



Winter 2024

# Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus *Spotlight*

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**Above: Edna “Belle” Blair has lived at Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus (ESMRC) for almost seven years. She chose to live here because it was Eastern Star. Belle joined the Order of the Eastern star in 1971, Denver Chapter #59. During her tenure she was the Worthy Matron, Treasurer, and Marshall. Currently, she is a member of Areme Chapter #124. Presenting her 45-year pin (above) were WGM Sharron Parish (left) and WGP Ken Ashwood. Belle is always up for any activity, often with matching accessories and the biggest smile!**

**Right: Resident Tom O’Malley (far right) had a visit from Councilwoman Diana Romero Campbell and Andrew Brooks, Romero Campbell’s aide.**



# Board of trustees writes:

As we begin a new year at the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado Inc (RRESMC), we will respond to recent questions and concerns regarding the structure of the non-profit organization.

The Eastern Star Home was opened in 1931 on land that was donated by Brother Robert Russell, a Master Mason and member of Weston Lodge, in 1925. In 1900, Worthy Grand Matron Mary Barry envisioned a Home to provide for the widows of Master Masons. She established a team to plan and raise funds for the Home. The original Home expanded over the years and 58 cottages were added in the early 1990s.

In 1998, the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado agreed to join forces. They formed the non-profit organization known as the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center. To maintain its status as a 501(c)(3) Corporation, the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge cannot own an interest in the corporation and, by law, cannot benefit financially.

The agreement called for a Board of Trustees, consisting of five Eastern Star members, elected by Chapter Delegates and four Masons appointed by the Grand Master. The Board of

Trustees were given financial control of the Corporation. The Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Master were designated as non-voting members of the Board. The present-day Board of Trustees are all elected by members of the House of Delegates at the Annual meeting in September. The current by-laws state:

“Each chartered Organization of the Masonic family (Masonic Organization) in good standing and Star Vista Village shall be entitled to one Representative who shall have one vote for such Masonic Organizations and Star Vista Village in all business of the members of the Corporation. A Masonic Organization may name up to two alternate representatives in case the primary representative cannot attend or be seated for any meeting.”

The question has arisen — why should the Masonic community participate? There are several points to consider. The RRESMRC was founded by the Masonic Family and bears their names in the title and emblems on the buildings. The Board of Trustees are all part of the Masonic family and work to maintain Masonic values when providing care to the residents. The Board is committed to providing for the residents and demonstrating the values we are taught in the Masonic family lessons.

*See facing page*

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# Masonic News



*Left: ESMRC had special visitors from the Grand Line of M.W. Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Colorado. Standing back row: Brenda Marshall, PGM Michael Moore, SR Grand Deacon Jerry Underwood, William Marshall*

*R.W. B.S. R. Grand Warden, Beth Allen, Ross Allen Grandmaster, David Reynolds Deputy Grand Master and Dick Stewart Grand Tiler. Welcoming our visitors were some of our Masonic residents. Seated from the left are Lora Lee Strain, David McEntire, David Barwill, Belle Blair, and Tim Andrezjewski. Our guests did a “meet and greet,” then enjoyed a tour of the community.*



*Above: Centennial Lodge held a meeting*



*Left: Colorado DeMolay had their fall Shred-a-Thon — collecting sensitive paper documents that residents, staff or Masonic members wished to have shredded.*

**W**hat would the Board like to see from you? Become a Delegate. Ask your group to hold a meeting at the Center. Adopt a resident. Help educate our sisters and brothers about what we do and explain how they can help. Financial donations are always welcomed. They are used for the purposes you designate, (resident programs,

special events or projects, endowment or building fund).

**P**lease feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. (View contact information at <https://esmrc.com/board-of-trustees/>.) We are always available to attend any of your meetings to help your members with their questions.



