



Jottings from Jake & Jill

Notes in a Nutshell

♥ We, once again, have news article templates available for your Chapter's use. They will soon be available on the Nebraska Grand Chapter web page. You can receive a copy of this set of templates by email — send an email to the editor of the Nebraska OES Newsletter to <cp13522@alltel.net> please put "Publicity Templates" in the subject line.

♥ **Read** the Nebraska OES Newsletter on line at www.neoes.org — Or, **print** your own copy of the newsletter directly from the website

♥ **Snowbirds** take notice: if you are an Eastern Star Journal Subscriber... and you go south for the winter... **BE SURE** to notify the Eastern Star Journal office in DC of your winter address before you go — **and** before you come back. Since the Journal has non-profit postage rate, it is *never forwarded*. Only you can keep your issues coming, uninterrupted, wherever you are — by advising Donna Williams of your correct forwarding address — Les Bailey GGCCM

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Light Within

*People are like stained-glass windows.
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,
But when darkness sets in,
Their true beauty is revealed only
If there is light from within.*

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us Eastern Star Members reflect a light within as we open our hearts to the residents of our Homes in Fremont and Plattsmouth. If you wish to make a charitable gift, please send your cash donation to: Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary, PO Box 156, Fremont Nebraska 68026-0156. Material gifts should be sent directly to the Homes:

Masonic-Eastern Starr	Nebraska Masonic Home
Home for Children	1300 Avenue D
2415 North Main—PO Box 1327	Plattsmouth Nebraska 68048.
Fremont Nebraska 68025	

Your Grand Family wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Jill Ramsey
Worthy Grand Matron

Wayne Jacobsen
Worthy Grand Patron

Rob Morris Membership Jewel

Here's a jog to your memories regarding the Rob Morris Membership Jewel

Members must earn a total of 300 points during the 2003-2006 Triennium:

⇒ 100 points for being first line signer of a petition for the degrees;

⇒ 50 points for being the second line signer of a petition for the degrees;

⇒ 50 points for signing a petition for reinstatement.

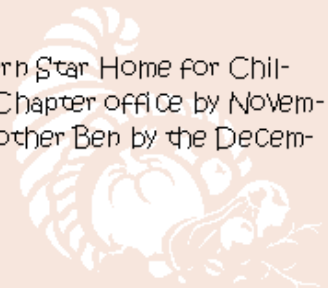
Your chapter secretary will send in the form once you have earned the required points.

Secretaries please note: use the form that requests you to send the form to the Nebraska Grand Chapter Office (it has an oval letterhead)—do not use the old form, as the address to mail it in is no longer correct.



Heart Notes

♥ **A Reminder:** Contributions for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children's Purple Ribbon Club must reach the Grand Chapter office by November 30th so that the funds can be delivered to Brother Ben by the December 15th Deadline.



Meet our Grand Officer

Betty Kirkpatrick, Grand Esther
Betty is an Ainsworth native. She and her husband Dale are members of Bethany Chapter

#113 in Ainsworth. Betty tells us that they joined at the same time — 31 years ago. Betty is Secretary of Bethany Chapter.



Since retiring from the floor-covering business in 1997, she has served Grand Chapter as a District Grand Supervisor, serving for four years.

Betty and Dale have 3 children and 8 grandchildren (all live within the state). They love to travel... so this has been a wonderful summer traveling here and there and back again with Nebraska's Grand Family.

Our Grand Esther volunteers at the Brown County Hospital as a "Pink Lady". Works at the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop. The Auxiliary provides funds needed to buy equipment for the Hospital. She finds Lewis and Clark a subject of interest, and she & Dale visit museums and interpretive centers whenever they can.

Betty says, "We're enjoying seeing new places and visiting in each district."

Notice: Articles and calendar items for the Nebraska OES News must be received by the 15th of the preceding month! Submit to:

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Notes From the and Family

The Grand Officers completed their area visitations on a very successful note.

Jake the Jokester made an appearance at the visitation in Columbus. Following a very tight competition, our Worthy Grand Patron was named the winner and presented with a special Joker Doll.

The Complete Make-over crew showed up at the Omaha School for Boys just in time for our meeting, they went right to work and when they were finished our Worthy Grand Matron was quite stunning? or stunned?!!

We are VERY proud of them both!!!

