



## Notes in a Nutshell

### FULLY LIGHTED SIGNET

As a result of many questions asking whether we could have the Signet fully lighted during our Chapter meetings, I contacted the General Grand Chapter Ritual Committee chairman. She researched it, contacted her committee members and the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister

Pat Rasmussen. Their decision was that since GGC Law does not address it, if our Grand Chapter Law doesn't prohibit it, the Worthy Grand Matron can decide. Therefore, I have made the decision that the Signet may be fully lighted for all meetings, except initiation when it will be turned on by the Conductress one panel at a time at the proper time during the ceremony. I hope all of you will turn on your beautiful Signet for all members to enjoy its beauty at each meeting of your chapter.

—Jill Ramsey, WGM

## JOTTINGS FROM "JAKE" AND "JILL"

### Happy New Year!

At the Installation of Grand Officers on May 13, the 2004-2005 Grand Officers embarked on a New Grand Chapter year.



Since our Worthy Grand Patron, Wayne, was nicknamed "Jake" in the military service, we're using his nickname and mine ("Jill") for this space in the OES News.

We are honored that you, the membership, had confidence in us to elect us as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We pledge to do our best to serve you.

We look forward to the upcoming Grand Officer Visitations in your particular area of Nebraska. We want to know the exciting things you are currently doing.

### STAY TUNED:

♥ We want you to set goals for your Chapters and challenge yourselves to meet at least one of those goals during this year. You will hear more at our Visitation meetings.

♥ Remember our Proficiency Challenge: We challenge each chapter to participate. How many members in your chapter have at least one lecture memorized to recite to your own Worthy Patron? There will be a short open-book quiz plus recitation of the lecture to

qualify you for this recognition. More about this soon...

♥ Past Appointed Grand Officers (PAGOS) have volunteered to serve as pro-tem officers for initiatory work in various areas of the state.

ARE THERE OTHERS WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP? Anyone who is willing to travel a few miles from home to fill in as an officer in another chapter, please contact one of the following people:

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We look forward to seeing each of you soon!

Jill Ramsey, WGM  
Wayne Jacobsen, WGP  
a.k.a.—Jake and Jill

## Grand Treasurer Retires

After serving Nebraska's Grand Chapter for six years Sister Connie Havekost— Friendship Chapter #122, Hooper— has retired from the office Grand Treasurer



Sister Connie was elected as Grand Treasurer Emeritus at the Journey of Light Grand Chapter Session. She and Brother Don have served Grand Chapter Nebraska with dignity and warm smiles everywhere they traveled along the Eastern Star road.

Although we will miss Connie we wish them happiness and safe journeys as they travel the new road of retirement together. And...we know we will see them frequently as we continue our Star travels

Connie is serving as co-project chair for the History committee this year.

### NEW LOOK FOR OES NEWS

Carolyn Plants, Temple Chapter # 271 in Lincoln, is our Chairman of Publicity (Public Relations) this year. We have asked her to take the responsibility for editing the OES News. She has very interesting ideas for the monthly newsletter that our Grand Secretary, Sis. Cathy Wagner & recent Worthy Grand Matrons established. We look forward to Sis. Carolyn & her special "correspondents" sharing news with all of us.

THANK YOU CAROLYN

**Grand Officer Reception:** Betty Kirkpatrick, Grand Esther: Thursday July 15th 4:30-5:45, Masonic Temple, 404 North Wilson, Ainsworth.

**Congratulations; Nebraska Chapters celebrating 100 years:**  
Royal Chapter # 184, Gordon, Nebraska  
Miriam Chapter #175, Laurel Nebraska



**You are cordially invited** to a Reception & dinner humoring General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members in Iowa. Saturday July 31, 2004, Ames Iowa. Contact Sister Cathy Wagner for details. Reservations required by 7/16/04

From the  
**GRAND SECRETARY**

**New Rituals Available**

Updates to the Ritual have been completed and the Grand Chapter Office now has them available in the tan regular print or the white large print. The stick-in corrections are also available and will update your Ritual if it was a 2000 edition. You can also use them with your older Rituals if they have been kept up to date with previous corrections.

Please remember that our law states that Rituals must be ordered through your Chapter Secretary and she or the Worthy Matron must sign a written order for Rituals. The price of the Rituals remains the same, and the cost of the stick-in corrections is now \$2.50 per set plus tax. (Please specify large or small print.)

**New pages for the Nebraska Grand Chapter Law Book will**

**not be printed this year.** A motion was made at Grand Chapter not to print changes at this time.

New pages for the *General Grand Chapter Law Book* are available at \$11.50 plus tax.

