



# Rose Valley Star News

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**Heidi Bucher Lamb**  
**Grand Martha 2013**

*Congratulations*



2013 Installation

Marcia McFarland, Worthy Matron  
Glen Hallaway, Worthy Patron

**December, 2012**



The dragon has landed in the EAST! The wizard has put out most of the fires! Welcome to a fun filled 2013 year. You can see all the events and excitement in the tri-fold for your 2013 OES resource. We are going to have a few new ideas to get our fabulous order known in our community.

You can see the fund raisers needed to keep us rolling and I would like to have each of our members and volunteers to bring a friend or neighbor to help. They can meet us at our best and enjoy being in the community volunteering. We initiated new members by doing this last year. We are so fortunate in Rose Valley to have only four days of fund raisers to keep our bills paid. The first one is February 2, 2013. We will need about 50 volunteers, so sign up with your friends now. The Farm Bureau is such a wonderful large group to work with at this crab feed in the exhibit building at the S. R. Fairgrounds .

Our Christmas Charity will be in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Fire Department. We will have a Soup and Salad pot luck dinner and admission is a "Toys for Tots" gift. Bring a friend. There will be magic and entertainment in the air.

Jain Fairfax will be the "go to" person for name tags this year which I encourage all to wear whenever possible. She will take orders for real OES star magnetic name tags soon. You may want a spare.

Pat Hallaway, the wife of our Worthy Patron, will keep a "Birthday Basket" for our members. Be sure to come to chapter during your birthday month and pick a gift. If your birthday is in July you can receive your gift in June or August. Enjoy our events and visit often.

We have Seventeen Purple 90 inch round table clothes available to members who may need them for their chosen meeting during the year. Thank you to the many kind members who have signed up for refreshments and decorations. Glen H. and I will wash the table cloths for you and have them ready for the next time needed at chapter. We thought memorial night and dinners would be a nice time to use the purple table clothes. You saw them at Installation.

Get ready to be in the Santa Rosa Rose Parade! Details to follow in the Spring.

May will be a big month for us with two field trips, organized by Carol Weser, Grist Mill, bring your lunch and Amoroso Winery tour, May 5, 2013. This is a real "CASTLE" near Calistoga. May 6, 2013, SHINE AND SHOW CAR/MOTORCYCLE RALLY & DINNER. Bring your friends. Details in the Spring.

Chapter is Closed in July, yet there will be a Masonic Picnic , Bar -be- que Rib cook-off at Spring Lake. We will go to Petaluma for a first ever chocolate tasting. This place is chocolate heaven on earth!

**Calendar Dec-March**

**Dec 17-** "Holiday Magic"  
6:30 Pot Luck  
Soup & salad-Toys for Tots-  
Entertainment

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** - Job's daughter  
Installation

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** - "Keepers of the  
Castle" Obligation Night

**Jan 12-** Rainbow  
Reception

**Jan 21-** "Wish Upon a Star"  
Honoring ALL officers-  
Canned Food Drive

**Jan 26-** Impact Session  
St. Helena

**Feb 2-** Crab Feed!!!!

**Feb 4-** "Boas & Bowties"  
Learn about our charities

**Feb 8-** Rainbow Installation

**Feb 16-**Sweetheart Dinner  
with Lodge

**Feb 18-**Chapter Birthday  
6:30 dinner

**Feb 24-** Impact Session-  
Ukiah

**Mar 2-**Bethel Reception

**Mar 4-** "Sing, Sing a Song  
Honoring our Organist

**Mar 18-**"The Magic  
Dragon"

A complete calendar will be  
mailed in separate mailing.  
Along with Dues Notices  
for those who have NOT  
paid dues for 2013

**Dues: \$30.00 plus  
Home Assessment:  
\$5.00**

**Home Life Sponsors  
\$30.00**

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Petaluma's Tolay Lake Park will be our  
Youth/Family event. Rose Valley will pay for  
your day at their Octoberfest. Glen & I  
checked it out and had a wonderful time. **YOU  
MUST VISIT THE BARN !!!!!**  
**START YOUR CRAFTING NOW!!** Rose  
Valley with the help of Carol Weser, Karen  
Hendrickson & Jain Fairfax are hosting our  
first ever "CRAFT FAIR" in October.  
Percentage of sales to go to Charity.  
Come see all the talent from our members.  
**YOU WILL BE IN AWE OF ALL THE  
TALENT!!!**

I hope this will give you reason to attend often.  
We sure would like to see you. Join in the fun.

 **GRAB YOUR COAT AND GET  
YOUR HAT, LEAVE YOUR WORRIES ON  
THE DOOR STEP, just direct your feet to 7<sup>th</sup>  
& Beaver Street.**

Santa Rooosaaaaa!



