

From the East ~

Sisters and Brothers,

We are reaching the end of the term and we would like to give a huge shout out to every member of the Chapter – your love and support is what keeps this Chapter going.

As most of you know, Doug will be the first of four male District Grand Deputies for 2025-2026. There will be a Deputy Luncheon at Lulu's in Van Nuys on November 8th at 11:30AM. Cost is \$28, and an RSVP is required. Please see the attached flyer.

Because of Grand Chapter, we have to move up blanket-making for Project Linus to Thursday October 2. As always, this will start at 4:30PM and end at 9:00PM, but drop in when you can and leave when you have to. No sewing required – just some measuring and cutting. And if you want to bring a snack or two to share, that's great too. Friends and family are invited to come and help out!

Our first meeting (and Doug's last as "Grand Representative") will be on Thursday October 9 at 7:30PM. There will be our usual pay-a-plate dinner starting at 6:00PM. Free if you bring a main dish, \$5 if you bring a side, and \$10 if you just bring your appetite. Dessert will be served after the meeting.

Our October 9 meeting is very important because we will have INITIATION of FOUR new members that night! Suggested attire is dressy / business: pants, skirts & dresses long or short (Star points wear your Star color if possible), suit and tie for men.

October 9 will also be elections! If you are running for office, please have your letter of intent with the Worthy Matron before the meeting begins. It is also the last day to turn in "Change for the Chapter" jars. This has been a very successful fundraising event, and I'm looking forward to seeing the final tally.

Our second meeting of the month will be on October 23rd (7:30PM as usual), and this meeting will be our "Farewell Night". Business casual is suggested.

Last – but most importantly – the annual Installation of Officers will be Saturday November 1st at 4:00PM. Suggested attire is formal: tea- or floor-length dresses or pantsuits for women - any color, suit/tie for men. There will be a practice for the incoming officers at

6:00PM on Thursday October 30, and Chapter set up / decoration on the 31st.

Star Love with lots of doggie kisses and piggy squeals!

Díane and Doug

Upcoming OES Activities:

Alzheimer Walk (followed by our Job's Daughters Eggs Benedict Breakfast at the Lodge!)

The annual "Alz Walk" is Saturday October 4 at Bridgeport Park. We all know someone who has been touched by this. I myself watched my mother-in-law go from a witty, vibrant person to a shell of human being, unable to do the slightest thing or remember who her kids were. A lot of research is being done, and I feel that we are very close to some major breakthroughs in treating this condition.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:30AM, and the walk at 9:00AM. The path is about 2 miles. Patrick McDonald and I are the co-captains again. Please join us in the walk, or consider donating to the team if you can't. Flyer attached.

After the event, I will immediately be heading back to the Lodge for the Jobs Daughters Eggs Benedict Breakfast fundraiser.

With Gratitude, WP Doug Kelley

Thursday October 9 Pay-A-Plate Dinner at 6:00pm (before meeting) Bring a main course: FREE Bring a side dish/salad/dessert: \$5 Bring just your appetite: \$10

Thursday October 9 Elections 7:30pm Meeting starts Business Casual

Old West DeMolay Installation of Officers Friday 10/10 at 8:00pm

October 15-19 Grand Chapter in Visalia

Thursday October 23
Farewell Meeting at 7:30pm
Short Form, business casual

Thursday October 30

5:00pm at the lodge Officer meeting and Installation Practice for outgoing and incoming officers. Casual dress

Old West OES Installation of Officers November 1, 2025 at 4:00pm at Old West Lodge Amy Hamaker, Worthy Matron Elect Patrick McHorney, W.P. Elect



Old West Lodge Report

The Lodge continues to do degrees. At the end of September, we raised a Brother to be a Master Mason, and I gave him a (new) petition for the Eastern Star. I'm sure we will be doing a couple more this year.

The Lodge has been more involved in local philanthropic activities. We had a team at the Santa Clarita River Rally (Sept. 20) and we will once again be walking at the Alz Walk (Oct 4), before going to the Jobs Daughters Eggs Benedict breakfast. I am hoping that the Star will join us.

Continue to wear your Star regalia proudly, and when someone asks, let them know how much you enjoy our organization, and give them some contact information - if you don't want to give them yours, please give them my mine (661-502-8009). I can make business cards for you if you want.

The Lodge stated meeting dinner is the first Tuesday of every month and is \$15. Suggested attire is business casual or higher (the Lodge officers will

usually be in suit and tie). Everyone is always welcome.

Doug Kelley (Past Master)



DeMolay Report

Old West Chapter will be holding their semi-annual Installation of Officers on Friday October 23, at 8:00pm, at Old West Lodge with Brother Sean Freeman ready to be installed as Master Councilor, and Brother Morgan McHorney the outgoing MC. We hope you are able to attend.

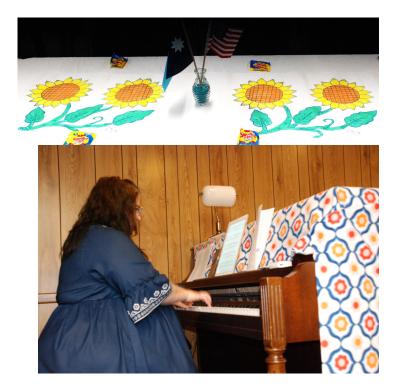
Scott Shepard, Chapter Chairman



October Birthdays 10/1 Belinda Alarcon-Ryan 10/2 Margie Magee 10/2 Deanna Pettersen 10/4 Amylen Gutierrez 10/15 Cynthia Alarcon 10/15 Nicki Kubinak 10/18 Becky Haller 10/21 Susan Armstrong 10/22 Denice Sanford 10/31 James Leiphardt











Old West Chapter #642 Order of the Eastern Star cordially invites you to its

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Worthy Matron Elect Worthy Patron Elect

Amy Hamaker

Patrick McHorney

Saturday

November

4 p.m.

19310 Ave. of the Oaks, Newhall, CA Tell the gate guard you are going to the Masonic Lodge.

Blanket Making Project!!

(Patient Comfort Committee)



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, October 2
4:30pm – 9pm Come by anytime!

19310 Avenue of the Oaks, Newhall, CA (within the Friendly Valley Housing Community)

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.

<u>Tentative 2026 Calendar: Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 15, Jun 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 15</u>

The
Twinkle
Old West
Chapter #642

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Inside:

Check out our website: www.OES642Newhall.com

10/9 Pay-a-plate Dinner followed by Elections mtg.
10/10 Old West DeMolay Installation 8pm
10/15-10/19 Grand Chapter
10/23 Farewell meeting
11/1 Old West OES Installation of Officers 4:00pm

MORE DETAILS IN THIS EDITION OF THE TWINKLE!