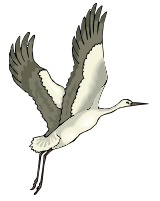




# NEBRASKA OES NEWS



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### Membership Development

Membership is our greatest challenge today. It must be our top priority. We must aggressively promote membership and stimulate the interest among our members to meet the challenge and ensure the continuance of our beautiful Order.

There is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. It seems there was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody and the job didn't get done.

“You don't have to be a fantastic hero to do certain things to compete. You can be just an ordinary chap, sufficiently motivated to reach challenging goals.” --

Edmund Hillary

Sisters and Brothers, remember we are a T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

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NEW INSERTS for the **General Grand Chapter** Book of Instruction are available. All Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who need these changes or a new book should call the Grand Chapter office to order.

### FINAL NOTES FOR THE “Love is in the Air” Session:

**Don't forget your dues receipt.**

**Don't forget your credentials**—if any of your Chapter's top 4 officers are not attending be sure they sign the proxy so that someone who is attending can register credentials. **Your Chapter's attendance at Grand Chapter is determined by the registration of your credentials.**

**Don't forget to bring your copy of the proposed resolutions .**

If you are a PAGO or a Past or Present Grand Representative— **don't forget the cookies!**

**Registration packets for all those who made reservations to the Past Grands Luncheon will be at the Distinguished Guest Room at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. At all other times pick up your packets at Pershing Auditorium.**

**WATCH NEXT MONTH'S NEWS FOR INFORMATION ON THE BUS TRIP TO THE 5-STATE GET-TOGETHER IN BRANSON.**

#### Enclosed with this NEWS:

Information for the Iowa-Nebraska Exchange meeting, Sioux City, IA, June 29-30, 2007

Information on “The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington DC” (a special exhibition at the Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha) April 28 through June 10, 2007.

Our last news from Clarence and Clara~~~~



Hi Everyone, It's me Clarence Crane for one last parting shot. This will be my last time to talk to you. Ya know, I probably should not have said "parting shot". It makes the ducks real nervous 'cause they remember last hunting season. Well, anyway, I just want to thank all of you wonderful members for letting me fly around all year long with the Grand Family. Clara and I and all the kids just loved meeting all you folks. By mid-May we will rejoin the flock and start being just Cranes again. We will never forget you. Please don't forget us. Come and see us along the river every spring and fall between Kearney and Grand Island.

I can't let down yet, because we've got a lot to do before Grand Chapter. So many people are working so hard to bring you a great Grand Chapter Session May 8, 9 and 10 at Pershing Center. Can you believe that this is the 132nd Grand Chapter Session? Wow, that is a long time! Let's do it another 132 times OK? Let's keep the spirit of "Celebrating What's Right" with our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Betty and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill have always been so proud to have followed so many great leaders to the Grand East. And when they look back and see who is following them, WOW, all they see is more energetic and "Star" loving folks. We wish them all the luck in the World and promise our whole hearted love and support.

I've been thinking about looking for some WORMS. If you see any, let me know! Gotta fly--

**Clarence, Clara and Kids.**

Correction to the 2007-2008 Grand Officer Visitation Schedule: The time for the Lincoln Visitation on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> is NOON.

Clarification on Grand Honors to those receiving 50-year or longer pins: Please refer to your new Book of Instruction page 46 for the correct instructions on this new law.



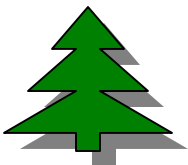
**Q:** Which officers are issued copies of the new Red Book (the Constitution, Bylaws and Book of Instruction of the Grand Chapter)?

**A:** Under current law, five copies of this book are loaned to each Chapter by the Grand Chapter. They are issued to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress. These books have on their title page, "Property of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska" and the page states the officer to which that book should be issued. Each year the secretary must see that the books belonging to the Grand Chapter are in the correct hands and that a receipt is signed and sent to the Grand Chapter. This new Red Book now contains: (1) the Constitution and Bylaws (this used to be the little green book—if you have green books, *throw them away* as they are no longer current) (2) the Book of Instruction (this is behind the yellow tab, and except for a few updates is the same as the one that used to be in your Red Book.) Anyone may purchase their own copy of this new Red Book—see your Chapter Secretary or call the Grand Chapter office at 800-832-9320. **NOTE:** The two "AT LARGE" copies of the Red Book which had been previously issued to each Chapter are being picked up by your District Grand Supervisors—Please see that these two books are turned in to her, as there is a fine for the loss of these books.

## “WINGS TO FLY” OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

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| April 28-June 10 <sup>th</sup> | Special exhibition at Joslyn Art Museum: “The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington DC”   |
| May 8, 9, 10 <sup>th</sup>     | 132 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Lincoln NE  |
| May 29                         | Deadline for lodging reservations for Iowa Nebraska Exchange  |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup>           | Reception honoring Betty Garwood, WGM, 2-4 p.m., Monterey Room, Marina Inn, 4 <sup>th</sup> & B Street, South Sioux City NE   |
| June 8, 9, 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Rainbow Grand Assembly, Doane College, Crete  |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup>          | 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Phillips Chapter No. 204, Phillips Nebraska. 4:00 p.m. at Phillips United Methodist Church, 414 Third Street, Phillips. RSVP to Betty Mabon, PGM at 402-886-2206 or Connie Robison, WM at 402-845-6559 |
| June 17 <sup>th</sup>          | Reception honoring David Thienel, WGP, 2-4 p.m., Hastings Masonic Center, 411 N. Hastings, Hastings NE  |
| June 20-23 <sup>rd</sup>       | Job’s Daughters Grand Bethel, University of Nebraska at Kearney   |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>          | Deadline for meal reservations for Iowa-Nebraska Exchange   |
| June 29-30 <sup>th</sup>       | Iowa Nebraska Grand Officer Exchange, Sioux City, Iowa  |
| July 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Deadline for Reservations for 5-State Get-Together at Branson MO  |



## “Celebrate What’s Right”

“Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed.”

Corita Kent