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TEA TIME WITH JAN

Hello Sisters and Brothers. Isn't this an exciting time in the lives of our Chapters? It is a new year and together we can accomplish so much. Remember to encourage those new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and let's all be supportive of new and fresh ideas. Our meetings can be fun and educational. I hope to see many of you at the North Platte Vision Conference.

I hope you are still remembering to fill up those canisters with quarters. Wouldn't 100% participation from all of our Chapters be wonderful! It is such an easy way to be part of a wonderful project. Our District Grand Supervisors or Grand Officers would love to pick up the canisters and turn them in for you. If you need canisters just email or give me a call and I will see that you get some. Our Grand Master and his lady Karen have chosen "Noah's Assistance Dogs" as the program for the Ladies Luncheon at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. I would like to thank Grand Lodge, Grand Master Ivan, and Karen for their continued support. Nebraska is so lucky to have a "Fabulous Fraternal Family".

O.E.S. Vision Conference

The deadline for registering for the Vision Conference has been extended to Feb 15th, however the Grand Chapter Office needs the names and email addresses of those wishing to attend as soon as possible so that everyone can participate in the "Personality Profile". Your Vision Committee has engaged two professional speakers for this Conference: Wendy Benes from the University of Maryland, and Randy Vlasin of Personal Horizons Consulting.



from *Darby-*

I did get to attend the School of Instruction in Wymore, and I think I met some of the best among us at School. Don't tell Jan, but the Grand Officers fed me candy while I was there! The Supervisors are so smart that there were almost no tricks I could teach them!

Keep watching my column because in April I'll be working with the Grand Chapter Quarter Counter and we will be giving you a total of the quarters received from each Chapter.

I know you will all want your Chapter to be on this list! I'll continue to list those of you who have had other special projects each month. The Grand Secretary says that she did not receive any funds for special projects in January, but thanks to those of you who sent memorials. Noah's will use those funds to honor your loved ones.

Together with our quarter collections and the special projects and gifts you have sent, the total raised for Noah's this year (as of Jan 20th) is \$6,847.87. I'm so proud of you!

Darby



It's "Heart" Month---

Sister Bev Dohnam, Chairman of the General Grand Chapter Projects, would like to remind all members that one of the goals of the General Grand Chapter Heart Committee is to educate. Therefore, you will find with this mailing a list of the Warning Signs for Heart Attack and Stroke. Please read these to your Chapter and post these where they can be read by everyone who uses your facility. We can save lives by knowing these signs.



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP TO TAKE THE BUS TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER IS MARCH 1, 2006.

While you will still be able to register to attend the Assembly after that date, you will not be able to be included on the bus trip. If you missed the Jan 23rd deadline for sending in your hotel reservation, you can still send it to Sister Cyn Norman—but, you will not be guaranteed a room in the same hotel. If you want to ride the bus, remember the MARCH 1st Deadline! Watch this column for updates.

Grand Representatives' Corner

Please see that all Present and Past Grand Representatives in your Chapter receive a copy of the letter included in this mailing. We appreciate all that Grand Representatives do for our Grand Chapter.

THERE IS MORE YOU SHOULD KNOW—

Grand Chapter

It's time to start making plans for the Grand Chapter Session. Call in your room reservations soon (Be sure to tell the hotels you are with Eastern Star.)

Holiday Inn Downtown:
(402) 475-4011

Ramada Limited South:
(402) 423-3131

About Educational Loans:

A recent news article indicates that the rate for federal student loans will increase in July—to as high as 6.8% for Stafford loans and 8.5% for PLUS loans. The rate for Eastern Star Educational Loans remains at 4%. It's worth your time to call for more information if you have a student in your family. Call now.

***~~~~ Share some Special Moments with
Our Masonic Family this month~~~~***

FEBRUARY:

2nd, 3rd, 4th: Grand Lodge, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney Nebraska

11th: STARS COFFEE AND TEA TIME (SCATT) will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Papillion Masonic Center, 84th St. & Centennial Road, Papillion. Speaker will be Evgenyia Lyutafhenko, exchange student from Uzbekistan, who will talk about her homeland.

18th: NEBRASKA O.E.S. VISION CONFERENCE. RESERVATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY OR CALL THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE AT 800-832-9320. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL FEBRUARY 15TH. CALL THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CAN ATTEND.

25th: Annual Chili and Soup Supper, sponsored by the Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Tickets available at the door: \$4.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children under 12.

26th: Soup, Salad, Sandwich Luncheon sponsored by Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 S. 135th Ave. Call Edna at (402) 330-3790 for details.

MARCH:

5th: Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, 2424 S. 135th Ave. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For details call Lorna at (402) 333-5829

18TH: Roast Beef Dinner sponsored by Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln. Serving from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 332, S. Centennial Mall, Lincoln Nebraska. For details call Melinda at (402) 488-0837

25th: Soup Supper and themed basket raffle sponsored by Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., fourth floor of the Masonic Center, 217 N. Locust Street, Grand Island.

Send information for the March NEWS to the Grand Chapter office by February 15th. Remember some Chapters won't read the March NEWS until the end of that month.