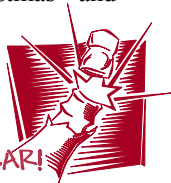




*Treasures of the Heart
Honor the past, Embrace the
present,*

Jottings from Jake & Jill

We hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and are now ready to delve into 2005 with vigor!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Newly Elected Officers: Congratulations to the newly-elected chapter officers. We hope that the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be able to attend Grand Chapter in May and participate in our "Treasures of the Heart" session. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter are planning to attend. We would like for all of you to meet them.

Proficiency Challenge: Many members have already qualified for the lovely Proficiency Pin by reciting from memory a part of our ritualistic work and taking the Open Book Quiz. Those who successfully complete this work will receive the pin. It is round with a wreath encircling it. In the center is an outline of the state of Nebraska as well as our Eastern Star emblem, and around the perimeter the words: *Proficiency Award. Qualify for yours today!*

Supervisors' School will take place in Columbus, Nebraska, January 16-18, 2005. That means that you will soon learn who your District Grand Supervisor will be this year. The day

of your Supervisor's visit will go quickly and will be more enjoyable for all, if you will have practiced your ritualistic work in advance. Shine for your Supervisor!

Grand Representatives: We thank all of the Grand Representatives whose commissions end in December for your service to the Order. We also welcome those who begin their experience representing other Grand Jurisdictions in Nebraska. You may have a new Grand Representative in your own chapter. Grand Representatives make a habit of visiting other chapters in their area. Please make them welcome. They are our *ambassadors of good will.*

heart notes

- ♥ Nazarene Chapter #117 held their regular meeting with a very special and unusual initiation on October 4, 2004. They had the pleasure of initiating Suzanne and Victoria Achenbach—mother and daughter respectively—as new members of the Order. Assisting in the ceremony—a pleasant surprise to the candidates—were Suzanne's sister, Worthy Matron JoAnn Woods and her husband Brother Rusty Woods, and Worthy Patron Charlie Cobb; all of whom traveled to Nebraska from Corner Stone Chapter #193, Portland Maine.
- ♥ Many of our Nebraska Eastern Star members were saddened to learn of the death of our District Grand Supervisor, Sister JoAnn Davis. Sister JoAnn passed away December 19 at her home after a long battle with cancer. The funeral was held December 22 in South Sioux City. An Eastern Star Service was conducted by members of Laura Chapter No. 301 of South Sioux City on Tuesday evening, December 21. Brother Melvin Davis, Sister JoAnn's husband, expresses his sincere appreciation to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska for the many prayers and the many cards she and her family received during her illness. The Grand Chapter extends its sympathy to her family and to the District Grand Supervisors whose fraternal chain has been broken.



Arbor Vitae Chapter —A Letter from Shirley Frink, Worthy Matron

Arbor Vitae has presented three 50-year pins this year one of which was to Margaret Page, who gave me my first appointment on the floor back in 1972. So, that was a special privilege this year.

We initiated six new members, especially wonderful as one was my granddaughter.

We, at Arbor Vitae have

been busy; we rang bells for the Salvation Army from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. one day, we gave two academic scholarships worth \$500 each and the two recipients came to a meeting to tell us of their plans, we also gave two Masonic All Star Marching Band scholarships—one was to a young lad from Yutan and he and his Band Instructor both came and

thanked us and told us what it meant to both of them to receive the scholarship. We have given a scholarship to Yutan for the past three years and we presented their school a plaque with the names of the recipients; we hope to continue to support them in this fashion in the future. They have no Masonic or Eastern Star Chapter in Yutan so this is our

opportunity to do something and get Eastern Star some publicity.

Hope that you had a good Thanksgiving and all the best to you and yours for the holidays.

Star love, Shirley



Eastern Star Journal Update...

