



NEBRASKA OES NEWS



**“Love is in the Air” ~~~~Volume VII Number 4
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From your Children's Home Representatives

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Can you believe it is “Back to School” time? Where did the summer go? We hope you all took time to enjoy and relax this summer.

The kids at the Children's Home are also getting ready to head back to school and are in need of some supplies. Mr. Harvey tells us they have an abundance of crayons and compasses, but are always in need of 70-page wide-line notebooks. As we all know, each grade has its own requirements for supplies also, so a monetary donation is appreciated to help fill these needs. (Thanks to those of you who sent items and donations last month!) Monetary donations are needed throughout the year for the children's school supply needs as they arise.

The new Krissie Kingsley Watts Education Center was dedicated on July 19. What a beautiful facility and just in time for the new school year. The center is in need of computers. A monetary donation toward the purchase of these would also be appreciated.

If you can contribute supplies or monetary help, we thank you. Supplies should be sent directly to the Home; checks should be made payable to the Grand Chapter and sent to the Grand Chapter, PO Box 156, Fremont NE 68026-0156. Please indicate with your check if it is for school supplies or computers.

Thank you so much.

Dianne and Orv Wiberg (55)

Children's Home Representatives

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. **Hugh Downs**

A WORD FROM LES--- (Our G.G.C. Committee Member for the OES Journal)

Since this is my last article for the Nebraska OES News as your Journal representative, I want to say thank you to all who have continued to subscribe over the years and to those of you who were willing to step up and start taking the Journal. What better way to keep learning about what our membership all over the world is doing to keep Star alive and well! Thanks to Corlynn Wilbeck and all who helped me these past three years.

Just a quick recap of how Nebraska has done this triennium:

Nov. 2003—started with 49 subscribers

Aug. 2005—High of 85 subscribers

Aug 2006—71 subscribers; with a

decrease in membership to 11,242,

the per capita improvement in the

number of subscriptions is 70%. Not

bad Nebraska!

Les Bailey

Eastern Star Journal

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Travels of Clarence & Clara Crane



We have hardly had time to rest our wings all summer. Clarence is not complaining so much about the heat now and in my heart I know he is just loving it that we stayed in Nebraska. The more we hear about the “Abundance” you Eastern Star people have and the more we visit with you and learn about all of the positive things you have going for you in your Chapters, the more “positive” Clarence is becoming—he really is! I know it is true—“when he believes it, he will see it!” And as for me, I'm “taking myself to the edge” that is for sure. We flew over into Kansas and also into Wyoming and met some more nice Eastern Star people; we have been to more of those “Area Visitations”—and we just keep learning to “Celebrate what's Right”. We saw some lambs and other large animals and saw some children from your Home leading them all around and showing them such love that you know the Children are also receiving a lot of love from all of you—it shows. Love IS in the air.

Love, Clara Crane

Holiday Giving~~~

Funds given to the Homes are transferred to the Homes at the end of each month. If you wish your “Ingathering” gifts to reach the Homes by Thanksgiving send them in October; Christmas gifts should be sent in November to reach the Homes by Christmas.

TRIVIA

This month's Minute of Trivia:

Q: Can you name twenty-two groups of people who are eligible to receive the degrees of our Order?

Hint: girls who have belonged to Job's for three years or who have reached majority are ONE of these groups

A: After you have tried your best to name all twenty-two, read the complete list from the Ritual, page 161. Then why not have each Master Mason in your local Lodge fill in the names of those who are his relatives. (Such a list is being provided at your Area Visitation meetings.) The result—a long list of people who are eligible to be members of your Chapter!! Go out and visit them!

