

The Twinkle



CHAPTER

642, Newhall



April 2024

From the East ~

Welcome Springtime!

What a lovely season of renewal and rebirth. We hope the changes in season inspire us all to renew our efforts to make the world a better place. We live in such transient times, and change can be scary, but renewal and refreshment is a constant in our lives.

Learning new skills and new attitudes can be crucial to our success, both as individuals and as an organization. We have certainly seen your support in our efforts to keep the Chapter up to date and relevant, and they are greatly appreciated.

We have lots of activities in the coming days and weeks and would love to see you be part of them.

Wishing you warm
springtime hugs,

Laura Kelley, WM
and Scott Shepard, WP



In Memoriam: Buzz Haller



Buzz made a positive, lasting impression on everyone he met, and we hope you keep those memories of him close to your heart! Buzz and Rochelle are very special to me in particular, as he and Rochelle were my sponsors during my first term as Worthy Patron in 2017-18 *Scott Shepard, WP*

9/25/26 - 2/24/24

Buzz Haller honored us as a Past Worthy Patron of our Chapter, Past Master of Old West Lodge, and was the California OES Grand Rep. to the State of Washington.



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

UNKNOWN



Hello from the West

I hope everyone is well and happy as we approach Spring.

If you haven't heard, I want to apologize to you if you didn't get a birthday card from the chapter. According to my local police department my mail was stolen. Unfortunately I mailed them from my mail box. The person was arrested and is being prosecuted.

If you know anyone who needs good thoughts sent their way or needs a helping hand please let me know.

Diane

dhmatalas@gmail.com

760 987 7625



Questions or concerns?

Contact your Worthy Matron & Patron:

WM Laura Kelley: 661-678-0400

WP Scott Shepard: 818-554-7182



Early Spring Birthdays

FEBRUARY

- 7 Lisa Skinner
- 8 Wes Heins
- 15 Galen Winter

MARCH

- 1 JoAnn Anderson
- 7 Kim Brandon
- 17 Chuck Simons
- 20 Cindy Wolcott
- 31 Glenn Haller

APRIL

- 9 Tara Magee
- 13 Don Smith
- 13 Holly Winter
- 14 Lauren Thomas
- 16 Erin McHorney
- 30 Dana Bosworth

Youth Orders



DeMolay Report

We have initiated a new member and an existing member received his DeMolay Degree! The Southern California Jurisdiction of DeMolay (sort of like our Grand Lodge, but only half the state), had a membership class on Saturday March 16. Following the class, our very own Brother Scott Shepard provided the Devotional Service Sermon! The following day was a fun day at Magic Mountain.

Prospect event: Old West DeMolay will be having a "Video Game Truck" at the Lodge on Friday April 26. We will be having snacks and sodas as well. Cost is

\$10 but Old West DeMolay prospects are FREE. RSVP for youth attendees to myself, Chapter Dad Kevin McHorney or Dad Scott Shepard. Old West DeMolay normally meets second and fourth Fridays.

Doug Kelley, Advisor



Old West Lodge Report

The Lodge is busy conferring degrees. We will be doing Third Degrees all through April and of course I will be giving each one of them a petition to the Eastern Star.

The Lodge invited all the concordant bodies (DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Star) to MB2 on Saturday March 23. The Master is planning another "fun event" for the evening of Tuesday April 30. I will let you know!

The Lodge stated meeting dinner is the first Tuesday of every month and is \$15. We continue to have "After Dinner Amusements" on the "even" months. Our next event will be Tuesday June 4. We will be inviting the Mason's wives and prospects to stay afterwards, so please come out at support these events.

Doug Kelley, PM



~April Meetings & Activities

4/6 Blanket Making Project (see attached flyer)

4/8 Solar Eclipse Party (see attached flyer)

4/11 7:30pm Meeting: Science Night (Lab Coats or business casual)

4/25 7:30pm Meeting: World Penguin Day (black & white business casual, tuxes optional)

4/30 OWLodge Fun Night TBA

5/9 Advance Night Meeting 7:30pm details TBA

From the Secretary's desk:

On December 28, 2023, I emailed 2024 Dues Notices to each Old West member who has an email address recorded in the chapter's database. Paper notices were sent via USPS mail to those who do not have email addresses on approximately the same day. For our new members, a Notice of Dues was mailed to you soon after your initiation.

The reason I bring this up is that less than 50% of our members have made 2024 dues payments.

The Old West Chapter's Uniform Code of Bylaws state annual dues, along with the Grand Chapter assessments are due on January 1st of each year. This year, the total is \$89.86. The \$40.00 dues portion pays for the chapter's operating costs; the \$49.86 per capita portion is collected to pay to the Grand Chapter in August. If all dues payments are not received by mid-August when the chapter writes the check, the chapter pays the remaining per capita portion from the general fund.

This month, I will be sending out Notices of Delinquent Dues by email and USPS mail to each member whose dues are unpaid. You should know that we are no longer accepting payments through the Zelle app. Checks should be written payable to Old West Chapter #642. You may also pay cash at any meeting you attend. You will receive a cash receipt and your dues card at the end of that meeting.

Please let me know if you did not receive the notice in January and I will resend it to you. Also, let me know if paying your 2024 dues is a hardship on your finances. I will be happy to pass it on to the Worthy Matron in a confidential manner.

Star Love,

Judy Mook, Chapter Secretary



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: Saturday, April 6

9am – 3pm – Come by anytime!

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?

