



Jottings from Jake & Jill

Notes in a Nutshell

Subordinate Chapter Spotlights

♥ **50-year pins presented by WGM:** *Margaret Staska and Margaret Webster* at Narcissus at their Metro Area Visitation ...and... *Lona Burmeister* in Ft. Calhoun at the Annual Honors Banquet

♥ **Another 50-year pin:** *Jeanne Warren* was presented her 50-yr. pin by her daughter at Papillion's Metro Area Visitation.

♥ **75-year pin presented by WGP:** *Dorothy Kuhl* in Plainview.

LINCOLN IS "ALIVE"

♥ **Harvest Tea at Temple Chapter** (proceeds to the Youth Foundation);

♥ **Bottle Auction at Columbia Chapter** (proceeds to HIKE);

♥ **Alovah Chapter—Alliance** celebrated 100 years as a chapter with a dinner and special meeting on November 20th.

Fabulous Fraternal Family gatherings:

♥ **Annual "White Elephant Auction"** in Albion--Dinner with Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star & others.

♥ **Annual Honors Banquet:** Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter in Ft. Calhoun.

♥ **Remember...** You can access Nebraska OES News on line at www.neocs.org ...

♥ **Print** your own copy of the OES News from the website.

NEWS FLASH

Take notice of all the events and happenings listed at the left in the Notes in a Nutshell column.

Thanks to all chapters who have been creative goal-setting and fund-raisers for charities. Congratulations to everyone who has just received that coveted 50-year pin. We receive many invitations to visit your chapters for special events. We attend as schedules permit. Please

know that we're thinking about you on these special days even when we cannot join you for your various celebrations!

Many of you have chosen to participate in the Proficiency Challenge. One Worthy Patron opens their building on a weekend afternoon for those who want to recite a part and take the Open Book Test. Another Chapter pooled all of their Red Books of Instruction, Law Books and

Rituals during the fellowship time after their meeting to assist each other taking the open-book quiz for the "Challenge". Keep up your good work.

To quote Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol: "God bless us, every one!"

Merry Christmas and Happy 2005 !

Harvest Tea A Great Success

The brain-child of Sisters Mary Ann Townsend PM and Carolyn Plants PM, both members of Temple Chapter #271 in Lincoln; the first annual Harvest Tea has been declared an absolute success.

The afternoon tea springs from the history of Temple Chapter's Victorian Tea that occurred as fellowship events after special meetings for several years in the 80's and 90's. At it's height the Victoria Tea hosted over 350 guests from Lincoln and the surrounding area.

The new Harvest Tea is a revival of sorts with a couple interesting twists. The tea was hosted by Temple Chapter and it's Past Matrons' Club with three distinct purposes in mind

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1) To reconnect with an event that was much enjoyed and provided opportunity for fellowship and good food in a relaxing environment.

2) To set and meet a goal that reflects the Most Worthy Grand Matron's aim to foster better communication and cooperation among the various fraternal bodies of the Masonic Family. And...

3) To raise funds for a mutually supported charitable endeavor.

Invitations were sent to all Lincoln area Masonic Lodges, to the 2004 Grand Lodge Offi-

cers, to Lincoln area Eastern Star Chapters, to the 2004-2005 Grand Chapter Officers, as well as to the 03-04 Journey of Light Grand Family. Invitations were also issued by word of mouth, email, and telephone to Lincoln and Omaha area Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as well as many individ-



Our Worthy Grand Matron—Sister Jill Ramsey hosted a table of our Sisters from the Omaha area



Heart Notes

- Remember to make your housing reservations for Grand Chapter.
- Les Bailey, GGCCM reminds you to submit your subscriptions for the OES Journal by December 23rd to receive all four copies of the 2005 Journal. Brother Les wishes you "happy reading," and wishes you a safe and joyous holiday season from all your Colorado neighbors.