“WINGS TO FLY” OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

AREA VISITATIONS AND EVENTS: Call the Grand Chapter Office for times and locations not yet available: 800-832-9320. If you missed the meeting for your area, call for a reservation to one of these upcoming Visitations:

- Sept 8th Area #4 Visitation—Kearney Masonic Hall, 24th & Central Ave. Workshop: 4:00 p.m.; Banquet: 6:00 p.m. (\$10 per person, Reservations to Kay Wolfe, 308-234-4129 by August 31st) Initiation: 7:00 p.m. Reception for Sister Lila Lindvall, Grand Ruth, will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. before the Visitation.
- Sept. 9th Area #3 Visitation—Masonic Lodge, 322 Norris Ave, McCook. Registration starts at 9:15 a.m. (Reservations to Brenda McGuire 308-345-7081 by September 1st) A joint reception to honor Brenda McGuire (86), Grand Esther, Nola Synovec (55), Grand Organist, and Bruce Raddatz (97), Grand Sentinel, will be held following the Visitation from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Colorado Grand Chapter, Denver Colorado. Call Grand Chapter Office for information.
- Sept 20-23 Iowa-Nebraska Exchange—Clarinda IA: 9-22-06, 117 ½ North 15th St.--Dinner 5:30 p.m. (Deadline for reservations: September 11. Call Arlene Leonard for information 712-542-3069) Initiation by Nebraska Grand Officers 7:00 p.m. Lincoln NE: 9-23-06, 332 S. Centennial Mall --Lunch 11:15 a.m. (Deadline for reservations: September 15. Call Melinda Brage for information 402-488-0837) Initiation by Iowa Grand Officers 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 24 Electa Chapter No. 8 hosts a reception for Meredith Edwards, Grand Martha, and Beth Benson, Grand Representative of Ontario in Nebraska, 1635 “L” St., Lincoln, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Sept 28 West Nebraska Panhandle Past Matron’s Club annual meeting, Sidney Masonic Temple, 1830 Illinois St. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$7.00. Send reservations to Marian Hiatt, RR 2 Box 201 Sidney 69162 by Sept. 21st.
- Sept 30 Grand Representatives’ Association annual meeting, Holiday Inn, Kearney. Registration at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is \$16 per person. Send reservations to Sharron Gilson, Box 43, Elkhorn 69022 by Sept. 19th.
- Oct 7 Area #7 Visitation—Beatrice Area. Grand Chapter office will have details when they are available. Call 800-823-9320.
- Oct. 14 Area #2 Visitation—Ainsworth Area. Grand Chapter office will have details when they are available.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS: (Information for the October News must be in the Grand Chapter office by September 15th.)

- Sept 10th Phillips Fried Chicken Dinner, Memorial Hall, Phillips. 5 to 7 pm. Tickets: \$7.00 adults; \$3 children 12 and under; \$20 for a family. Call Bob Mabon (402) 886-2206 for tickets (Purchase tickets in advance).
- Sept 16th 50-Year Luncheon sponsored jointly by AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 and Vesta Chapter No. 6. Starts at 12 noon at 1124 S. 48th Street, Omaha. Call Elaine Jenkins (402) 399-8859 or Fritzie Nixon (402) 873-5980 for details.
- Sept. 17th Luau Dinner (Ham and all the fixings) sponsored by Adah Chapter No. 52. Papillion Masonic Center, 84th & Centennial Rd 1-4 p.m. Adults \$7, Children \$3.50
- Oct. 7th Annual Salad Luncheon, Papillion Chapter No. 114. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 84th & Centennial. Cost \$6 for adults; under 12 \$2.
- Oct 7th Soup and Dessert Supper sponsored by Laura Chapter No. 301, Methodist Church, South Sioux City 5-7 p.m. Call Kathy at 402-987-3224 for more information.
- Nov. 11th Masonic Family Harvest Tea, Papillion Masonic Center 84th & Centennial, Papillion, 1-3 p.m. Cost \$8 per person; 6 per table. Proceeds to Education Center. Decorate and host a table!
- Nov 11th Masonic Family Harvest Tea, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Lincoln NE. Call Mary Ann Townsend 402-430-0190 or Carolyn Plants 402-477-9464 for reservations and information.