

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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submitted to the Grand Secretary at least 90 days before the Session. This year the deadline date is February 14, 2008.



A Note from the Grand Secretary:

This month the OES NEWS is being sent to the 2008 Worthy Matrons and Secretaries. This is being done because the Worthy Matrons will also be receiving some information to help them prepare for their 2008 Schools of Instruction. If you received the NEWS please share it with your Chapter even though you may not yet have been installed. Thanks!



ESTARL

It's here! Time to spread the news about ESTARL to all churches in every community in Nebraska. January is ESTARL month. Remember, more brochures and applications are available by calling the Grand Chapter office (800-832-9320). Celebrate ESTARL all month—write an article for your local paper, honor those in your community who are receiving or who have received ESTARL grants, ask a member of the ESTARL Committee to visit your Chapter. If you find potential applicants, remind them that applications for the 2008-2009 award year are due in the Grand Chapter office by March 1st.



READ NEBRASKA

Message from your Chairman Merrie Edwards

Dr. Seuss once said, “The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Reading is a very important part of our lives—young and old. And it's still not too late to get involved in reading. The children get a thrill to learn to read if you

volunteer to read with them and receive your Starman pin. Don't forget to send your report forms to me and if you need more forms email me at me10245@alltel.net

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GOOD BYE 2007

And one more thank YOU to the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who did such an outstanding job of leading our Chapters.

H-E-L-L-O-O-O-O-O 2008!

Congratulations to the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. It is going to be a grand year!!!

Did ya have a nice Christmas? Did ya get a lot of books for Christmas? Myrtle Chapter No. 94 in Lincoln gave me a whole stack of Golden Sower books to give to Lincoln libraries and they had a fundraiser party and gave us \$121 more! Way to go! AND they aren't the only ones...since the last report, Laura Chapter No. 301, Golden Rule Chapter No. 134 and Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 have all given a Buck per Member!

The Supervisors are hitting their books and getting ready for Supervisors' School of Instruction, January 20-22 in Hastings. As soon as their school is over, they'll be calling the Worthy Matrons to schedule your Schools of Instruction. I just love school. I love getting together with everyone and I love learning! Don't you? I hope everyone is planning to go to School in 2008!

Oh yeah! And don't forget January is ESTARL month! Give out those brochures so we can share our Star with ESTARL!

More later!

...Bucky Book Worm

VISIONQUEST

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

Four years ago while serving as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Cynthia Norman, W.G.M. during our travels with the Grand Family around the state, we tried to bring the **word** of our beautiful Order to the membership. I was asked to talk about membership. I painted two pictures: one of “doom and gloom” and one of “Hope”.

The doom and gloom projected that by 2021, we would be out of business as an organization if we continued to lose members at the then current rate. The HOPE was that each of us, as members, could make a difference and the survival of our Order depended on each one of us.

We need to continue with the “hope” and seek a vision of increased membership, enhanced leadership, chapter and membership involvement both internally and externally in the community, public relations, fellowship and enthusiasm by “just asking”.

The above concepts are being conveyed to our membership at the Subordinate Chapter level by nine Visionquest Committee members, Sisters and Brothers from around the state committed and dedicated to the survival of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

“We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor.” - Anonymous

Resolutions to be presented at the Grand Chapter Session must be

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS: This month those who have been elected Worthy Matron for the 2008 year will receive with their NEWS a letter from the Worthy Grand Matron with important information about the Chapter's School of Instruction. A tentative schedule will be included with that letter. Please share this information with your Chapter at your January Stated meeting so that you will all be prepared to have a good School. You will receive a letter giving you the name of your District Grand Supervisor shortly after January 22nd.

Don't forget—the Chapter's annual report is due in the Grand Chapter office January 15th. After Installation reports are due 3 business days after the installation. It is important that these be turned in in a timely manner so that the new book of Officers and Supplies can be printed and distributed to you.



This month help us thank all of the members that are serving on Standing, Special and Session Committees. These members are "Stepping up" to make our Order better and stronger by doing what they can for Eastern Star in Nebraska. Our Publicity Committee is investigating the purchase of a new display which may be used to promote our organization. The Educational Loan Committee is beginning preparations for a new brochure describing our Student Loan Program; our Membership Committee is forming its mission statement and assigning duties to each member of the committee; the Youth Committee has sent out a survey to all youth leaders and is evaluating those surveys to see how they can best help our youth; and of course this month is ESTARL month and our ESTARL Committee is working hard to promote ESTARL. Members of the Visionquest Committee are making visits to all of the Chapters in the state. Grand Chapter Committees are WORKING for you. When you see a member of one of these committees, "Step up" and give them a hug!



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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



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| January 5 | | Installation—Martha Washington No. 153, 4430 N 70 th St., Lincoln. 1:30 pm | |
| January 5 | ★ | Installation—Tuscan No. 35, Masonic Center, Central Ave, Kearney, 2 pm | |
| January 11 | | Installation—Vesta No. 6, 83 rd & Maple Street, Omaha 7:30 pm | ★ |
| January 12 | | Installation—Papillion No. 114, 84 th & Centennial, Papillion, 7 pm | ★ |
| January 13 | | Installation—Friendship No. 122, 109 North Main, Hooper, 2 pm | |
| January 17 | | Installation—Narcissus No. 269, 5903 Maple St., Omaha, 7:30 pm | |
| January 19 | | Installation—Luna Chapter No. 169, 300 Hopper St, Elkhorn, 7:00 pm | |
| January 19 | | Installation—Home Chapter No. 189, 513 Main St, Plattsmouth, 2 pm | |
| January 20 | | Installation—AkSarBen No. 277, 2823 N. 83 rd St, Omaha, 2 pm | |
| January 20-23 | | School of Instruction for District Grand Supervisors, Hastings. | |
| January 25 | | Installation—Fontenelle No. 249, 2424 S. 135 th Ave., Omaha 7:30 pm | ★ |
| January 26 | | Installation—Adah No. 52, 84 th & Centennial, Papillion, noon. | |
| January 26 | | Installation—Andrew Chapter No. 41, 202 9 th St., Chapman, 2:30 pm | |
| January 26 | | Installation—Alpha No. 325, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue, 4:30 pm | |
| January 27 | | Installation—Trinity No. 299, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha, 2 pm | |