



NEBRASKA OES NEWS

"PICTURE SPECIAL MOMENTS" ~~~~VOLUME VI NUMBER 9 ~~~~
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TEA TIME WITH JAN

Sisters and Brothers, remember to mark your calendars for a **"Picture Special Moments"** opportunity on April 9th. It is Brother Tregan, Worthy Grand Patron, and my hope that all our Eastern Star members can celebrate **"Family Day"**. This is a day set aside to celebrate the gift of Eastern Star and the Masonic Family with your children, grandchildren and Masonic youth. A few ideas for the day could be that your Chapter adopts a Bethel or Assembly and spend the day together. If you don't have Jobs, Rainbow or DeMolay in your town then spend the day with any youth. Unfortunately we (Eastern Star) are still a well kept secret. This day could be spent flying a kite, playing cards, games, Mexican train dominos, bowling or even taking a walk. The whole idea is to share the benefits and our love of Eastern Star with the kids. I personally can't imagine why everyone wouldn't want to join the Order if they truly understood the "Gift of Membership".

Speaking of the gift, you have now all received the membership pamphlet called **"Order of the Eastern Star, The Gift of Membership"**. This should be a wonderful tool to help make it easier to explain and talk to prospective members about the Order of the Eastern Star. I appreciate all the hard work on this project by many people. Thanks especially to Brother Don Jelinek, Past Grand Patron, for coming up with this idea and his many hours given to the project.

O.E.S. Vision Conference

Follow-up on the Vision Conference— Even though snow and blizzards prevented some who had registered from attending, there were approximately 85 present for the conference. Nebraska was happy to have in attendance Sister Mary Felton, PGM of Minnesota and Regional Vision Coordinator-Western Division. Evaluations indicate that most in attendance thought it worthwhile and would attend another conference if given the opportunity. Thanks to Sister Cyn Norman and her committee for a wonderful conference.



from Darby-

I have had a rather busy month! Grand Lodge was a great experience and I was able to renew my friendship with my good friend "Pawnee" (you may remember that he visited our last Grand Chapter Session with his master Mike Renner, who is the man in charge there at Noah's)

I also attended the Vision Conference -had to ride in the trunk all the way to North Platte, but it was worth it! We talked about "personalities", some new ideas on "leadership", "empowering" and I got to observe some "brainstorming". Those are big words for me, but the people there seemed very excited about them.

Don't miss the NEWS next month because I'm working on that list of who contributed what to Noah's—you will want your Chapter on it I'm sure! Thanks to Alma Chapter for a donation from their project and a special thanks to all our friends at Grand Lodge.

Darby



The Gift of Membership

A new membership brochure has been introduced and a copy has been mailed to the Secretary of each Chapter. Be sure you take a look at it. Instructions for its use are included (please be sure to remove the instructions before giving the packet to a prospective member!) We hope your Chapter will discuss ways that you might use this new tool. What a wonderful new approach to attracting new members—as a "gift" we are giving to those special people in our lives who would appreciate the opportunity to serve with Sisters and Brothers to make their lives and their communities better.

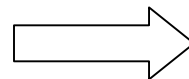
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What is an "Officers and Supplies Book"? Ask your Secretary!!!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your Chapter Secretary has received information on this year's Scholarship Program. This month you should discuss the number and amount of each scholarship you would like to provide and Deliver the Guidelines and sample Application to your high schools. Please send your Chapter's funds to the Grand Chapter office with the Notification of Award form when your school has selected a recipient. The deadline for getting this form and your money to the Grand Chapter office is May 1st.

MORE ON BACK



NEWS FROM THE OES JOURNAL:

The Eastern Star Journal is alive and well. In the current issue there is a wonderful article about Nebraska hosting the 5-state event,; pictures of Wausa Chapter's Spring Hat Show and Ugly Tie Contest (what great ideas for a fun meeting!); an article from Dorcas Chapter honoring their 65-year member Sister Loy Teter; a story about Eureka Chapter's fund raiser for their Sister Patty Hecox. Don't you need to subscribe so you will be tuned in to what's happening in your state? It's a steal at \$12 per year. Questions? lesbailey@msn.com

Grand Chapter

Your Chapter Secretary has received registration packets for the "Picture Special Moments" Grand Chapter Session, May 9, 10, 11th 2006. The deadline for registering is April 25th. Credentials have been mailed and other information will be upcoming in next month's NEWS. Registration forms are available on our website: <http://neoes.org> . Click on "Reports and Forms".

Take the Survey

Here is one more opportunity to let the General Grand Chapter and your Grand Chapter know your opinions and wishes. The General Grand Chapter Unfinished Business Committee has put together a survey which you may take by going to the GGC website: www.easternstar.org, click on "Triennium", scan down and click on the letter from the Chairman of Unfinished Business Committee, and complete the survey. Since many of the laws that are a part of our Grand Chapter are in effect because of laws in effect in the General Grand Chapter it is important for us to have a voice at the General Grand Chapter level. This is an opportunity we have to say what we love about our Order—and what our wishes and dreams for its future are. We appreciate the General Grand Chapter Unfinished Business Committee for providing this opportunity.

~~~~Special Moments Calendar ~~~~

MARCH:

- 1st: Deadline for ESTARL applications. All applications must be postmarked by this date to be considered for funds for the 2006-2007 school year.
- 5th: Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Serving spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages. Adults: \$7.00; children under 10: \$3.00. 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.

APRIL:

- 9th: FAMILY DAY. See the Worthy Grand Matron's letter on front and plan an event for your Chapter. Send Pictures of your event to the Worthy Grand Matron or email to the Grand Chapter Office.
- 15th: SCATT (Star Coffee and Tea Time) 9 a.m. 84th & Centennial, Papillion. Sponsored by Papillion No. 114.
- 18th: Card Party and Salad Luncheon by Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha Call Edna for more information: 402-330-3790
- 20-21-22nd: Kansas Grand Chapter, Topeka. Call Grand Chapter Office for details.
- 29th: Roast Beef Dinner by Narcissus Chapter No. 269. 4-7pm, 5903 Maple Street, Omaha. Call Carol for more information: 402-991-0185.
- 30th: All Masonic Day at Ballpark/Zoo, Omaha starts 10:00 a.m.

Send information for the April NEWS to the Grand Chapter office by March 15th.