The figures are in for the end of November. After one year into this triennium, Nebraska is setting in 33rd place out of 59 jurisdictions, with 0.54% of the membership subscribing to the ESJ (that's only 68 out of 12,607, or barely half of 1% of you). Still, it's been a good year--because one year ago it was only 49 out of 13,227, or 0.37%, and you were in 42nd place. That's movement in the right direction, and I hope I can be of service to you in 2005.



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Wausa Chapter

Members of Wausa Chapter #159 brought homemade cookies and following a meeting the cookies were packed and mailed to Major Chris Wilbeck who is stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. Chris is

the son of Brother Warren, Worthy Patron, and Corlynn Wilbeck, Worthy Matron of Wausa Chapter.

Major Wilbeck wrote to the Chapter thanking the mem-



bers for their thoughtfulness, he reported that the cookies were a big hit when he shared them with the men in his unit. Not all members of the military get packages from home so this wonderful gesture was much enjoyed and appreciated.

Olivette Chapter

Sister Lois Gager, Secretary of Olivette Chapter #83, Table Rock wrote to share some of their favorite activities...

♥ Observing *Good of the Order* at every meeting, they enjoy readings, entertainment, games. They host gift exchanges most holidays—gifts for the exchanges must be the corresponding color for the holiday observed. It seems that a beautifully wrapped package regularly shows up at one of the gift exchanges—a

like-new girdle. [Strange...

Lois confides it has yet to be modeled by a recipient.]

- ♥ A garden produce exchange.
- ♥ On Mothers' Day the Brothers take the Sisters "out for dinner;" providing entertainment and small gift. then reverse the rolls for Fathers' Day. [*I like this one!!*]
- ♥ They donate hams to Table Rock's community Christmas drawing, paper products to the Community Building, and contribute to the annual town festival as well as other community functions. *And*, collect food and non-perishables for the food

bank several times a year.

- ♥ The Chapter has an annual family Thanksgiving feast.
 - ♥ The members always enjoy a *Wieners & Sauerkraut* night at a fall meeting.
 - ♥ They decorate *forgotten* graves in two cemeteries for Memorial Day & Christmas.
 - ♥ A white elephant sale and silent auction just before Christmas is popular with shoppers.
- WOW**, 8 active members—with 2 three-generation families, **SUCH AN ACTIVE CHAPTER!!** *What a wonderful example to emulate!*

Subordinate Chapter Installations

Following are the Installations we were aware of at the time the newsletter was published.

- Jan 6th: 1:30 pm—Republican Chapter No. 304, Circle Drive, Republican City
- Jan 8th: 2:00 pm—Home Chapter No 189, 513 Main Street, Plattsmouth
1:00 pm—Martha Washington No. 153, 4430 N. 70th St, Lincoln
- Jan 15th: 2:00 pm—Friendship Chapter No. 122, 117 N. Main, Hooper
2:00 pm—Vesta Chapter No. 6, 2823 N. 83rd St, Omaha
2:00 pm—Electa No. 8, 1635 L Street, Lincoln
7:00 pm—Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, 350 E. 23rd St, Fremont
- Jan 18th: 7:30 pm—Columbia Chapter No. 275, 1542 N. 65th St, Lincoln
- Jan 19th: ?? Sarepta No. 48, 305 W. Eagle, Arlington
- Jan 20th: 7:30 pm—Narcissus Chapter No. 269, 5903 Maple St, Omaha
- Jan 22nd: 2:00 pm—Alpha Chapter No. 325, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue
7:30 pm—Adah Chapter No. 52, Omaha. Installation to be at Papillion Masonic Center, 84th & Centennial, Papillion
2:00 pm—Herman Chapter No. 216, Hwy 75 & W. 5th St, Herman
- Jan 24th: 7:30 pm—AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, 2823 N. 83rd St, Omaha
- Jan 28th: 7:30—Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha
- Jan 29th: 2:00 pm—Luna Chapter No. 169, Mary Street & Hooper, Elkhorn
7:00 pm—Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
7:30 pm—Myrtle No. 94, 2610 No. 48th Street, Lincoln
7:30 pm—Temple No. 271, 332 S. Centennial Mall, Lincoln