Dragon Hugs, Marcia McFarland WM



*Holiday Magic  
Our First Meeting!  
December 17, 2012*



*Anteroom Meeting*

7:00 PM

*6:30 Soup and Salad Pot Luck*

*Toys and tots for the Fire Department*

*Entertainment- Julian is back!*

*Bring a NEW unwrapped toy please.*

*Our Chair: Terri Ewing*





**Greetings to my Lords and Ladies of Rose Valley Chapter from your newly installed Worthy Patron!**

Now, why would I use such an archaic form of address? Could it have been the wonderful Renaissance musical entertainment that greeted us at Rose Valley's Installation? Or, maybe it was the outstanding repast created by the talent of our own Lady Amber Balshaw? Hm, possibly it was the crowded dining room, alive with merriment and fellowship (and not an empty chair to be seen)? The wandering magician who dazzled all with feats of legerdemain? My, this IS a difficult question, after all... Perhaps it was the brave souls who chose to play Faire with us that eve and don the garb of a time when wizards and dragons were no fairy tales, but well known to all as real? Ah, I have it now... it was the Chapter room, filled to the rafters with family and friends to witness the Installation... wasn't it?

No, it was all of those things! All of us together created a magic evening to be shared with all who came. For magic there was, and for anyone who doubts, let me say that magic IS real... the magic of food, fun, fellowship, work, growth – and above all, the magic of change!

Speaking of change, one change has been already announced right at Installation. For the first time that I know of (and I couldn't find anyone who could remember another), EVERY officer has given their proficiency by the date of Installation! Everyone was more than good about letting me interrupt their preparations to take their proficiency and have a brief discussion about some of the changes in the Patron's role of "seeing that the officers are proficient in their work". As far as I know, we are the first in our District to accomplish this, as well. My thanks and congratulations to you all!

We'll be talking more about this in the next month or so, as I am required to report to Deputy Grand Matron Linda Hanstad-Fuentes (and she, in turn, to the Worthy Grand Matron) the officers' progress in learning their ritual work. I am no expert in the work of every station, but will make myself available for any officer who needs assistance or just someone to hear their work. You may find that different from past years, but that's the magic of change working. Don't forget the All Members Instructional that will be held at the Richmond Masonic Center on December 9<sup>th</sup> to help you build your ritual skills. This is, as the title says, an "all members" event, you do not need to be an officer to attend. Come with us!

This isn't the only change in the wind, though. Marcia and I have a full year of new and exciting events for you, ranging from a Shine and Show to a castle (and wine) tour, to a chocolate tasting. We are breaking out of the well-worn groove and trying new things. Not change for the sake of change itself, but change to breathe new life into the Chapter, to make Eastern Star a fun place to be, while never losing sight of our obligation to benefit the community. This a bit of magic that with everyone's help, we will accomplish. All we need to do is believe in ourselves. Johann von Goethe said it; "Magic is believing in yourself. If you can do that, you can make anything happen."

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank Marcia for asking me to accompany her to the East; the Chapter for electing me; for my daughter Susie for being my hostess; for my other daughter Rachel for attending (and in costumed style!); my sister-in-law Natalie Brogdon for creating the Renaissance finery that I wore; and last but not least, my wife Pat for putting up with my latest attempt to get the Patron role right. With support like this, it's sure to be a year of magic! So, come with us, play with us, work with us, grow with us!

Glen Hallaway



**Community Service**  
Aimee Feist & Maria Trickle



With a few of our friends, we participated in a fun 5 kilometer run, called the **Color Run**, in downtown Sacramento by the state capitol building. The proceeds for the run helped benefit a nonprofit organization in Sacramento called Girls on the Run, which is a group for girls ages 8-13 that teaches self-worth, while integrating fitness and running.

We had seen pictures from other cities that had held the run, and thought it looked like tons of fun! It was not a timed race, but it was a good motivator to start running to keep in shape! There were over 15,000 people there to participate in the run, and probably just as many spectators. The starting line was at the tower bridge, and the path wound through Old Sacramento, and back through to the capitol mall at the finish line. At each kilometer marker awaited a different color of dyed corn starch which was shaken into the air like a cloud and dispersed all over it's running "victims"! It was so fun, we all felt like kids, wanting to get as dirty as possible. By the end, we looked like we had been tie dyed from head to toe...a colorful rainbow of dyed corn starch.

**Hello from your Associate Matron, Michele and Associate Patron Dave,**

As we start our new year, we have our meetings, lots of fun activities, as well as our regular fund raisers planned. We want you to remember that everyone within our chapter is important, and who make it a success. If you can't make it to our meetings, come do our fun activities. We can use everyone in the capacity you are capable of giving. Yes, we would love to see you at our meetings, so come when you can. As the year progresses, you will be receiving phone calls/e-mails from us, confirming the dates you have volunteered to bring snacks or decorations for our themed meetings, and planned activities.

We will also, be getting in touch with you if we haven't seen or heard from you in a while. Why, you ask? **Each and every one of you are a valuable asset to our Chapter**, and we want you to feel you are also a part of it, even if you can't be with us.

