

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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VISIONQUEST

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Visionquest Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

As we travel along our star road, we learn many lessons and some of them I just witnessed and I present them to you for your consideration.

One is a Chapter that is struggling to survive and has adapted admirably to not having a lodge room or building to meet and hold Chapter meetings. They epitomize that attitude of “Never giving up”, showing flexibility and adaptability. To that Chapter I say, “Keep up the good work. I applaud you!”

To a Job’s Daughter’s Bethel demonstrating a unique way to acquire funds for their H.I.K.E. program by capturing and holding for ransom a Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron before their stated meeting. The membership of the Chapter was only too happy to contribute to the H.I.K.E. fund and to have their Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron returned to the east.

Our Masonic youth are so important to us. We need to support the third triennial Youth Leadership Conference to be held in October of next year in Kearney. Again the Masonic Youth Foundation is asking for your help. Your Chapter Secretary should receive Information about the conference in November. Sisters and Brothers, I leave you with:

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today; let us move forward with strong and active faith.”

---Franklin D. Roosevelt

“NEVER GIVE UP”



A Message from your

ESTARL Committee
Chairman of the
ESTARL Committee,
Sister Andrea Hargan

(114) wishes to announce that the ESTARL Committee is designating January 2008 to be ESTARL Month for the State of Nebraska. In response to suggestions from members, the event has been moved up to January this year to allow more time for prospective recipients to meet the March 1 deadline for applying for an award. Brochures will be mailed out next month so that each Chapter will have a supply to take to community churches in January. Members of the ESTARL Committee are making themselves available to visit with your Chapter about ESTARL in January or at any time you would like them to come. Call Andrea at 402-592-4552 to make arrangements.

Eastern Star Scholarships

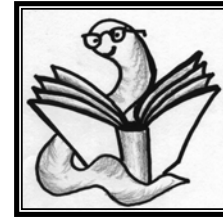


The Worthy Grand Matron has recently appointed a

Scholarship

Committee. That

committee will be studying the current program and will make suggestions to the Board of Grand Trustees regarding the awarding and administration of scholarships awarded through the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year the Grand Chapter has increased the amount given for each scholarship so that the minimum amount given is now \$200. This year approximately \$46,000 has been awarded with \$19,000 given by Chapters and \$27,000 given by the Grand Chapter. Approximately 35 scholarships are still to be awarded for the 2007-2008 year.



Hi Ya,
Eastern
Stars!

Happy Thanksgiving! The WGM, WGP and I have a whole lot to be thankful for. The Nebraska Eastern Stars are *really* stepping up! Vesta #6-Omaha, Republican #304 Republican City, Trestle Board #67 Brock, and Sunflower #214 Mitchell have given their buck a member for books. Yippee! And then there is a big HOORAH for Trinity #299-Omaha. They had a challenge which was answered and over \$2 per member has been donated! Whoa!!! I love Eastern Stars!

There is a lot to go in the newsletter this month so I am going to cut this short and go shopping for some new books and a big turkey. Bet you didn't know that bookworms like turkey too!

The WGM, WGP and Grand Family asked me to tell you they count YOU among their very best blessings. So do I. Have a really grand Thanksgiving. Oh! And would you please save me a piece of pumpkin pie?

More later.....Bucky

“Where there is an open mind there will always be a frontier.”

Charles Kettering

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS:

The Christmas Greeting from the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the "Steps to the Stars" Grand Family. Remember, your monetary gifts must reach the Grand Chapter office by November 30th in order to reach the Homes in time for Christmas.

The blue "After Election Report" is enclosed for the Secretaries. Remember this form must be completed and returned within three business days after your election of officers in November. If you are unable to elect any of your officers in November you will need to call the Grand Secretary for a dispensation to elect out of time, giving the offices yet to be elected and the date of the stated meeting when the election for the remaining officers will be held. There is no charge for this dispensation.



Scotts Bluff Chapter No. 133 of Gering "Stepped Up" to welcome the members of Minatare Chapter No. 270 when those Chapters consolidated on October 3, 2007. The evening began with a wonderful hamburger fry thanks to the work of Sam and Dori Nagasawa. The members of Minatare Chapter were warmly welcomed by the members of Scotts Bluff Chapter and the Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Matron gave encouraging remarks to the "new" Chapter when completing the consolidation.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 of Nebraska City NE and Zenith Chapter No. 184 of Hiawatha KS "Stepped up" to welcome the Grand Officers of Kansas and Nebraska by co-hosting the Kansas-Nebraska Exchange on October 19, 2007. Thanks to these two Chapters for assisting our Grand Chapters in this way.



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR



(Information for the Dec. NEWS must be in the Grand Chapter office by Nov. 15th.)



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| November 2-12 | OES Panama Canal Cruise |
| November 4 | Pancake Breakfast, 8 am to 1 pm sponsored by Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 S. 135 th Ave, Omaha. Call Linda at 402-298-8082 for more information. |
| November 12 | Friendship Night, White Elephant Auction, Rose Chapter No. 102, Albion. Call Lee Howell at 402-395-2980 for more information. |
| 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. |
| November 22 | Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday! |
| December 15 | Deadline for Purple Ribbon Club donations. |
| January 20-23 | School of Instruction for District Grand Supervisors, Hastings. |

AFTER ELECTION REPORT, NOVEMBER, 2007

Please mail to the Grand Secretary, PO Box 156, Fremont NE 68026-0156 within three business days after election (Law, Section 93 (2))

Please type or print clearly

Chapter _____ No. _____ Town _____, NE.

Day of Stated Meeting According to Chapter Bylaws: (example: 2nd Tues.) _____ Time: _____

Address or Location of Meeting Place: _____

The following officers were elected for the year 2008 into the above named Chapter at its stated meeting on _____, 2007:

WORTHY MATRON: __ Mrs. __ Miss __ Ms Name: _____ Husband: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _(____) _____ Email: _____

WORTHY PATRON: Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _(____) _____ Email: _____

ASSOCIATE MATRON: __ Mrs. __ Miss __ Ms Name: _____ Husband: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _(____) _____ Email: _____

ASSOCIATE PATRON: Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _(____) _____ Email: _____

SECRETARY: __ Mr. __ Mrs. __ Miss __ Ms Name: _____ Husband: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _(____) _____ Email: _____

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Signature, Chapter Secretary