

In 1927 Sister Grace MacGlashan, the first Secretary of Pinedale Chapter wrote: "The ladies of this section who were entitled to be members of the Order of the Eastern Star had long discussed the desire of forming a chapter of that Order at Pinedale, Wyoming, but to Sister Willa A. Ervin and Brother Floyd Parish belong the credit of forming the chapter here."

Sister MacGlashan goes on to explain the many correspondences it took to finally contact the Worthy Grand Patron Brother John A. Green, who on July 2, 1926, came to Pinedale to institute this Chapter. He was assisted by members from Mystic Chapter No. 8, Mountain Lily No. 10, Radiant Chapter No. 34, Upton Chapter No. 32, and Oak Leaf Chapter No. 6.

The first officers of Pinedale Chapter No. 39 were: Sister Willa A. Ervin, Worthy Matron; Brother Robert E. Clark, Worthy Patron; Sister Sally Parish, Associate Matron; and Sister Grace MacGlashan, Secretary. There were thirty-six charter members. The charter was presented to Pinedale Chapter No. 39 on August 23, 1927.

The chapter originally met in the upstairs of the Law's garage, located on the south-east corner of Pine and Tyler Streets. It moved to the Masonic Hall in December 1928.

Although Sister Sally Parish is listed on the charter as Secretary, she never served as Secretary of the chapter. Sister Sally was elected as Associate Matron in 1926 and was the chapter's second Worthy Matron in 1927-28. Sister Grace MacGlashan was the first chapter Secretary.

On November 13, 1931, with Frances Clark serving as Worthy Matron and William Woods as Worthy Patron, the honored guest of the evening was the United States flag. "Old Glory" was introduced at the Altar, a tribute was read, the flag was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. Pinedale Chapter continues the practice of honoring the flag by having the Marshal escort it to the east at each meeting. After the closing ceremonies the Marshal retires the flag.

Pinedale Chapter held joint installation meetings with the officers of Franklin Lodge No. 31, A.F. & A.M. each December from 1932 through 1947. In 1948 the Wyoming Eastern Star started the process of changing their year from June to June. The Masons didn't change their year for several years.

On June 20, 1970, we again had a joint installation with Franklin Lodge and have continued to do so most years since then. We usually have a pot-luck dinner in conjunction with the installations.

In 1959 our Sister Frances Clark served the Grand Chapter of Wyoming as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Frances and Worthy Grand Patron, W. Kenneth Johnson, presided over the Sixty-second Annual Session at the Fremont County High School gymnasium in Lander, Wyoming, August 26, 27, 28, 1959. Theirs was the "Golden West" Session. Their Symbol: "Open Holy Bible"; Motto: "Love One Another"; Flowers: Delphinium and Wild Rose; Colors: Pink and Blue and Silver; Watchwords: "Speak Only Good", Prayer for the Year: "Lords Prayer".

For twenty years, 1944-1964, Pinedale Chapter served the Junior-Senior Prom banquet for Pinedale High School. The first few years the price was fifty cents per person then we changed it to one dollar.

Since 1965 the members have each brought one or more pairs of stockings to the December meeting to be sent to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Nebraska.

Since 1978 we have had at least one, sometimes two, rummage sales a year. Left-over good clothing has been donated to the Wyoming State Training School in Lander, Dignity in Lander and Jackson, and the Pinedale Community Food Basket.

Brother Les Fluckiger honored our chapter by serving the Wyoming Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Patron in 1992. Brother Les and Worthy Grand Matron, Marilyn Mullikin, presided over the Ninety-fifth Annual Session at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming, August 12-15, 1992.

Theirswasthe "Symphony of the Sea" Session. Scripture: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you..., John 14:27; Watchwords: Peace, Harmony, Humor; Motto: "We are charted for the same direction though sailing on different seas." Aim: SEARCH - for knowledge, SHARE - the

Treasures of Eastern Star, SEND -a message; Emblem: Sand Dollar; Honor Station: Warder; Flowers: purple violets and sea weeds; Colors: Colors of the sea; Fun Symbols: Sea Horses and Sea Shells; Projects: "Charity Begins at Home", Education and News, Eastern Star Benevolent Fund, ESTARL.

Words written by Sister Grace MacGlashan in 1927 are still true for Pinedale Chapter No. 39: "Situated as our chapter is, surrounded by so many of the beauties of nature, we feel sure that Pinedale Chapter will be a great help in building up this community and section, and it is our hope and wish through fraternal friendship and love to accomplish the good for which our Order stands."