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"JOURNEY OF LIGHT"



Lighthouse News

from the WGM & WGP

Ahoy! We read a "success story" recently—a letter from a Worthy Matron in a small rural community of South Dakota. This month we'd like to share her Chapter's "Good Ideas" with you. As she was on her way home from their Vision Conference, brainstorming in the car, she came to the realization that she had joined Eastern Star just because her parents and other relatives had always had it as a part of their life. She realized how hard it is to get people interested today because they just don't know anything about it as she did when she joined the Order. She felt her energy would be best spent on the relatives of current members and keeping current members active. She began by asking members, one by one, to give a short program on something they knew well. The Treasurer was a Mortician, the Marshall raised hunting dogs, and the Secretary was a member of the Historical Society. Soon members were calling her to find out what the program was for the next month! She then implemented a calling program to tell everyone

about the upcoming program and members started picking up other members to come to the meetings. Just by chance one member learned that the local pre-school had lost their current location and offered the use of the Masonic Temple. After having 20 preschoolers at the Temple three mornings a week, it is no longer a "scary" place to the members of the community. Members are enjoying the meetings, non-members are asking questions and Eastern Star is alive and well in their little town.

"One light can guide a ship at sea."

Oceans of love,

Cyn and Mike

JDRF UPDATE—

The second Walk to Cure Diabetes was held in Lincoln on September 21st. The total sent to JDRF following that event was \$12,337.58. This includes money raised from both Lincoln and Omaha Walks and money given as donations, gifts and memorials so far this year. Any additional funds given will be sent to JDRF at the end of our fiscal year. Thanks to all for making this project such a success!! (And—tell all your non Eastern Star friends—let your community know YOU were a part of this success!)

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea...never regains its original dimensions."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

REMINDER—

Make sure the Leadership Workshop is on your calendar for February 28th. Remember, our goal is to have every Nebraska Chapter represented.

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

Hello! I am Les Bailey, your newly appointed Eastern Star Journal representative for the 2003-2006 Triennium. I am a Past Grand Patron of Colorado (1996-97). I will have the pleasure of serving on the General Grand Chapter Eastern Star Journal Committee and working with the jurisdictions of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Alabama.

Yes! I will be soliciting subscriptions. [Have you checked the expiration date of your Journal lately?] And yes, I will be encouraging you to submit articles and photos for publication in the Journal.

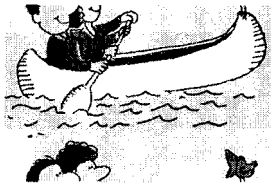
The Summer 2003 Journal noted that Nebraska was in 28th place out of 56 in readership improvement since the beginning of the 2000-2003 triennium. If you have not yet subscribed to the Journal, now is the time to start—"You just don't know what you're missing."

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at: lesbailey@msn.com.



Continue to send the college and email addresses of your young members to Sister Roijeanne Wolfe, Chairman

of Membership--2308 Anna, North Platte NE, 69101. Our young members will make sure this boat WILL sail! Make sure your young members don't miss it!



COME ROW WITH US—

*"As one goes through life one learns
That if you don't paddle your own canoe, you don't move."*

Katharine Hepburn

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 2 nd , 9:30 a.m.	Pioneer Division Past Matrons	Keamey, 23 rd & Central
Oct. 2 nd , 7:30 p.m.	Herman No. 216 Friendship	Hwy 75 & W 5 th St
Oct. 4 th , 5-7 p.m.	Laura No. 301 Soup and Dessert Supper	St. Paul UM Church South Sioux City
Oct. 7 th , 6:00 p.m.	Sunflower No. 214, Friendship	Mitchell, 1315 18 th Ave
Oct. 10 th , 6:00 p.m.	Grand Officers Area Visitation	Kearney, 23 rd & Central
Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m.	Grand Representatives Fall Meeting	Ramada Inn, Kearney
Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m.	Grand Officers Area Visitation	Grand Island, Masonic Temple, 217 N. Locust
Oct. 12, 11 am-2 pm	Harmony No. 13, Soup Luncheon	Masonic Center, 4722 28 th St, Columbus
Oct. 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Violet No. 105, Smoked Pork Loin Supper	209 W. 'F', Wymore
Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.	Michigan Ritual exemplified By Electa Chapter No. 8	Narcissus No. 269, 5903 Maple, Omaha (Dues Cards Necessary)
Oct. 17, 6:00 p.m.	Grand Officers Area Visitation	Valentine, 3 rd & Hall St
Oct. 18, 12 noon	Grand Officers Area Visitation	Theford, 304 Main St
Oct. 18, 3-5 p.m.	Reception honoring Grand Electa, Wanda Fisher	Theford, 304 Main St
Oct. 25 (5-9), Oct 26 (5-8)	Ak Sar Ben Haunted House	2823 N 83 rd St, Omaha
Oct. 26 th 11am-2pm	Fontenelle No. 249, Chili and Soup Supper	2424 S. 135 th Ave, Omaha
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	General Grand Chapter	Portland Oregon
Nov. 1 st	Rainbow mini-Grand	Columbus
Nov. 20 th 7:00 p.m.	Papillion No 114, Metro Area Visitation	Papillion, South 84 th St & Centennial Rd

You will need to make a reservation to attend these events. Call the Host Chapter or the Grand Chapter Office for more information. 800-832-9320 or nebraskaoes@msn.com.

If you have an event you would like listed on this calendar call the Grand Chapter Office by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's OES NEWS.