

Havasu Chapter No. 61



News

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Greetings to our Sisters and Brothers from Gayle and Ray



Theme: Angels are Forever

Sisters and Brothers,

We had a great meeting in October. The costumes were really great. Congratulations to Sister Louise Moran for 1st place and Brother Harley Johnson for 2nd place. Judging this was very hard because everyone was so good. We appreciate everyone's participation, and making this such a fun meeting.

Sister Dorothy's craft group started a year ago and it was her idea to have a bazaar. We were glad to have her there with us. Her craft group has enjoyed the fun and fellowship while making the crafts at her home for this bazaar, and we hope to continue the group. Our Bazaar, Bake, and garage sale was a big success for us. We made \$555.00 for our charities. Thank you to Sister Millie Barnes for chairing this project, the use of your home, and the food you made for the workers, and everyone else who contributed and assisted.

We had a good meeting in November and welcomed back some of our snow birds. It was good to have Sister Virginia, PGM-Montana and Brother LeRoy Hagen, GGCCM and PGP & PGM of Montana, Sister Betty, PM and Brother Watson Walker and Sister Cynde Choate back.

Big congratulations go to Sister Sharon Sleppy, PM on her appointment to Grand Representative to Australia in Arizona. It is well deserved.

It has been a difficult year for our chapter at this Christmas time. Let us remember our Heart Patients, Sister Dorothy Snyder, PM and Sister Audrey Jones, PM. Sister Audrey, PM and Brother Dick Palmer whose daughter is gravely ill, and Sister Eleanora Todahl who

lost her son. Brother Casey Cosby, PGP who had to move to California Brother Don McCormick, PGP who is having difficulty getting around, Brother Rudy Andrews, PP who is battling cancer, and Sister Lois Coletti, PM who fell in November.

We want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May all your wishes come true.

Star Love,

Gayle Tidwell, WM Ray Tidwell, WP

Happy Birthday to You

December:

Rita Mitchell-2, Caroline Heck-7, Andy Mills-10, Betty Cameron-12, Grace Francis -24.

January:

Sandy Breece-4, Jacqueline Wagner-6 & Betty Jo Blanchard-6, Millie Barnes & Eleanora Todahl-12, Karen Anderson-15, Nellie Hedrick & Paul Shuttleworth-19, Don McCormick-26, Jo andress-29, Marilou Fellman-30, Lynda Beller-31

February:

Dorothy Hagenbuck-1, Norma Blumenstock-17, Betty Wyckoff-18, Bea Roberts-25, Donna Tucker & Eleanor White—26.

Calendar of Events

December:

Meeting 9th at 7:00 PM **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**
Bunco 19th 10:00 AM

January:

Meeting 13th 7:00 PM **Promises to Keep**
Bunco 16th at 10:00 AM

February:

10th-Friendship Night-Ham Dinner @ 5:30 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM Clowning Around
Bunco 20th at 10:00 AM

Kingman Chapter #17, Kingman

December-January-February

Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 PM

Sunrise Chapter #60, Bullhead City

December-January-February

Meeting 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Support your Chapters and attend the meetings.

We will be renewing our Obligation at our January meeting.

Trivia Quiz-Answers on Page 3

1. What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?
2. What color is the Grinch?
3. What Christmas food made from "Marsh-whorts"?
4. Which ocean is Christmas Island in?
5. Which continent is the turkey from?

The members were asked in Chapter to send to the newsletter editors what the Eastern Star meant to them. Here is what was received.

My Greatest Memory from OES:

I was in my sixth year as a member of Eastern Star, in a small chapter on the other side of the state, which has since closed—Harmony Chapter #11 in Willcox, AZ. No one dressed alike—just whatever you had for a long dress, & many, including mine were handmade. My Mom and Dad went to the East together and I went in as Ruth. My brother's little 4-year-old son wore his first suit, I had made long dresses for my two daughters, ages 4 and 5 so they could be part of "**Grandma and Grandpa's Program**." They really thought they were something that day—couldn't wipe the grin off their faces! The girls thought they were princesses—we thought so too! And their little male cousin was King for the Day! We had each made something special as a gift for Mom & Dad. My brother had made wood plaques inserted with Eastern Star and Masonic symbols in the center of them. I had written a poem and done it up with a painting that related to our Masonic family through the ages and I had a student do a portrait of my daughters, which the girls presented to my parents. My sister and I did a duet for them. Granddad was still alive (in his late 80's) and was outgoing Worthy Patron and moving to the West the upcoming year, once again as Associate Patron, while a dear cousin was the outgoing Worthy Matron. We had many cousins, aunts and uncles there too, all part of the Masonic Family. Our family was Masons as far back as I have been able to trace—back into England and Scotland. As soon as Eastern Star was started in this country, our family became members, and through the migration across this great country of ours, a number of them were charter members of their chapter—often of both the Masons and the Eastern Star, & that included the Willcox chapter. Dad & Granddad served in the capacity of Worthy Patron and Associate Patron for more times than I can remember. Both had amazing memories and said their part with gusto and pride and made sure the officers did the same. So this was a great day for all of us. It culminated in a big dinner that members of our family prepared—down home stuff like fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, Irish potato cake and homemade ice cream made the old way—churned by hand. Most of those there that day have passed on now, but the memory of them and Mom and Dad's special day, traveling to the East together, will forever be one of my most-favorite memories.

Millie (Wootan) Barnes

What the Order of the Eastern Star means to me

First: It means LOVE. The Love of my Sisters and Brothers wherever dispersed around this world.

Second : It means that I belong to a fraternal organization that welcomes both my wife and myself as members.

Third: It means that no matter where my travels may take me in this world I will probably meet a Sister or a Brother who will welcome me with friendship and Star Love.

Fourth: It means that if I elect to take an Office in my Chapter it is my duty and obligation to my Sisters and Brothers learn the ritual and floor work of that Office.

Fifth: It means that if I should chose not to become an Officer that no one is going to look down their nose or condemn for my decision in not taking an Office.

Sixth: That when I meet a member on the street who has not been in Chapter for a while, that I should remember my duty to greet them with a smile and hearty welcome ever remembering our vows taken at the Altar

Seventh: It means that through our teachings I have become a better person, ever remembering the lessons taught at the several points of our Star.

Eighth: That my Creator saw fit to give me friends who care and will stand by me in my journey through life.

There are many more reasons that I could state, but I hope this writing will stir in your mind and hearts what the Order of the Eastern Star means to you.

Star Love, John Sleppy, AP/PP

This is a poem by Sister Elizabeth Walker, an annual visitor to our Chapter from British Columbia.

Waiting

It's mid-April, time a-passing, then into May,
Anytime soon, could get the "Prospective Day"
For admittance to Vancouver General B.C.
And "Elective Surgery" to replace left knee,
Skill and knowledge in Joint Renovation,
Special techniques for the "Orthopod Patient"
Sounds and activities like "Home Improvement",
But looking forward to increased limb movement.

Everything comes to those who wait,
On April 21st got my surgery date,
Had hoped for May, but now its June,
The 11th of "sixth" Cannot come too soon,
With decreased mobility and "gimping" around,
Has this body more/less "house bound"
Pleased indeed to have made the "list",
Waiting with baited breath-get my Gist"?

More time gone, now the 20th of May,
But a welcome call brought news today,
A new date now for one to view,
The waiting days being reduced by two,
Is read of June "eleven", it's now June "nine".
Which to this receiver sounds mighty fine,
Changes made for new dates to comply,
Arrangements completed with a thankful sigh.

Made call to M.D., gave info re-change of date
More time gone, Physical needed still on the slate,
May 28th had a call from "Clinic" re-pre-admit,
More info and directions, got the "whole bit",
Have appointment to see the "sleeper M.D.>"
At 12:30 pm June 8th with prognosis-Re"me"
June 8th Ferry leaves 7:45 am, time range is fine,
To Vancouver General in lots of time.

Traffic very heavy on North 99,
But now any accidents so that was fine,
Broadway west 989 Parks Inn Suites
That brought us then to the end of our Route,
Our room is on the 5th floor 504,
Looking out to Skyscrapers and much more,
Hospital emergency entrance in our sight,
With ambulance service from morn till night!