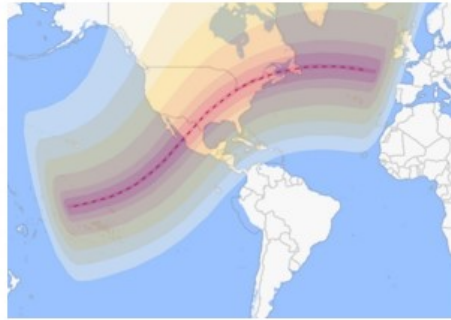
- A willingness to learn and a fun attitude!
- Fabric scissors, if you have them (not required)
- Seam ripper, if you have it (not required)
- Drop in when you can, leave when you have to!

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.

2024 (planned)	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 5 (9am-3pm)

Solar Eclipse Party!



While some of our lucky members will be travelling to see the total eclipse on

April 8,

we get to celebrate a partial eclipse here at home.

Please join us at

Canyon Country Park

17615 Soledad Canyon

from 9am to 12:30pm

Light breakfast snacks will be served.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Bring portable seating, if possible, please.

We'll be outdoors, so you may want a jacket, too!

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

Old West Chapter, OES, Newhall CA



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Chapter Reports

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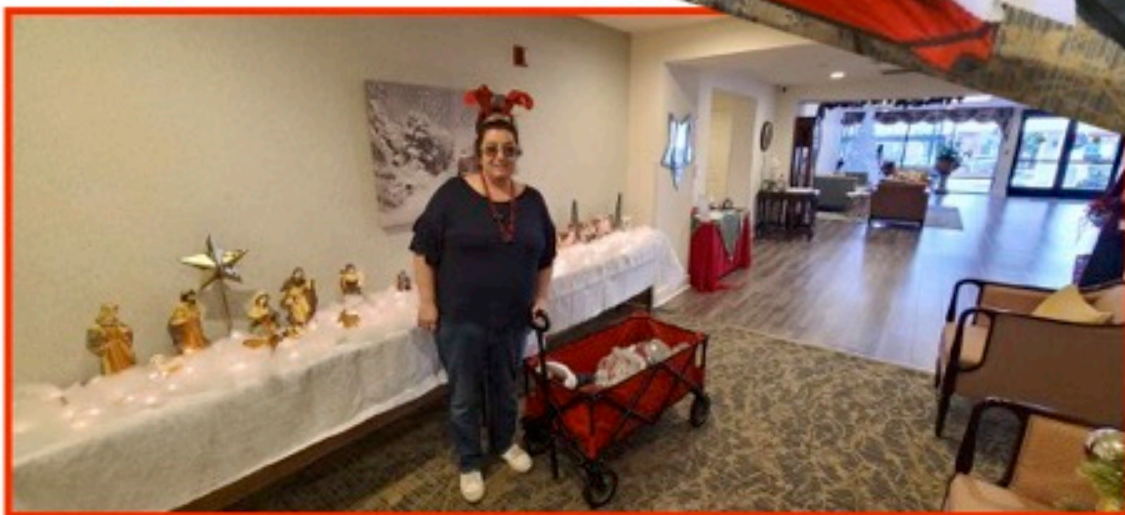
Submitted by Laura Kelley, PM

Leading the Way in Charity!

Associate Conductress Peggy Hill from Old West Chapter #642 in Newhall went above and beyond to serve our residents at the Senior Living Center. Last December she asked her skincare clients to sponsor skincare product bags for each resident. The response was terrific, and she was able to gift each and every resident with a bag loaded with full size skin care products. They came in festive drawstring bags for the ladies and travel bags for the gentlemen. As a first-time line officer, Peggy is definitely showing the spirit of compassion and charity that our Order is known for! Great job Sister Peggy!



**Sister Peggy with SLC Staff
and
Cart filled with Christmas Gifts**



Peggy at the Senior Living Community with her cart of Christmas gifts for our Residents



**Newhall Job's Daughters
Cowboy Dinner
Saturday, May 18, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM**

Old West Masonic Lodge
19310 Avenue of the Oaks in Newhall

**All proceeds will assist the girls
in attending Grand Bethel**

\$20 / Person
(5 and under free)

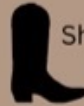
Price includes dinner
and 10 tickets for festival games

Dinner Includes:

- Farmer's Market Salad
- Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Cowboy Beans
- Roasted Corn on the Cob
- Watermelon Slices

Games / Entertainment:

- Corn Hole Toss
- Stick Horse Barrel Racing
- Line Dancing
- Square Dancing
- and much more



Show off your cowboy hats, boots,
belt buckles, and best jeans!

For more information, kindly contact the Event Chairman:
Mrs. Peggy Hill at 661-313-3464 or pmorrisonhill@gmail.com

**JOBS DAUGHTERS
BETHEL 249**

**INVITES ALL MASONIC
GROUPS TO SUPPORT
SANTA CLARITA RELAY
FOR LIFE**

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

9:00AM – 9:00PM

SANTA CLARITA CENTRAL PARK

**TO DONATE (OR JOIN THE
TEAM):**

[https://secure.acsevents.org/site/
STR?pg=entry&fr_id=107697](https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=107697)

**Search: "JDI Bethel 249
Newhall"**

"May the cure be with you!"



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: May 22, 2024

Time: 11:00AM to 9:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

24320 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355
661-288-1299

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
and friends while earning funds in support of:

Old West Chapter #642 Dine Out Fundraiser

**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



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[Street Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]

Inside:

In Memoriam: Buzz Haller

Solar Eclipse Party!

Blanket making project schedule

MORE DETAILS IN THIS
EDITION OF THE TWINKLE!