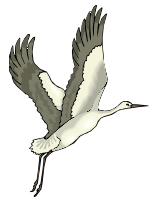




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VISIONQUEST
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Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

In keeping with the MWGM Barbara Benton's theme: I will share with you the “medicine wheel” in relation to our Visionquest.

“The Medicine Wheel”

The Medicine Wheel is used by native people of all tribes in one form or another. It comprises four directions; north, south, east and west. With Mother Earth below and Father Sky above which is six directions – some have a seventh direction in the center—Spirit.

A Medicine Wheel represents spiritual energy. It is a wheel of protection allowing us to gather energies around us into a focal point and allows us to commune with spirit, self and nature. That focal point helps to establish our vision and exactly what areas we need to develop in order to realize our potentials.

The “Wheel” has four distinct directions: East, South, West and North and are delineated: Leadership, Membership Development, Personal Involvement and Communication.

East: The sun in the east radiates illumination and vision. A place where dreams are born, goals are set and ideas generated.

South is a place of innocence and curiosity. With this energy, we are joyfully able to search for these things that will help us manifest the visions of the East.

West is a place of introspection and contemplation, taking ideas and scrutinizing them as how they will fit into our vision and our lives.

North is a place of wisdom. We have tested our ideals and vision against others who have gone around the wheel and it is noteworthy to hear of their journey before standing in judgment of any person or situation.

Mother Earth below and Father Sky above mean community service and fellowship. In the exact center is **ENTHUSIASM**, because that is the heart of everything we need to do.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL LOANS IS APRIL 30

P Sister Mollie Brown, President of Past Appointed Grand Officers, would like to remind all PAGOS to plan to attend the PAGO banquet and annual meeting to be held Wednesday May 9 at the Holiday Inn. Order tickets on the pre-registration form. The “Picture Special Moments” Grand Officers will be initiated into PAGOs at this year's meeting, so we hope all of you will plan to attend.

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S Any PAGOS who can bring cookies to be served at the registration of our Distinguished Guests are asked to please call Mollie Brown at 402-721-6239. Cookies need to be delivered to the Distinguished Guest Room by 10:00 am on Tuesday May 8.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD FORMS AND MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE MAY 1

TO PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ~~~~~

The Registration Committee advises us that all members who have made reservations to the Past Grands Luncheon on the pre-registration form will have their packets brought to the Distinguished Guests Registration room at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday May 8. Packets will be available at the hotel from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. At all other times the packets will be available at the Registration Desk at Pershing Center. Please inform anyone you know who is planning to attend this luncheon. Thanks to our Registration Committee for providing these courtesies.

MORE FROM CLARENCE~



Hi Everyone, Clarence here.

Wow! oops, I mean Honk! Am I tired! I have been following our Worth Grand Matron Betty and our Worthy Grand Patron Bill all over the state! They let me ride in their cars once in awhile, but mostly I've had to fly. One day it's sunny, then the next day I'm snowed in up at Thedford! One day I was over North Platte, flying kind of low, and what do you suppose I heard? Yep, you guessed it--our Grand Organist, Nola Synovec, practicing the marches we hear at Grand Chapter! Boy, did that get my blood pumping! I am going to love Grand Chapter! What a beautiful sight it will be—all the hugging, smiling and laughter as they meet up with all their old friends.

I have always heard how neat it is to be at Grand Chapter, but now for the first time I get to go! Yes, Clara and I will both be there! And guess what? Sister Betty has asked me to greet everyone. I even bought a tux and top hat! Us Cranes are really "mov'n on up". I might greet you at Pershing Center or at the Holiday Inn when you come in for your banquets, but look for me!

Have you reminded all those chair carrying Grand Ducks to come to their very first Banquet, Monday, May 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM at the Old Chicago across the street north of the Holiday Inn? Well please do so. Brothers John Kirby, Doug Garwood and Albert Fisher want to give them their Grand Duck pin and quack with them.

Well I better turn on my GPS and catch up to Sister Betty. See you all at Grand Chapter May 8, 9 and 10. Honk, Honk.

PLEASE NOTE: Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the proposed resolutions which will be voted on at the Grand Chapter Session. We hope your delegates will study these resolutions and discuss them with your Chapter so that your delegates will vote for the good of your Chapter and our Order. Call the office if you need additional copies.

A VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING AREA VISITATIONS IS ENCLOSED IN THIS MAILING. IT'S TIME TO MARK OUR CALENDARS AND BEGIN TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT FOLLOWING GRAND CHAPTER.

Q: How can I be sure my Chapter is registered as having attended the Grand Chapter Session, as is required by our Grand Chapter law?

A: Chapter representation at the Grand Chapter Session is determined by the registration of Credentials—the gold forms that were recently mailed to your Secretary. They are issued to the top four officers of each Chapter and they, or their proxy should register them at Grand Chapter. You must take your credentials to the Credential Committee at Pershing Center between 9 am and 6:30 pm on Tuesday or between 8:00 am and noon on Wednesday. You will need your Grand Chapter Registration Card (so pick up your pre-registration packet first) and your current dues receipt as well as the gold credential to register. Don't forget to register all four of your Chapter's Credentials—then your Chapter will be counted as “registered and attending the Session” and your Chapter will have the votes granted it by the Grand Chapter. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons attending should also bring their Past Matron or Past Patron card and register to vote at the Session.



“WINGS TO FLY” OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

- 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.**
- April 9, 2007 **Irene Chapter No. 207 Celebrates its 100th Anniversary. Diner 6:30 pm, meeting 8:00 pm. Call WM Kim Johnson for information 402-746-3681**
- April 14, 2007 **Roast Beef Dinner, 4:00 p.m., 5903 Maple Street, Omaha. Sponsored by Narcissus Chapter No. 269. Call WM Heidi Theis for information. 402-571-0361**
- April 19-21, 2007 **Kansas Grand Chapter.**
April 18-21, 2007 **Grand York Rite of Nebraska, Annual Grand Session, New World Inn, Columbus Nebraska.**
- April 24, 2007 DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE “LOVE IS IN THE AIR” GRAND CHAPTER SESSION.**
- April 29, 2007 **Spring Brunch, 9 am to 1:00 pm, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue, sponsored by Alpha Chapter No. 325. Call WM Wendy for information 402-293-9269**



ARBOR DAY IN NEBRASKA IS APRIL 27TH
YOUR CHAPTER STILL HAS TIME TO PLANT A TREE