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Thoughts on New Member Enthusiasm and Fellowship

New members are delighted with their decision to join your Chapter when a combination of the following occurs and pride is the result:

- ✓ Time is not wasted
- ✓ Events are fun
- ✓ Value is received
- ✓ Joining is easy
- ✓ Meetings are not boring
- ✓ Fellowship is real
- ✓ Food is good
- ✓ Cliques disappear
- ✓ Friends are supportive
- ✓ Leaders know their jobs

Fellowship is one of the main reasons Sisters and Brothers join your Chapter. Research has shown that new members did not join for the ritual. They will accept and enjoy the ritual, but unless they find their other needs met will they continue to come to the meetings?

Your leaders have the responsibility to improve good fellowship. Plan activities and functions that encourage people too mix with the members; let the membership know that good fellowship is everyone's responsibility and match new members with peers who have similar interests.

Remember Sisters and Brothers the T.E.A.M. concept - “Together Everyone Accomplishes More”.

Information on the Kansas Nebraska Exchange to be held October 19 and 20 is enclosed with this OES News. It will be inspirational and fun! Plan to come.

Nebraska OES Continues “RA-List”

Members in Nebraska have an “RA LIST” (Ritual Assistants List)—a list of those members who are willing to assist other Chapters with ritualistic work. In order to update this list, a form is provided with this month’s newsletter. Members who would like to be added to the current “RA List”, should send this form to the Grand Chapter office by September 15. It is hoped that an updated “RA List” can be distributed before Chapters prepare for their Installation Ceremonies.

OCTOBER 1ST

We all know that October 1st is the day that dues to all subordinate Chapters become delinquent if not paid. Now is the time to assess your membership list and to determine who has not yet paid dues. Why not appoint a committee to obtain the names of those who have not paid from your Chapter Secretary and make a personal contact (or a phone call if they are non-resident members) with each of them? Last year we lost 346 members by demits and suspensions. If we continue this trend we soon may be suspending as many members as we loose to death. We can do something about this! Many times all it takes to keep a member is to be sure that they know that we value their friendship and their membership in our Order. Do it before October 1st! You might just learn why they haven’t paid and that will be an “opportunity” for your Chapter to work on the problem.

**The future is not
something we enter~
It is something we
create!**

Leonard I. Sweet



**Hi Ya,
Eastern
Stars! Bucky
Bookworm is
back in the
saddle again!**

We were in ranch and wheat country early in July, the Plattsmouth Home for a picnic and we provided their Sunday worship service, too. Each Grand Officer and Companion has a Special Pal from the Plattsmouth Home. We got to meet our Special Pals. That was fun. I found the cutest little earthworm out in the garden there; I asked the WGM if she could be *my* Special Pal.

We went to the Fremont Home for their annual meeting and had lunch with the kids. A whole bunch of the kids had helped at the library and the WGM and WGP gave each of those helpers a Starman pin and we took a picture.

We delivered books from visitations to the Plattsmouth Home already and have some for the Children’s Home. There was a Star in Franklin who has been helping at her library for 42 years! Wow! She got a pin and so have a bunch of other volunteers. This reading thing is really taking off!

Yeehaw--I got to ride in the Shrine Bowl parade. The WGM and WGP were band chaperones and we had a blast. There were about 270 kids in the band. That about *blew me away!!!* The Grand Family served lunch to the band after the parade. Those kids were as hungry as bookworms!

What a month and now we’re packing our bags to go to Branson for the 5 State (Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska) Get-Together. Hm-m-m I wonder if I will meet any other bookworms there????

Hey, keep reading and get *your* Starman pin!

More later.....Bucky

Step Up To The Challenge

Concordia Chapter No. 97, Holdrege, with the help of some of our Grand Officers, “stepped up” to a Master Mason and invited him to become a member of their Chapter. The gentleman happened to be the owner of the dining facility catering their Area Visitation last month. When someone found out it was his birthday, those at the visitation sang “Happy Birthday” and one Grand Companion even “stepped into the kitchen” to assist the gentleman with the dishwashing! The result of all this kindness and fun was a new petition for Concordia Chapter. Congratulations! As our Past State Master Councilor, Brother

Tyler McCabe says, “We’ll do whatever it takes”!

