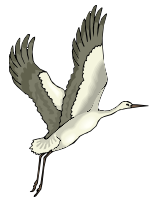




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ESTARL MONTH



FEBRUARY IS ESTARL MONTH

Brochures and a letter from the Chairman of our ESTARL Committee are with this month's mailing. We hope all Chapters will participate in "Celebrating what's Right" with ESTARL this month. Take a brochure with you to church—visit with the pastors of other churches in your community and give them one of the brochures. Educate yourself about the ESTARL program.

Chapters having signets that need to be stored may call the Grand Chapter office to make arrangements for storage.

REMINDER—SIGN UP FOR THE 2007 10-DAY PANAMA CANAL CRUISE



The *Island Princess* cruise ship departs to the Panama Canal on November 3, 2007. To reserve a particular cabin, there is a \$450 deposit/per person required. Bob Attebery, PGP, is making arrangements for the cruise. If you would like to join Nebraska Eastern Star friends for this fun event call or email Bob: 402-289-3120 r.r.attebery@worldnet.att.net. The cruise is not limited to Eastern Star members, so invite your family and friends for a wonderful experience.

HONOR YOUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

A recent change in General Grand Chapter law now allows us to give Grand Honors to recipients of 50-year or longer pins, only at the time of the presentation of their pins. Please refer to page 46 of the new Book of Instruction for details.

The Worthy Grand Matron is encouraging each Chapter to honor all 50-year members by allowing all 50-year members to be accorded Grand Honors through the year 2008. This will give all 50-year members the opportunity to be accorded Grand Honors. After this time, Grand Honors will only be allowed at the time of the presentation of the pin, according to General Grand Chapter law.

Please plan a special night to honor all your fifty-year members so that they can be accorded this special honor.

Wyoming Colorado and Nebraska Meeting



The Grand Chapter of Wyoming has invited members of Nebraska and Colorado to attend their Official Visit to Mizpah Chapter No. 36 in Cheyenne Wyoming. There will be a dinner (17.50 each) at 5:30 p.m. at Allison Hall, UMC, 108 East 18th Street, Cheyenne, followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1820 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne. Reservations are to be sent to

Sarah Norris, 2706 DeGraw Drive, Cheyenne WY 82009 by March 15th. For more information contact the Grand Chapter office. We hope that our

Chapters in Western Nebraska can participate in this fun event.

A Note to---

Clarence & Clara Crane



Hi Clarence and Clara,
THIS IS SO IMPORTANT!
CLARENCE AND CLARA,
TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS
TO RESERVE THE
WEEKEND OF AUG 3-5

I know that you are going to want to be back in Nebraska this summer, so please join us for the annual FIVE-STATE EVENT. Reserve the weekend of August 3, 4, 5, 2007 when Missouri hosts the annual five-state event in Branson. Rumor has it that our Nebraska Chairman is planning a bus trip for Nebraska and possibly South Dakota members. I have not been to Branson yet, and I'm looking forward to the trip—I want you to come too. We will all have a



great Eastern Star time! I hope you are making plans to get back to Nebraska soon!

Love, Cathy

Q: Who do I contact if I know an Eastern Star member who is in dire need of financial assistance?

A: The Grand Chapter of Nebraska has a Benevolence Committee (formerly the General Relief Committee). Contact the Chairman of this committee. Your Chapter Secretary will have a four-fold brochure listing the members of all Standing Committees for the year. Contact information will be in that brochure. The Benevolence Committee reviews all requests for assistance, and then forwards a recommendation to the Board of Grand Trustees which approves the amount requested. There is a limit of \$3,000 per year per member. This year's Chairman is Brother Gene Frizzell of Scottsbluff. His phone number is (308) 635-2486. Assisting our members in need is one of our important purposes.

NOTICE: UPDATES TO THE NEW LAW/INSTRUCTION BOOK:

New Books of Instruction and an updated copy of the Secretary's Handbook have now been mailed to all Chapters. New Books of Instruction will soon be mailed directly to all members who have returned receipts for ownership of the new Law/Instruction Book. The pages being sent replace ONLY the instruction portion of your book (behind the yellow tab). Thank you for your patience as we get our new book completely updated!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS: (Information for the March News must be in the Grand Chapter office by February 15th.)

February 1-3, 2007: Grand Lodge convenes at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney.

February 7, 2007: DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT GRAND CHAPTER TO REACH THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

February 10, 2007: Acacia Chapter No. 39 will host a Valentine's Supper at the Hastings Masonic Center at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. Call WM Vickie at 402-463-0165 for reservations and information.

February 10, 2007: Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, 4 p.m. Omaha Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 202 S. 20th Street, Omaha.

February 24, 2007: Annual 4-H Chili Supper at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont from 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$4; Children under 12 \$2. Tickets available at the door. Come and support 4-H at the Home.

March, 2007: Chapters participating in the “Celebrate What's Right” Vision program are to mail the Completion Form sent with the packet to the Grand Chapter office. Forms must be received by April 5th to qualify for a certificate and recognition at the Grand Chapter Session.

March 15, 2007 Reservations due for Wyoming-Colorado-Nebraska get-together. See article in this OES NEWS.

March 23, 2007: Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming get-to-gether, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Dinner ay 5:30 p.m. (\$17.50 each) at Allison Hall, UMC, 108 East 18th Street, Cheyenne; meeting at 7:30 pm at Masonic Temple, 1820 Capitol Street, Cheyenne. Call Grand Chapter office for information on hotels in Cheyenne.