To admitting for 6 am June 0-9,
Only to find, there was quite a line
All early, like the birds and the bees,
Very impatient to their own M.D.'s,
Self 1st on the ORTHOPOD agenda,
As protocol called for "female genda",
The day was spent in "La-la-land"
All made possible by the Anesthetists' hand.

2 ½ Hrs of surgery, then "Post-op" to recover,
Soon all aspects of "professional" care discover,
Had accommodation 8th floor Orthoped Wing,
With countless thanks and praises do sing,
Physio and Lab tech's displaying their art,
Housekeeping, kitchen all doing their part,
Days do pass, all working to ease the load,
And along comes you MD when you're on the
"Commode".

Trivia Answers

1. **A button**
2. **Green**
3. **Cranberry sauce**
4. **Indian Ocean**
5. **North America**

Lake Havasu Shrine Club

Congratulations to the Lake Havasu Shrine Club Officers elect for 2010.

Lane Buckley-President
Stan Fazakerley-1st Vice President
Bob Lydon-2nd Vice President
Bob Van Slyke-Secretary
Harry Bremner-Treasurer

Sincere thanks to the outgoing 2009 Officers for a great job and for an outstanding year.

Havasu Masonic Lodge #64

Congratulations to the following Officers elect to fill the Chairs for 2010.

Worshipful Master – Mike Newman, P.M.
Senior Warden – John Sleppey, P.M.
Junior Warden – John White

Secretary – Phil Avery, P.M.
Bill Cohrt – Treasurer

Congratulations to Sister Jean Richa and her husband, Rick on their 50th anniversary this month (Dec. 5th).



Newsletter & Web Site

Sisters and Brothers,
Again, Brother John and I ask, if you have anything you would like to see in your newsletter, please let us know. This is your newsletter and we can always use your input.

If you have email and are not already receiving this via email, please send me your email address and I will email this newsletter to you in color.

If you have internet service, please go to our web site and check it out. The address is:

<http://benson-arizona.com/havasu61>

and then you can link to the other affiliated bodies located in Lake Havasu.
Havasu Masonic Lodge #64
Havasu Shrine Club

Our most sincere **thanks** to **Brother Merle Hobbs** for hosting our web site for us. He does an outstanding job and is very talented.

Our Military

Please keep our Military Personnel and their families in your prayers this Holiday Season and everyday throughout the year. It is their sacrifices that gives us the freedom to live in this great country. May God be with them.



Sisters Norma Nyberg, PM & LaVonne Wanker, PM



Sister Millie Barnes, AM, Bro. John Sleppy, PP
Gayle Tidwell, WM



Sister Judy Johnson, PM



Bro. Bert, PP & Sister Betty Hastings, PM



Sisters Sarah Antonacci & Terry Andrews, PM



Sister Dorothy Snyder, PM
The Little Stinker Sister Louise Moran, PM



Sister's Dee Phemister, Sunrise #60 Conductress
And Helga Westfall, WM, Sunrise #60



Sister's Bennie McIntosh, Adah, Kingman #17
Janace Hartman, Assoc. Conductress



Sister's Sharon Sleppy, PM & Grand
Representative to Australia
& Gayle Tidwell, WM



Sister Louann Freitas, PM & Secretary



Sister Fran Pell, Warder



Visitors, Sister Pat and Brother John Gates from Calif.

The winners of our costume contest are 1st place, Sister Louise Moran, PM, "The Little Stinker" and 2nd Place, Brother Harley Johnson, PP "The Pumpkin Man". Congratulations, and OH so cute.



Sister Louise Moran, PM



Brother Harley Johnson, PP



Sister's Maggie Bunch, PM and Sharon Sleppy,



Representative to Australia

Table decorations and refreshments by Sister's Maggie Bunch, PM and Sharon Sleppy, PM, Grand

Havasu Chapter No. 61, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted on May 1, 1969. It was chartered on March 21, 1970 and constituted on April 18, 1970.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Havasu Masonic Center, 2901 Chemehuevi at Jamaica. Call Gayle Tidwell, ((928-505-3282) Worthy Matron, or Louann Freitas, Sec. 928 768-3751, for more information.

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