The Kansas-Nebraska

exchange was held in Hastings and Phillipsburg, KS on October 8th and 9th. The Kansas Grand Officers initiated Doug Hoffman, now a member of Signet Chapter #55 in North Platte, in a beautiful ceremony. Our Grand Officers then performed the initiation ceremony for the Kansas audience on Saturday in Phillipsburg. The meetings were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The next stop for the Grand Officers will be the Iowa Grad Chapter, October 28-30.

We thank everyone for the great hospitality given us during our visits, hope to see you all soon.

Dianne Wiberg

Subordinate Chapter Spotlights

Our Correspondent for South Eastern Nebraska reports a couple of events that took place recently.

♥ Alma Chapter 20 out of David City did the lunch concessions stand on September 25, 2004 for the Masonic Fidelity Lodge #51's Trap Shoot and Sporting Play Shoot held at Loma Nebraska.

♥ Brownville Chapter 263 has merged with Peru Chapter on May 6, 2004. This is Brownville's 3rd merger. Previously merged with Nemaha and Auburn chapters.

Grand Chapter Committee Notes

The Eastern Star Journal Committee met with several other Committee Chairpersons and members on September 19th at the Masonic Temple in Columbus.

The meeting, led by Worthy Grand Matron Jill and Worthy Grand Patron Wayne, focused on each Grand Chapter Committee, their duties and roles; and was followed by a goal setting presentation. Members of OES Journal committee are Berta Bamett, Mary Frandsen, Janet Reed and Wandalee Watson. This is a learning experience for all of us but we are sure it will be rewarding and challenging.

The committee's goal is to promote the Eastern Star Journal and get new subscribers. Each month, Les Bailey, the General Grand Chapter Committee Member from Colorado sends me a

list of current subscribers. We make corrections and contact those whose subscriptions are about to expire. In May we had 59 subscribers and we are now up to 64 so we are making progress.

Unfortunately, many of our members have never even heard of the OES Journal or seen a copy of it. It is our desire to change that situation.

We encourage all of you to submit interesting articles, photos or newsworthy events from your Chapters to the Journal. There is always some interesting news out there! And if you or anyone you know would like to subscribe, please contact me or one of the committee members! The cost is \$12.00 for a one year subscription. We hope to see your name on our list next month!

Carolynn Wilbeck, Chairman
Eastern Star Journal

An Invitation

You are invited to an Alaska Travel Show

Date: November 7, 2004

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: Masonic Lodge in Elkhorn, Corner of Hopper and Mary Streets.

Join Kathy and Bob Attebery, along with the representatives from Allied Tours to learn about the spectacular cruise tour they have planned for July of 2005!

RSVP's are helpful, reply to:
Bob Attebery,
21306 Harney St.,
Elkhorn NE 68022;
402-289-3120;

attebery@worldnet.att.net

News from Norfolk

B eulah Chapter #40, Norfolk Nebraska, assisted the Temple Craft with the LaVitset pancake feed. They served pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee to 362 people.

Helping with the pancake feed were the Norfolk Masons, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay.

The day included the *CHIP* program sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska which had a good attendance of approximately 35 children.



Pictured from left to right are Sisters Marcine Pierce, Jeanne Rix, Brother Merle Rix Worthy Patron, and

Good Christmas ideas!

Bev Donham has the General Grand Chapter pins - Angels \$7.00 (ES TARL), and the Postage Stamp pin \$5.00 (Fraternal Families) (This can be divided to any of our youth groups, or any of the Masonic groups).

She also has the Christmas Music CD produced by Worthy Grand Organist Marcia Carlson, PGM of Colorado. The CD sells for \$15 and \$200 for postage if mailed. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to the Endowment Fund, established by GGC. This will help with the preservation of the International Temple, Rob Morris birthplace, Little Red School House, the Chapel at the International Peace Gardens, and for the DeMolay, International Order of Job's Daughters, and International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

You can order any of the above items by calling Bev Donham 402-558-9032 or email mbedonham@cox.net

International Grand Representatives Association "Super Stars"

Everyone of us knows someone in our beautiful Order who exemplifies the lessons of our heroines every day in their lives—someone who is always there to give an encouraging word or assistance whenever needed.

The International Grand Representatives Association has developed a program to honor these "Super Stars." This award is for those members who have never been Grand Representatives, but who are deserving of recognition. This does not preclude the individual from ever becoming a Grand Repre-

sentative, however. Sister Jerrie Wilcox of Papillion Chapter #114,



Brother Richard Brasel, Sisters Jerrie Wilcox and Bonnie Brasel

Papillion, presented two of these awards at the Metro Area Grand Representatives meeting held September 30th, 2004.

