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"GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER EDITION"



Nebraska Members Tour Lighthouse

Over ninety Nebraska members attended the General Grand Chapter Assembly in Portland and many had the opportunity to take a side trip to the coast during the trip to Oregon. The daylong excursion included a tour of Erath Vineyard and Winery, tour of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, and a wonderful seafood buffet at Depoe Bay. Many took the 110 steps to the top of the lighthouse to enjoyed the view and others got their feet wet in the Pacific! It was a perfect "Journey" for this "Journey of Light" Grand Chapter.

Thank you

Sister H. Marlene Jones PGM, assisted by Brother James Boshart, PGP and his wife Pam, did a magnificent job of making arrangements for the Nebraska trip to the General Grand Chapter Assembly. Those who attended are most grateful for their work in making the trip a memorable experience.

Thanks are also extended to Sister Ruth Challburg and those who assisted her in making arrangements for the Grand Representatives bus tour to General Grand Chapter in Portland. Seventeen members enjoyed this bus tour.

Resolutions ~ Changes

At the General Grand Chapter Assembly, important resolutions were passed that will affect all Nebraska Chapters. Your Chapter secretary is

receiving a summary of these resolutions with this OES News. Be sure your Chapter hears about these changes. A change has also been made to the manner in which we do balloting. Supervisors will be bringing this information to the Chapters.

NEW G.G.C. PINS AVAILABLE

Two new pins are being sold for the 2003-2006 "Fabulous Fraternal Family" Triennium. A beautiful angel pin is being sold to benefit ESTARL for \$7, and a Postage Stamp pin featuring the snowflake and the candle, emblems of the MWGM and MWGP will be sold for \$5 to benefit Youth and other Masonic Charities. Proceeds from these sales will be returned to our state for use here in Nebraska. Call Joni at 308-324-4578, Sue at 402-329-4379 or Bob at 402-756-0271 to purchase one. They will be sold at visitations and other meetings during the triennium.

Nebraska Member's Stained Glass holds place of honor at General Grand Chapter Assembly

A special stained glass creation made by Sister Judy Heinzman, PM and dual member of Electa Chapter No. 8 and Elmwood Chapter No. 181 was displayed in a place of honor in the East at the recent General Grand Chapter Assembly. Sister Judy had made the gift to be presented to Sister Dorothy Dewing at her last visit to Nebraska Grand Chapter as our Most Worthy Grand Matron. Unfortunately, Sister Dorothy passed away just weeks before the Nebraska Session. Nebraska members were proud to see the stained glass displayed beneath a picture of Sister Dorothy throughout the General Grand Chapter meetings and happy to hear that this special gift from Sister Judy was given to the International Temple.

NEBRASKANS PARTICIPATE IN "PEACE AROUND THE WORLD" ASSEMBLY

The following Nebraska members were honored to participate in the 2000-2003 General Grand Chapter Assembly:

Beverly Perkins, Worthy Grand Ruth; Barbara Aten, Arleen Kuhl and Robert Rhodes, General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Bonnie Evans and Bonnie Brasel, Angels in Disguise to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Personal Pages to Worthy Grand Ruth; Carole DeMoss, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Hawaii (she and Brother Jim DeMoss also assisted with an Hawaiian Lei Ceremony, presented by the Chapters of Hawaii); Leona Paden, Margaret Chesley and Linda Prochaska, Assembly Pages; Marie Rasmussen, Assistant to the Right Worthy Grand Conductress; Mary Lou Erickson, Assistant to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sharon Gilson and Betty Garwood, Choir participants, Michael Donham, flag bearer for the Cavalcade of Flags; James Boshart and Robert Carhart, Grand Sentinels; Dee Schuetz and Ann Wells, Personal Pages to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; James DeMoss, Teller. Many other Nebraska members participated in various drills and assisted with the various duties assigned to them.

REGISTRATION

FORMS FOR THE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP (February 28th) ARE BEING MAILED WITH THIS "NEWS".

MAIL YOURS BACK SOON—we'd like to have every Chapter represented.





This Holiday Season ~ ~

Remember the greatest "Journey" of all ~

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a blessed "Journey" into the year 2004.

Dates to Remember:

January 15, 16, 17th

Nebraska School of Instruction --Letters notifying Chapters of their new District Grand Supervisor will be mailed January 17th

Feb. 5, 6, 7th

Grand Lodge, Kearney NE

Feb. 28th

Eastern Star Leadership Workshop, Hastings Masonic Center, Hastings. Devoted members are putting much work into this workshop—be sure your Chapter is represented.

March 5th

Fun Day with the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

Notes from Chapters:

Meridian Chapter No. 74 of Cozad has extra Signets. If you are looking for an upgrade call Renelda Wenburg, Secretary at 308-784-3272.

Sharing your Good Ideas:

Great Publicity Idea: The Milford Chamber of Commerce is starting a web site for their city and asked Blue River Chapter to send a few lines of information about their Chapter to include in the new web site. Secretary, Darlene Gerner suggests that other Chapters could contact their Chamber to see if they might also get this publicity for their Chapters.

From our area GGC Committee Member on the Eastern Star Journal: Brother Les Bailey, PGP of Colorado suggests that your Chapter purchase a subscription to the Journal as a gift to your local library. It would be a minimal investment in helping to get more exposure to the Order out to the local community. It would also make a nice repository for past issues.

Non-Event Fund Raiser: Adah Chapter No. 52 had a "Non-Event" Fund Raiser and sent out colorful invitations to all members and guests inviting them NOT to attend! What a great way to include your non-resident members in a fund raising event! You can call Margaret McCall, Secretary, (402) 592-8608 or the Grand Chapter Office for details of the invitation.

If you have an event or information you would like listed on this page call the Grand Chapter Office by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's OES NEWS. 800-832-9320 or nebraskaoes@msn.com.