EASTERN STAR MASONIC RETIREMENT CAMPUS

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**GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
*June 7th, 2024*



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Sponsorship opportunities available! For questions contact: Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations Director 303-753-2160 [patis@esmrc.com](mailto:patis@esmrc.com)

To pay by check make it out to ESMRC and put golf in the memo line and mail it to ESMRC, 2445 S Quebec St, Att: Pati Sawyer Boex, Denver, CO 80231

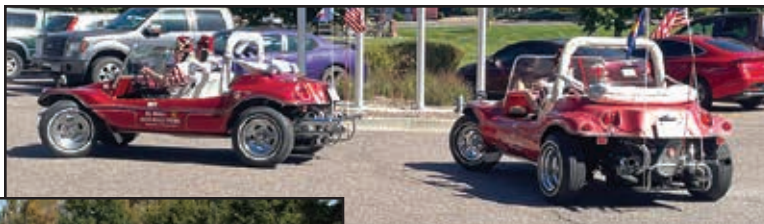
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# Activities Recap

*The El Jebel Shrine organizations held their annual Car Parade at ESMRC.*



*On Halloween, the Masonic youth, dressed in costume, handed out candy to residents, who also wore costumes for the holiday.*







Left: The **Colorado Childrens Chorale** performed a Winter Concert at ESMRC. It was well attended by residents (below).



Above: Residents celebrated Larry going to Italy with a Pizza Party!  
Below: Out for a scenic drive



Right: Puzzling is the hottest activity in the community right now!  
Above: Poker is a close second.





*A Salute to Service Campaign was done jointly with Colorado DeMolay. The group planted 108 American flags plus the flag for each branch of the service in the campus' great lawn for the week of Veterans Day.*



*ESMRC held its annual Veterans' Day program to honor residents who served (left and below).*



*Residents did their civic duty by voting.*

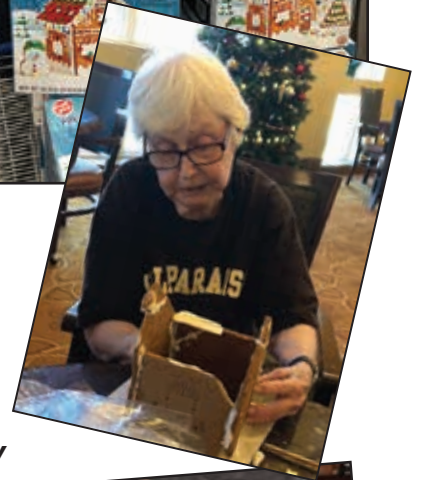


*Left: Executive Director Larry Lillo pledged to purchase donuts for the residents if the Denver Broncos won after losing the first few games. It was a fun joke until the Broncos won five in a row!*





Left and below: Volunteers from the **Colorado Rapids Girls soccer team** came and decorated gingerbread houses with residents. The houses were donated by Sams Cub (right).



Left and below:  
Photos from the  
**Family Christmas Party**





The Masonic youth joined the Grand Family of Eastern Star to host an **Ugly Christmas Sweater Party** for the residents. Santa Claus provided hugs and listened to resident requests.





# Spotlight on Memory Care Activities



**APRIL 13**  
10AM - 12PM

**EASTERN STAR MASONIC RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**  
2445 S Quebec Street  
Denver, CO 80231

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED!**  
Donations benefit IORG's Scholarship Fund!

**ITEMS TO BRING**  
OLD CHECKS, CREDIT CARD OFFERS, MAIL, MEDICAL RECORDS, TAX FORMS, PAY STUBS & OTHER ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE SAFELY DISCARDED!

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**QUESTIONS?**  
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303-753-2190  
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## Happy new Year from ESMRC staff and residents to you!



*Above and right: Making noise for the New Year!*



*Left: Getting your toe nails clipped is a favorite activity for residents.*



*Above: You want me to do what with my cell phone?*



*Left: Residents who live in the Star Vista Village went out to eat lunch.*



# Spotlight on Community Donors





# Benefits of living at ESMRC

The Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus is a 55 and older community, we have been providing seniors care since 1931.