The recipients of the awards are Sister Bonnie Brasel Past Grand Matron and Brother Richard Brasel. Sister Bonnie and Brother Dick are very active members of Nar-

cissus Chapter #269, Omaha. In addition to their activities in the own Chapter, they are both very active in their church, Sister Bonnie serves on the Board of Director of the Masonic/Eastern Star Home for Children and Brother Dick serves on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Sister Bonnie and Brother Dick are also active supporters of Rainbow for Girls.

Congratulations to these very deserving "Super Stars."

Make 2005 Grand Chapter Hotel Reservations **Now!**

This is an important message from Brother Jim Boshart P.G.P., Housing Chairman, Nebraska Grand Chapter:

Brother Jim asks that all Nebraska Members to make *hotel reservations now* for the Nebraska Grand Chapter Session, May 10-12 2005.

Many Distinguished Guests from other Juris-

dictions will attend our 2005 Session and will be making reservations soon. To assure that you will have a room, make your reservation now—it's better to make a reservation now, even if you need to cancel later, rather than have no room!

You must tell the hotel that you are with Nebraska Eastern Star to get

our special room rates. You must use the following numbers— not the hotel's 800 number.

Holiday Inn: 402-475-4011
Ramada Limited: 402-423-

Remember... don't wait! Make your reservations for the 2005 Session of Nebraska Grand Chapter... now!!!

Calendar of Events: November 2004 **RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR MOST OF THESE EVENTS**

November 13 Harvest Tea. Hosted by Temple Chapter #271 Past Matrons Club. 2:00-4:00 PM, Scottish Rite Temple, Lincoln NE. Reservations \$8.00 ea. —contact Mary Ann Townsend, 301 Sycamore, Lincoln 68510; 402-483-4668. Proceeds will be donated to the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference — Fall 2005.

November 14 Trinity Chapter #299—Covert Lodge #11. Pancake Breakfast. 8:00 AM—1:00 PM. 2424 So. 135th Avenue, Omaha.



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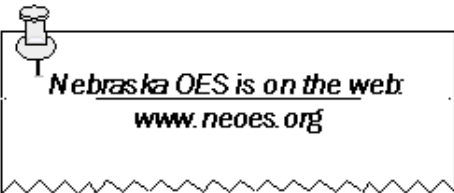
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*Honor the past, Embrace the present,
And Reach To the future*

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Getting To Work On Your Publicity Campaign

There are once again copies available of sample news articles that you can use to help you write and release information about your Chapter's activities and the accomplishments of your members.

Contact me at <cp13522@alltel.net> and I will email a copy to you. We are also working to post such sample documents for news releases to the Nebraska OES Grand Chapter web pages. You will be able to download and save these sample pages and modify the content of those pages to suit the individual requirements you may have to effectively write articles for your local news media.

Since one of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's goals is to increase and improve public relations, we are encouraging you to take every opportunity to get out the news. Our Nebraska Eastern Star Chapters and their members are very active within their Chapters, in community and youth activities, and as individuals

in private and professional lives. One of the most important things we can do is to let the world around us know who we are and what contributions we make on a regular basis to our communities and society at large. People need to know that we are a viable, energetic, philanthropic organization that is worthy of their attention and consideration. There are prospective members in every community, we have to get their attention if they are to contemplate the Order as a good place to invest their time and energies.

You can certainly add a photograph to any news story you write for publication. Many media request photographs as clear black-and-white prints, but they will often accept a good clear color photo as well. Remember to ALWAYS keep the information in your news releases LOCAL. Media like LOCAL names and events. Ascertain what requirements your local media may have for submission of news, announcements, and photographs; as well as time-lines—you won't be disappointed with non-publishing if you comply

with their needs. Contact news media prior to event so they may schedule the publicity – especially if it is desirable that they take video or photographs at the event. Media like to be notified ahead of time. *Do not wait until the last minute.*

Don't be shy, get your news out to the public and to the OES Newsletter, or submit to the Eastern Star Journal. Your successful fund-raiser, your special activities, the awards your members earn both in Star and in their professional lives are important news and need to be shared.

It is not an earth-shattering issue whether it's your Worthy Matron, your Secretary, or a specially appointed Publicity Chair that takes charge of getting the word out about your Chapter, it's activities, and it's members... but it is important that you *do* put Eastern Star in the news.

Please start right away with your own local public relation campaign; AND, *please* send copies of your news to the OES Newsletter to o!