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*Remember to send your news articles, as well as dates and information for your Chapter's special events to be included in the OES News to the Grand Secretary's office or to the OES News' Editor. These must be received on or before the 15th of the month preceding the desired publication.*

*Subordinate Chapter Spotlights*

Bro. Mike Jones, Worthy Patron, Alma Chapter #20, David City, tells us that they are putting up an OES road sign at the south entrance of the town. The Chapter will also have a food stand at the annual trap shoot; the proceeds will go toward sponsoring Masonic Band scholarships again this year. And... they have just signed up to clean two miles of Nebraska highway roadside. It seems this Chapter is very active and getting our Star out into their community. — Way to go!!!

*Eastern Star Journal  
Less Bailey - GGCCM*

Good news! Sister Corlynn Wilbeck, Wausa, has been appointed chair for the Nebraska Grand Chapter Eastern Star Journal Committee. Her committee members are Sisters Berta Barnett—Omaha area, Mary Frandsen—SW Nebraska area, Janet Reed—SE Nebraska area, and Wandalee Watson—Scottsbluff.

Please welcome them as they visit your Chapters, and give your support by subscribing to the OES Journal.

Thank you and welcome to the 12 new subscribers.

**Grand Sentinel:** David Thienel is from Woodriver, Nebraska. He and his wife Mary are members of Acacia Chapter #39, Hastings.

David has served Grand Chapter with ESTARL for several years and is well known among our members for his enthusiasm for Eastern Star and its philanthropies.

Take time to get acquainted with

them when they arrive in your area for Grand Chapter visitations and other activities throughout the year.



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE .....  
VISITATION  
DATES  
CHANGE.....**

**NO  
VISITATIONS  
on Friday, July 9  
or Saturday, July  
10**

**Calendar of Events**

**JULY**

July 2	The Independence Day Celebration at the <u>Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth Nebraska</u> . 7:00 PM. picnic supper— lots of fun; and fireworks starting at 10 pm. Open to the public. There will be a free will donation.
July 4	Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper is having a Farmers Market on July 4th from 8 am till noon to raise money for the scholarship program and Shrine Band Camp Scholarships.. It will be next to the City Meat Market on main street in Hooper.
July 6	Area visitation; 11:00 AM MDT registration. Lunch @ noon. w/ Gordon, Alliance, Chadron, Hay Springs — <u>United Methodist Church 211 West 2nd St, Gordon NE</u> . Call Clarian Cadwallader, Secretary for information and reservations. Gordon; 100th celebration. Time and location to be announced.
	Area visitation w/ Sidney, Chappell, Oshkosh, Ogallala, Kimball — PM, <u>United Methodist Church 2622 11th Ave, Sidney</u> . Call June Pemberton for details and reservations: 308-254-5083
July 9	5:00-9:00 PM; Homemade pie & ice cream social. Wayne Chapter 194, <u>208 Main Street, Wayne NE</u> . <i>HENOWEEN NIGHT</i> (day before <i>CHICKEN DAYS</i> )
July 14	Laurel 100th celebration; 2:00—4:00 PM, <u>Laurel City Auditorium 101 West 2nd Street</u> .
	Area Visitation w/ Wayne, So. Sioux City, Laurel, Coleridge, Norfolk, Stanton, Wisner; registration 5:00PM, dinner at 6pm. <u>Laurel City Auditorium 101 West 2nd Street</u> . Call Shirley Wickett for details and reservations--402-256-3254.
July 15	Area visitation Brunch w/ O'Neill, Atkinson, Orchard, Plainview, Wausa, Bloomfield. <u>@Bloomfield</u> Reception: Betty Kirkpatrick, Grand Esther: Thursday July 15th 4:30-5:45, <u>Masonic Temple, 404 North Wilson, Ainsworth</u> .
	Area visitation; w/ Ainsworth, Springview, Wood Lake, Valentine — 6:00PM <u>@ Congregational Church, 236 West 3rd, Ainsworth</u> . Followed by open meeting at 7:30PM, Masonic Temple, 404 North Wilson, Ainsworth. Call Betty Kirkpatrick for reservations or details.
	Luna Chapter No. 169 annual Friendship Night and Ice Cream Social at 7:30 PM. <u>Masonic Temple in Elkhorn</u> . Call April Scott WM 402-553-6341 if you plan to attend.
July 16	Area visitation; 11:00 AM MDT registration/ Thedford, Mullen, Hyannis. <u>Episcopal Parish Hall, 2 blocks East of Main St, Hyannis, NE</u> . Meal is at noon. Reservations and details: Sharline Haney (308) 458-2275.
July 29	<i>Fifth Thursday</i> —Omaha area Grand Representative Social.. 6 pm--pot luck picnic @ the picnic pavilion at the Masonic Eastern Star Home in Fremont. Meat, drink and table service will be provided. All present and past Grand Representatives are welcome,

*Please note .....*

***Articles and Calendar items for the Nebraska OES News Must be received by the 15th of the preceding month! Submit to Office of the Grand Secretary or to OES News Editor***

