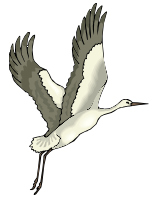




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VISIONQUEST

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Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

Leadership is the key to our success. The focus for O.E.S. the next three years is at the subordinate chapter level and leadership at that level is key to our success.

I reiterate from my last article that membership is a priority the next three years. I would ask that the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in each chapter appoint a membership committee of three to five members. The committee should meet within 30 days after their appointment to establish short and long term goals. When setting a goal, be definite in your plan and set a date to accomplish this plan. Keep the goals within reason. Do not set yourself up for failure. It is more rewarding to be able to accomplish one goal and then set the next.

A short term goal may be to find ways to get inactive members to your chapter meeting. Do you simply open, read minutes, close and go home? Plan a fun activity, have a theme for each meeting.

A long term goal may be to find ways to recruit new members. Not all chapters will have the exact same goal; find what is appropriate for you.

To go hand-in-hand with membership, a publicity committee may be established. Get involved in community projects and let the community know what you are doing. Grand Chapter has a Publicity Committee who would be happy to assist you in any way they can.

Can we do it? I know we can!
Nebraska O.E.S. - “full speed ahead”!

WELCOME BACK~~~~~

Clarence & Clara Crane



Hi, Clarence here. In these next two issues I will be talking about DUCKS and GRAND DUCKS. “Grand Ducks” you say?

Oh, those are the guys dressed in tuxedos who carry in the chairs and then take them out for the Grand Chapter Installation on Thursday evening of Grand Chapter.

Ducks are very good friends of us cranes, you know. In fact, they fly all over the state with us. They only wear tuxedos at Grand Chapter. It saves on the dry cleaning bill. Well, anyway, on Monday May 7, 2007 the Grand Ducks and Past Grand Ducks will hold their very own first Annual Grand Duck Luncheon! It will be held at Old Chicago (across the street, just north of the Holiday Inn) at 11:30 A.M. They have to pay for their own meal but WOW, they will receive their Past Grand Duck pin to proudly display and show that they are true and faithful “Quackers”. SO, if you know a Grand Duck or P.G.D., please remind them of our luncheon.

I am trying to line up a fifty duck fly-over to kick our celebration off (hope it is not too cloudy to see it). Then after our meal we will quack all the way home. Of course, spouses of the Ducks are welcome at the luncheon.

Well, I have got to go practice quacking. It's kind of hard because I am so used to honking. So, put on your casual clothes and attend the fun time.

Sincerely,
Clarence Crane

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED



If you would like to assist the Transportation

Committee by driving a van or by helping to load and unload passengers during the Grand Chapter Session, please call Albert Chatfield 402-467-2997 or Dennis Newman 402-933-4850 and let them know when you can help. Hear all about Grand Chapter—drive a van!

Celebrate What's Right

This is the month for Chapters participating in the “Celebrate What's Right” program (which was handed out at the Area Visitations) to finish up the project by having the members open the “Take Yourself to the Edge” sheet which they sealed several months ago. It should be fun to evaluate the goals you set earlier and make plans for the future. Remember, your report/evaluation form for “Celebrate What's Right” must be returned to the Grand Chapter office by April 5th. Those Chapters who complete the project will be recognized at the “Love is in the Air” Grand Chapter Session in May.

Note to members of Standing Committees—Please, wear your new name badges at Grand Chapter!



Q: I read that the name of the “Eastern Star Temple” has been changed to the “Eastern Star Headquarters”. What is this “Headquarters” and what do they do there?

A: The headquarters, located in Washington DC, was never really a “Temple” as our Masonic Family knows the term. It was originally the mansion of Mr. Perry and Mrs. Jessie Belmont and was purchased by the General Grand Chapter in 1935. The former home of the Belmonts has a rich history of its own. The land was purchased by Mr. Belmont in 1906 and the home was designed by a French architect. The Belmonts entertained important guests from around the world, including the Prince of Wales, in their lovely home. After the purchase of the Belmont Mansion, it became the home of the Order of the Eastern Star and was dedicated on February 24, 1937. The administrative office is on the ground floor of the building and is under the direction of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are provided suites at the headquarters when they visit there. On the third floor are bedrooms which have been furnished by various jurisdictions (Nebraska has furnished one of these rooms) which provide accommodations to the General Grand Chapter Officers and other visitors. It is truly a beautiful building that we all should be proud of. [A video of the Headquarters is available and would make a wonderful addenda for one of your meetings.](#) Call ahead if you plan to visit the headquarters.

“WINGS TO FLY” OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

- March 10, 2007** Chili and Soup supper sponsored by Adah Chapter No. 52, Omaha. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, 84th & Centennial, Papillion. Call WM Katherine at (402) 334-0728 for information
- March 15, 2007** Reservations due for Wyoming-Colorado-Nebraska get-together.
- March 17, 2007** Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner sponsored by Victory Chapter No. 288, Valley. 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Church Street Café, 105 Church Street, Valley. Tickets: \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12
- March 17, 2007** Roast Beef Dinner sponsored by Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln. 4:00-6:00 p.m. 332 South Centennial Mall, Lincoln. Tickets: \$8:00 adults, \$4.00 children. For more information call Mary Ann (402) 430-0190
- March 18, 2007** Pancake Breakfast sponsored by AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, Omaha. 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. 83rd and Maple. Call WM Debbie (402) 571-5350 for information.
- March 23, 2007:** Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming get-together, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Dinner at 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.
- March 25, 2007** Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, Omaha. 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha. Tickets: \$7.00 Call Regina, WM at (402) 896-5564 for more information.
- April 5, 2007** Deadline for Chapters participating in the “Celebrate What’s Right” project to have their report/evaluation forms returned to the Grand Chapter office. Only Chapters returning this form by the deadline will be recognized at Grand Chapter.