Updates and corrections to the “Grand Officers and Committees” booklet (the gray booklet mailed to you in June): Pg 3: Don Jelinek’s email is donljel@gmail.com; Pg 5: Robert Attebery’s new address is 15605 William Plaza, No. 109, Omaha NE 68130-4904 and his new phone is 402-250-6673; Pg. 7: Jennifer Birdsall’s new address is 1020 Daybreak Circle, Lincoln NE 68505; Pg 9: Co-chair of Credentials with Wandalee Watson is E. Gail Lichtenberg, 8424 W. Center Rd., No. 209, Omaha NE 68124-3138 and her phone and email are 402-390-9412, egail@earthlink.net; Pg. 11: Betty Mabon’s new address is 803 N. Alpha, No. 108, Grand Island NE 68803; Pg. 11: Robert Attebery’s address should be the same as listed above.



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR



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

- July 27 Reception honoring Sandi Hahn, Grand Martha, 4:30-6:00 pm, UM Church, 102 W. Eldora Ave., Weeping Water NE. Hosted by Elizabeth Chapter No. 250.
- July 27 Area 15 Visitation, UM Church, 104 W. Eldora Ave., Weeping Water. Registration 6:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm. Call Florence at 402-298-8683
- July 28 Shrine Bowl parade and game, Lincoln
Aug 3, 4, 5 Five State Event—Branson MO
Aug 5 Fontenelle Chapter No. 249 and Centennial Lodge of Omaha annual Corn Feed from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Call Regina Mendenhall, WM, at 402-869-5564 for information
- Aug 10 Area 14 Visitation, Vic’s Steak House, 366 Broadway, Tecumseh. Registration 6:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm. Cost of meal: \$13.00. Call Donna Thoman 402-742-5841 for information.
- Aug 11 Area 13 Visitation, Friend Country Club, 910 Cherry St., Friend. Lunch at 12 noon. Call Mary L Saum 402-759-3753 for information
- Aug 11 Reception honoring Lenna Webber, Grand Organist and Carol Hudkins, Grand Warder 10:00-11:30 am, Friend Country Club, prior to visitation. Hosted by Blue River Chapter No. 132, Milford and Rose Standish Chapter No. 265, Friend.
- Aug 11 Area 18 Visitation, VFW Hall, 111 East Front St., Valley. Registration 5:30 pm. Call Candace Martin 402-727-4048 for information.
- Aug 11 “Fall’ing into Style” Trinity Chapter No. 299 annual style show and luncheon, West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2424 S. 135th Ave. 11:30 am. Donation: \$7.50. Fashions by Coldwater Creek!
- Aug 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children annual 4-H Achievement day
Aug 18 Area 1 Visitation, Masonic Hall 365 Main St., Chadron. Registration 11:00 am; Lunch 12 noon. Call Glenda at 308-432-2043 for information.
- Aug 25 Area 16 Visitation, Scottish Rite Temple, 322 Centennial Mall, 16th & L, Lincoln Workshop at 10:00 am, Lunch 12 noon. Call Terrie at 402-780-5330 for information.
- Aug 25 Area 17 Visitation, Omaha, Papillion, Bellevue, Omaha Home for Boys. Meal is 6:00 pm
Call Heidi at 402-571-0361 for information.
- Aug 26 Reception honoring Jerrie Wilcox, Associate Grand Conductress
Sept. 28 Don’t forget the invitation from Oberlin Chapter No. 106 of Oberlin, Kansas to attend their cream can dinner, friendship night and official visit starting at 6:00 p.m, Gateway Civic Center, Hwys 83 & 36. You must RSVP by August 24 to Glenva Nichols 785-475-2387.



Exact time and location of Area Visitations will be available as invitations are extended. Call the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending any visitations outside your own area—you are always welcome!

