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## VISIONQUEST

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### Attitude, not Aptitude Determines Altitude

Motivation of self and others begins with attitude. Proper attitude can ignite a fire that can bring many successes to your life.

Charles Swindoll writes in his article on “Attitudes” - “The longer I live, the more I realize the impact attitude has on life. It is more important than the past, education, money, circumstances, failures, successes or what other people think and say or do.”

He continues with - “Attitude can make or break a company, church or home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace that day. We cannot change the past or how people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90 % how I react to it.”

“We are in charge of our attitudes” according to Martin Seligman’s book Learned Optimism. “Hundreds of studies have shown that those individuals with a positive optimistic attitude do better in college, at work, on the playing field. Their health is usually good, they live longer, they age well, and they pass predictions on aptitude tests.”

In our O. E. S. Chapters, let’s not dwell on the past, but take a positive attitude, turn it into action and see what we can do for our Chapters.

And there you have it ---  
**“Attitude not Aptitude  
Determines Altitude.”**

### A Note About Holiday Giving:

With the season of giving now at hand, please be very careful to designate what your gifts are for—



The Grand Chapter office is now receiving gifts for School Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club, Thanksgiving Ingathering and Christmas giving for both homes as well as many other projects. Using the gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations, but **don’t forget to indicate which project you are sending funds for.** Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 15<sup>th</sup>. (The Grand Chapter office makes every effort to notify the Home of all gifts received by that deadline.) In order for Thanksgiving gifts to reach the homes by the Thanksgiving holiday they must be received by October 31 and for Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Read Nebraska!

From Merrie Edwards,  
Chairman of the Read Nebraska Project

Have you earned your “Starman Pin”? Wouldn’t it be GREAT if every member in Nebraska received their pin by the 2008 Grand Chapter Session? So far 40 members earned their pin thru their participation in volunteerism. It’s not too late to get involved by reading at your library, school or home for the elderly. A reminder to Chapter Secretaries: fill out the report form with full names and brief description of how the member volunteered and send to me at the address listed at the bottom of the form. Email me at [me10245@alltel.net](mailto:me10245@alltel.net) for more forms, to answer questions or to get a list of famous Nebraska authors—fun Trivia!! Happy Reading!



Hi Ya, Eastern Stars!

Happy Harvest! Better watch out for heavy equipment on the roads! Hey! I’ve been harvesting, too. I’ve been putting away *BUCKS* (that’s dollars in human talk) so that I’ll have enough to eat this winter. I have been eating my way around Nebraska with the WGM and WGP.

Boy, the Nebraska Stars have been good to the *Steps to the Stars* Grand Family—20 wonderful Visitations, 20 grand MEALS, 20 times the fun and fellowship and *lots* of books. All Stars are *super!*

Now hear this!!! So far (Sept. 24) we have 1,444 bucks specifically given for Golden Sower books for the libraries. That’s 14% of our goal of a buck per member but we still have a way to go. Adah Chapter No. 52 and Violet Chapter No. 105 have given \$1 per member. Doesn’t your Chapter want to do that, too? More bucks means more books! Thank YOU!

We have taken 25 boxes of books to both the Fremont and Plattsmouth Homes and two boxes to a Shriners’ Hospital. It averages about 25-30 books per box. Whoa! That’s a lot of books.

I keep hearing the WGM say “Share your Star!” It sounds like a good idea to me. She says *all* chapters that initiate will be recognized at Grand Chapter and I know she means it! The WGP says it’s not easy getting members but it can be done! Can we do it? YES, WE CAN!

See you in November. AND don’t forget....keep reading!!!

More later.....Bucky

Stick-on sheets to update existing Rituals to be current with the 2006 edition of the Ritual are now available at \$2.50 each plus tax. Please order through your Chapter Secretary. Use the Ritual order form and indicate regular or large print when ordering.

**ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS:**

**RITUAL ASSISTANT LIST** DON'T FORGET THE MANY PEOPLE ON THIS LIST WHO ARE WILLING AND ANXIOUS TO HELP YOUR CHAPTER DO THE BEST RITUALISTIC WORK YOU CAN DO—START PLANNING NOW FOR AN EXTRA-SPECIAL INSTALLATION OR INITIATION CEREMONY! **PLEASE PASS THIS LIST ON TO YOUR 2008 OFFICERS!**






**THANKSGIVING GREETINGS** FROM THE W.G.M. AND W.G.P. with information about the Thanksgiving Ingathering.



Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper Nebraska is **STEPPING UP** to make sure all of their members are cared for and know the activities of the Chapter. Each month members are encouraged to write notes to several non-resident members. (The letterhead includes a picture of the Chapter Officers. The notes are usually written during refreshment time.) One of their members has volunteered to send the notes each month. Members report that they have had quite a few of their members respond to these notes, but even if they do not receive a response, they continue to send notes, assuring their members that even though they do not attend Chapter, they are thought of often. Thanks Friendship Chapter for sharing the "Friendship"!

TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

**(Information for the Nov. News must be in the Grand Chapter office by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.)**

- October 2  One hundredth anniversary celebration, Capitol City Past Matrons/Past Patrons, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn St., Lincoln, 12 noon. Cost: \$5.00. Call Karen Cook or Imogene Kermaode, 402-423-0188
- October 4  Pioneer Division Past Matrons Annual Meeting. Call Janet Donahey at 308-384-6893 for details and reservations
- October 4  Pizza and Fun—Herman Chapter No. 216 Friendship Night, 7:30 p.m., Hwy 75 & 5<sup>th</sup> St. Celebrate fall with fall colors and denim Call Kim at 456-7510 by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- October 6 Area 20 Visitation, 1 p.m. IA/NE State Bank, 2021 Dakota Ave. South Sioux City. Cost: \$7.00. Call Toby at 402-494-4922.
- October 7 Reception honoring Sharron Gilson, Grand Electa, 1-3 pm, Masonic Lodge, corner of Mary & Hooper Streets, Elkhorn. Casual attire.
- October 13 Grand Representatives Association Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Kearney. Registration 10:00 am. Buffet Luncheon at 12 noon. Cost \$16. Call Myrna Vasta, Secretary, for details and reservations at 402-334-7669.
- October 14  Reception honoring Gwen Hurst-Anderson, Grand Chaplain and Mary Kay Retzlaff, Grand Esther, 1-3 pm, 4430 N. 70<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln. Hosted by Martha Washington Chapter No. 153 and Starcraft Chapter No. 307
- October 19-20 Kansas-Nebraska Exchange, Friday, Hiawatha KS; Saturday Nebraska City NE. Deadline for reservations Oct. 10. Call Grand Chapter office for details.
- October 20-21 Annual Haunted House sponsored by AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Maple, Omaha. Go through the Haunted House, have lunch and purchase sale items.
- October 21 Soup, Salad and Dessert, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 2424 South 135<sup>th</sup> Ave, Omaha. Cost: \$6.50, adults; under 10 \$3.00. Sponsored by Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, Omaha.
- October 28  Harvest Dinner sponsored by Alpha Chapter No. 325, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue, 4 to 7 pm. Cost: Adults: \$9.00, Under 10: \$3.00. Halloween Theme—dress in costume or not!
- November 12 Friendship Night, White Elephant Auction, Rose Chapter No. 102, Albion. Call Elaine at 402-395-6540.
- November 14 The Waffle Man will be serving at the Scottish Rite Temple, 332 South Centennial Mall, Lincoln from 5:00-7:30 p.m., sponsored by Temple Chapter No. 271. Call Mary Ann at 402-430-0190 for tickets and information.
- November 18 Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, 83rd and Maple, Omaha. Call Debbie at 402-571-5350 for information.