ballot results – 276 yes, 221 no. Because there was a majority yes vote, but not 2/3 majority required, this item will be carried over until next GC.*
20. Requires WM or Secretary of chapters approached for consolidation to immediately contact the sending Chapter to confirm receipt of the proposal. Allows WM to direct Secretary to send notice of consolidation consideration to all Chapter members before proposal has been read in Chapter. *Adopted.*
21. For newly consolidated Chapters, requires consolidation of Chapter property within 45 days, barring unusual circumstances. *Adopted.*
22. For newly consolidated Chapters, requires change of signatories on financial accounts belonging to the new Chapter to be completed within 30 business days. *Adopted.*

2023 Grand Chapter - Legislation

Here are the results from our 2023 Grand Chapter Session:

1. Allows Secretary in one Chapter to be an elected Treasurer for another Chapter, and vice versa. *Not adopted; written ballot results - 250 yes, 259 no.*
2. Currently, the WM can allow the Secretary to read totals only of Dues and Assessments. This would allow for the total of all receipts to be read, rather than itemized bills and receipts. As is the case now with Dues and Assessments, this would be only if there were no objections from the members present. *Adopted.*
3. Currently the Secretary must make a Membership report to the Chapter at the first meeting following July 15, and a similar report submitted to Grand Chapter in December. This would allow the Secretary to submit their GC report at the same time the Chapter report is given. This will prevent them from having to count membership at 2 different times during the year. Additionally, the Secretary will make a year-end report to Grand Chapter regarding budget performance of the Chapter at the first meeting after November 30 of each year. *Adopted.*
4. Permanently appoints the Grand Secretary as a non-member secretary to the Finance Committee. *Adopted; written ballot results – 482 yes, 40 no.*
5. Allows the WGM to remove DGMs from office for non-performance of their duties and strike their names from records, as if the appointment were never made. *Not adopted.*
6. Requires Chapter to report the failure to hold a Stated Meeting to Grand Chapter, including the reason the meeting was not held. *Adopted.*
7. Removes the rotating north/south requirement (if the incoming Associate Grand Matron is from the north, the Associate Grand Patron designee is required to come from the south and vice versa) for candidates for the offices of AGP and WGP. *Not adopted; written ballot results – 137 yes, 267 no.*
8. Removes the requirement to suspend members who are delinquent in their dues (after 12 months) but allows for that option, or remission of dues. *Adopted.*
9. Allows Chapters that confer life membership to 50-year members to choose:
 - a. Exempt them from ALL dues, per capita and assessments, or
 - b. Exempt them from dues only, still requiring payment of per capita and assessments. *Adopted.*
10. Requires quick deposit of monies received by the Secretary/Treasurer, regardless of the date of the next meeting. *Adopted.*
11. Cleans up the number of copies of proposed Bylaws changes and to whom the copies go. *Adopted.*
12. Allows Chapters not to send required communications to members who have been determined to have mental incapacity. *Adopted.*
13. Requires following of Instruction Book written ballot procedure for Consolidation votes. *Adopted.*
14. For newly consolidated Chapters, allows them to retain (rather than return and replace) numbered Secret Work, if the same name and number was retained by the new Chapter. *Adopted.*

Info Flyers CONTINUED

California Miners

Is being formed to support
California's own Past Grand Patron

Michael Cornell

in anticipation of his election
at General Grand Chapter in 2024
as the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel,
the first office leading to his serving as
Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2030-2033.

Sister Barbie Holmes, PGM of Nevada is currently serving as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and has invited Mike to submit his name for this office. In General Grand Chapter, the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel is the start of the "line" for the gentlemen, so he would serve with Barbie during the 2030-2033 Triennium. Their 2033 session will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. California would be the co-host for the session. Members from all over the world of Eastern Star will be there!

The **California Miners** will assist in many ways, preparing for the 2033 session. Not only will the funds we raise pay for California's part in the facilities and all of the convention needs, but our TALENTS, IDEAS, PARTICIPATION, and ENTHUSIASM will assist Nevada in putting on a fantastic session – one we will be proud of and anxious to attend.

WHO CAN JOIN?

All members of the Masonic family are welcome to join in supporting the efforts of the Association. Individuals as well as groups can obtain a membership.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$100 provides membership for the duration
- from now through 2033!

\$25 provides membership "per Triennium".
\$75 provides membership for a group with
one vote, "per Triennium".

Triennium memberships are: 1) now to
2027, 2) 2027-2030, or 3) 2030-2033.

HOW IS IT ORGANIZED? MEETINGS?

There are elected and appointed members who will direct the operations and events and align to the bylaws. Volunteers are needed on a lot of committees, so there is a place for you to contribute your talents. Officially, we will meet at a designated time during Grand Chapter session each year. If other business meetings are needed, you will be notified.

ACTIVITIES

We anticipate that there will be many social and FUN activities throughout the years as well as merchandise available for us to sell (and purchase). The funds will be used for our financial obligations as the co-hosting jurisdiction in 2033.

HOW TO JOIN

Complete the application form on the reverse side. Send it to: Linda Kephart
3516 Inglewood Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90066

Checks: payable to **California Miners**

DUES:

Sustaining Member: \$100, one time only.
Includes pin!

Individual Member: \$25 per Triennium,
payable each Triennium period, as desired.

Group Member: \$75 (Chapter, Organization,
Association) per Triennium

*Note: Members on record between
October 21, 2023 and March 31, 2024 shall
be designated as CHARTER MEMBERS!*



Join the **California Miners** and be part of the action! Lots of activities to come and you can be a part in helping California shine! Consider gifting a membership to someone so they can join in the fun, too!

Membership Application for "CALIFORNIA MINERS"

NAME: _____ ☐ I am the contact for a GROUP membership.

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

OES CHAPTER #/NAME: _____ Do you use FACEBOOK? _____

All primary communication will be via email. Updates on social media, as well.

DUES enclosed for: ☐ SUSTAINING Member \$100 (one-time) ☐ INDIVIDUAL Member \$25 (one-triennium)

☐ GROUP Member \$75 per Triennium GROUP NAME: _____

Individual & Group Member Triennium DUES for: ☐ 2023-2027 ☐ 2027-2030 ☐ 2030-2033

I'd like to order _____ Mike's Miner Pins @ \$20/ea. (Sustaining members will get one free!)

Send completed form (including checklist) with check payable to **CALIFORNIA MINERS** to:

Linda Kephart 3516 Inglewood Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90066-2816

Please check the boxes below to indicate your talents, skills and interest levels. Through the years, we will need each of you to participate. At the session in Nevada in 2033, it will be "all hands on deck"!

- ☐ Artwork
- ☐ Auto/Van Driver
- ☐ Bus Driver: Class ____
- ☐ Computer Applications
- ☐ Computer Graphics
- ☐ Crafts
- ☐ Decorating
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Finances (auditing, etc.)
- ☐ First Aid
- ☐ Fund Raising
- ☐ Instrumental Music
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Office Skills
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Publicity/Public Relations
- ☐ Sales
- ☐ Social Functions – Hosting
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Telephoning
- ☐ Tour organization
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Video
- ☐ Vocal Music
- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Other: _____

"Mike's Miner"

Wear your MINER pin to show your support! Available for \$20 each. Order on form or buy one from a committee person.

MIKE CORNELL'S

CALIFORNIA MINERS



California Miners, LLC

is a support group established to assist in the promotion and financing of the 2033 Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star