



NEBRASKA OES NEWS



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Scholarships –2007-2008
academic year-----

The Board of Grand Trustees recently approved several changes to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program: 1.) The policy now allows either the Chapter or the school to select the recipient. 2.) Funds given by the Grand Chapter have been increased to \$175 for the first scholarship and \$125 for the second scholarship making the minimum amount of the scholarship \$200. Details are included with the mailing of this newsletter. Deadline for having the Notification of Award Form and Chapter funds to the Grand Chapter office is May 1, 2007.

ESTARL

DON'T FORGET

February is ESTARL Month—

Brochures will be mailed to the Chapters as soon as they are available—make plans now to help your Chapter distribute the brochures to your community churches. **February** would be a good time to ask an ESTARL recipient in your community to talk to your Chapter about what ESTARL has done for her/him. **February** would be a good month to send cards or other communication to our current ESTARL recipients (The Grand Chapter office can furnish your Chapter with names and addresses). **February** would be a good month to take an ESTARL recipient to lunch. **February** would be a good month to send a gift to the ESTARL Endowment Fund.

Remember to CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT with ESTARL in February.

VISIONQUEST

BY
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Visionquest Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

What is vision? Vision deals with the future. Vision is a sign post pointing the way for all to understand what the organization (OES) is and where it intends to go.

There is no single thing to “make your vision happen”. Communication, organizational changes, individual participation or teamwork alone won’t “make it happen”, but together they can make the difference. **Vision + communication = shared purpose.**

Shared purpose + empowered people + appropriate organizational changes = strategic thinking = successful visionary leadership. When Walt Disney said, “If you can dream it, you can do it”, this is what he meant.

---from “Visionary Leadership”
by Burt Nanus

The focus for Visionquest this triennium is on membership and the subordinate chapters. I will be working with Sisters Betty Garwood, AGM and Wanda Fisher, Gr. Conductress in the selection and recruitment of this extremely important Visionquest Committee. I would ask that this committee join me in this quest.

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We hope you all have finished the “Celebrate What’s Right” sheet and are ready to “Take Yourself to the Edge” –Focus on opportunity rather than scarcity. ~~~~~

A Note to---

Clarence & Clara Crane



Hi Clarence and Clara,

We miss you and are looking forward to your returning in a few months. I’m glad to hear that you enjoyed hearing about our General Grand Chapter Assembly. The members of the General Grand Chapter are progressive and many resolutions were presented and discussed. Only a few of those changes affect us here in Nebraska, but I thought I should let you know about them:

1. A resolution was passed that defines a “regular lodge of Master Masons” as “a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge wherein the chapter petitioned is located. A common source is the List of Lodges Masonic issued by the Grand Lodge. This List is supported by the Conference of the Grand Masters of North America.
2. The official name of the International Eastern Star Temple has been changed to “International Eastern Star Headquarters”.
3. Grand Honors may now be given to recipients of 50-year or longer pins *only at the time of the presentation of the pin.*

It is exciting for us here in Nebraska to be starting another New Year.

Love,  
Cathy



**Q:** How do I get in? If I arrive at a meeting late, what must I do to get into the meeting correctly?

**A:** It's simple! If the Sentinel knows you (can vouch for you) she/he will rap on the door at the proper time. (She/He may have to wait until a ritual ceremony is completed or until the Pledge of Allegiance has been given to the flag.) Once the Worthy Matron knows that you are properly vouched for, she will ask the Warder to admit you. When the door is opened for you to enter you should use square corners to go directly behind Esther's chair, face the East and give the "Salutation Sign". (Remember how your hands were when you held the Bible at the Altar?—hold them just like that at waist level—and give a slight bow.) Wait for the response from the Worthy Matron (described in the Secret Work!), then you may be seated (square corners look nice here too!)—and enjoy the meeting.

**Note:** Alpha Chapter No. 325 is looking for new Star Point chairs (would like upholstered chairs with arms). If any Chapter has an extra set please contact Paula Heyen at 402-291-0831 or [rnbwma@aol.com](mailto:rnbwma@aol.com)

## **“WINGS TO FLY” OES MONTHLY CALENDAR**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: (Information for the February News must be in the Grand Chapter office by January 15<sup>th</sup>.)**

- Jan 2 7:30 p.m (stated meeting) 1315 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Mitchell NE – Sunflower Chapter No. 214 Closed Installation of Officers following stated meeting.
- Jan 6 3:00 p.m. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Central, Kearney NE – Tuscan Chapter No. 35 Installation of Officers
- Jan 7 3:00 p.m., 123 ½ W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alliance NE -- Aloyah Chapter No. 185 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 13 2:00 p.m. 209 West F St., Wymore NE – Violet Chapter No. 105 Installation of Officers
- Jan 13 2:00 p.m., 513 Main St., Plattsmouth NE – Home Chapter No. 189 Installation of Officers
- Jan 13 7:00 p.m., Papillion Masonic Center, 84<sup>th</sup> St & Centennial Rd., Papillion NE – Papillion Chapter No. 114 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 13 7:00 p.m., Fremont Masonic Center, 350 East 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Fremont NE – Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 Open Installation of Officers.
- Jan 18 7:30 p.m., 5903 Maple St., Omaha NE – Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 20 2:00 p.m., 83<sup>rd</sup> & Maple St., Omaha NE – Vesta Chapter No. 6 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 20 2:00 p.m., 1635 L Street, Lincoln NE – Electa Chapter No. 8 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 22 7:30 p.m., Shi-Oma Masonic Center, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Maple, Omaha NE -- AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 Open Installation of Officers.
- Jan 26 7:30 p.m., West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2324 South 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., Omaha NE – Fontenelle Chapter No. 249 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 27 1:30 p.m., 115 B Street, Milford NE – Blue River Chapter No. 132 Open Installation of Officers
- Jan 27 2:00 p.m., 84<sup>th</sup> St. & Centennial Rd, Papillion NE – Adah Chapter No. 52 Installation
- Jan 27 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Masonic Center, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue NE – Alpha Chapter No. 325 Installation of Officers.
- Jan 28 2:00 p.m., West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2324 S. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave, Omaha NE – Trinity Chapter No. 299 Installation of Officers.