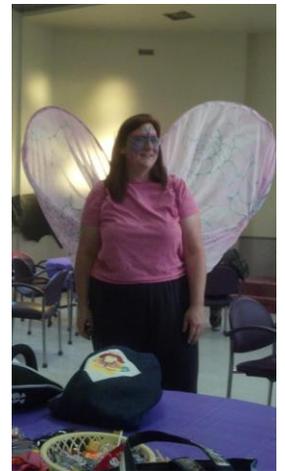
Late spring, early summer, we will be planning our year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. If any of you would like to help in any capacity, have great ideas, or maybe have wanted to hold an office, but not sure what to do about it, let us know. You are important members to us. Each an everyone of you have something to offer. Rose Valley Chapter, is a great and friendly chapter, because it's members are great and friendly!

In closing from the West,

Star Love,  
Michele Doss



2014 Fun Emblems



Sara Bell-Our free spirit  
At the 2012 Youth Night

**I Made a Difference!**

Make a difference in 2013. With order-wide goals of treating everyone as if they are our next member, making our chapters places that we are proud and happy to bring family and friends, and getting the name of Eastern Star into the community, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have come up with eight personal goals for our members to meet in 2013.

- 1) Be a top line signer on a petition of a petitioner who is initiated in our Order.
- 2) Bring a member who has not attended for two or more years to at least four meetings of their Chapter before June 30, 2013.
- 3) Organize a Chapter Community Activity Day at which at least eight members of the order attend wearing the OES logo.
- 4) Organize a new Masonic Family Activity with at least eight Chapter members and eight other people from a related Masonic body attending.
- 5) Organize a new fund raising activity benefitting one or more of our Order of the Eastern Star Charities or our Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron Project.
- 6) Get an article about your Chapter's fun event into a local newspaper.
- 7) Serve on a Youth Group Board or as an Advisor if you have never done so before.
- 8) As a non-officer, attend all your Chapter meetings from January through June and your District's Official Visit.

Those members who make a difference in 2013 and turn in their form will receive a pin.

Grand Chapter  
We were so proud of our Grand Electa



Dave Von Bima and Gary Ewing were proud to participate in the folding of the American Flag during our Masonic Youth Honor Session at Grand Chapter. It was a spectacular sight from the stands in the arena.

**Greetings from the South!**

How quickly a year goes by. Especially when we are having so much fun! Conductress will be a most rewarding position. I have been told a favorite for many. As I have the opportunity of opening and closing the Holy Bible on our Altar, a beautiful ceremony I look forward to be a part of.

In my spare time I spend many hours with our Rainbow Girls. Not only in my local assembly in Lake County but on the California State Leadership Team. I would encourage everyone to step up and assist with any one of our youth groups. They are our future.

I look forward to working with each of you and getting to know you just a little bit better.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Tracey Newell, Conductress



## Greetings from the North

since I sat in this chair and (despite the fact that my feet don't reach the floor), it feels like slipping into a comfortable pair of jeans.

As you all know, my Grand Electa duties kept me on the run last year, and I wasn't able to contribute as much as usual to the activities of the Chapter. I am looking forward to jumping back in with both feet, so you will see a lot more of me in the coming year. You will have to decide if that is good or bad!

The Associate Grand Conductress has selected a dolphin (Splash) and Starfish (Bonnie) as her fun emblems, so you will now see me collecting those items, although my red Elmo buddy will still be around, too.

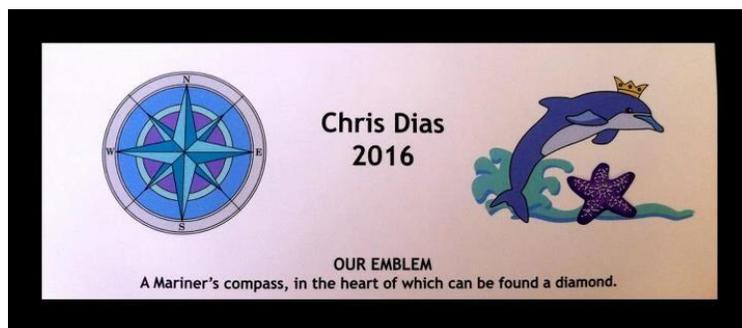
I want to once again acknowledge how appreciative I am of Rose Valley's support this past year. As Grand Electa, I tried to represent our Chapter to the best of my ability, and to make you all proud. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your patience, assistance, advice, gifts, and love through this year. I couldn't have done it without the backing of the best Chapter in the State. All my travels really reinforced my opinion that "Rose Valley Rocks!"

Wearing a different hat, I have a couple more years left on my term as Trustee of the CA OES Foundation Board, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about its structure and function. The Foundation is home to several funds, including cancer assistance, scholarship, and benevolence. These are ongoing programs that provide much-needed assistance to our members in a multitude of ways. The demand is always greater than the contributions, as giving has been down the past few years with the economic turmoil. If you would like more information on how to make a donation, or request assistance, see me or the Chapter Secretary for information on the various funds and their purposes.

With "Splashy" love,  
Terri Ewing, Associate Conductress



Associate Patron's Emblems



Associate Conductress Emblem

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