We have independent living cottages for 55 and older, assisted living and memory care on 19 beautiful acres, in a park like setting. We offer quality of life and engagement for our seniors.

For seniors that call the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus home are provided with individual care to match their individual needs. We have a full activities program and our Life Enrichment Director plans multiple fun activities that encourage interaction with others. We offer a variety of activities including daily exercise, painting, jewelry making, baking, word games, bible study, church services and card games plus weekly happy hour every Friday with live entertainment. We have two buses that provide transportation for personal appointments, day trips, lunch outings and scenic rides.

There have been big steps forward over the last decade in caring for the wellbeing of our seniors. Honor, dignity, respect is what every senior deserves. It is hard enough to grow old healthy & gracefully. It is exceedingly difficult to see seniors that are living in isolation and not receiving proper care.

I would like to let the families know that Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus is a community that lives our Mission Statement: We take pride in meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of all our residents.

If you would like to explore our beautiful community, please call our marketing department at #303-756-9489. I would love to help you.

– **Barbara Aragon-Reidel**  
**Director of Sales**



*Executive Director Larry Lillo presented a certificate and gift card to Cirue for 15 years working at ESMRC.*



## ESMRC Blood Drive

**March 21, 2024 and August 22, 2024**  
**9 am–1 pm**

In the Fraternal Meeting Room  
2435 S Quebec St, Denver; Fraternal Meeting Room

To schedule an appointment, call 303-363-2300,  
or visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org); use **0474** blood drive code

Or, contact Pati Sawyer Boex, 303-753-2160,  
[patis@esmrc.com](mailto:patis@esmrc.com)



# Philanthropy —



Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus thanks the following Chapters, Lodges, and individuals for their donations to the ESMRC for October 2023–January 2024.

Susan Bacon  
Brent Bales  
Thomas Henshall in memory of Helen and Ted  
Opp  
Gene Jamell  
Ruby Miyazawa  
Tammy Oldson

Douglas Post in memory of Ann Lane  
David Schachterle in honor of Milton and Iris  
Schachterle  
Nicole Sperekas  
Ronald Tanski in memory of Helen and Gene  
Tanski

## In-Kind Donations —

Thank you to the following Fraternal Family members and private individuals who donated in-kind items for the residents, as well as treats/food/lunches for the staff during the months of October 2023–January 2024.

We appreciate you!

Ramona Abeyta  
Brian Bates  
Eli and Judy Battenburg

Jeff Brothers  
Karen Strout  
Robin and Mike Terry

Ron Williamson  
Sunshine Chapter #53  
Waunita #37

## Salute to Service Veterans Flag Program —

Thank you to the following Fraternal Family members and private individuals who donated. We appreciate you!

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# Colorado Gives Day —

*On Dec. 5, 2023, supporters donated more than \$8,500. Thank you!*



Ramona Abeyta  
Michael Alvine In memory of  
Robert Matthews  
Helen Andresen – dedicated  
to Chas  
Antoinette Augliera  
Craig Bailey  
Rene Ballinger – dedicated to  
all employees who work at  
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Juanita F White  
Shirley Wideman

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## A Variety of Donations Are Noteworthy

(Many were photographed on page 12.)

- During the holidays, many Order of the Eastern Star members donated the big boxes of Kleenex to every resident.
- Knights Templar Association of Colorado donated butter cookies for each resident.
- Thank you to Denver Chapter No. 2, R.A.M. for donating to the Santa Program that gave all in-need residents a special wish gift from Santa.
- Heritage Chapter #154 for hosting a pizza dinner and Christmas Cookie Buffet for the residents
- Groups that donated Christmas poinsettias: Black Hawk Lodge #11, Denver Lodge #5  
Weston Lodge #22, Jobs Daughters Bethel 33, Douglas Lodge #153
- Boxes of Sees Chocolates for all residents were donated by Denver Colorado Commandery 1



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