

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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A Simple Membership Plan

What if every member of your chapter would bring in a new member? It sounds great, but probably not realistic. Then why not try - every active member bring in a new member. WOW! That could be 25 to 40 new members depending on your chapter. Even better, I challenge your chapter to bring in a new petition every month, and then you would have 10 new members (since January and February are past).

Look at all of the possibilities - a good friend, a relative, or members of other Masonic family organizations. It CAN be done. YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

E I HONEY S J (Until we meet again)



The 990-N (E-Postcard) is now online.

Go to www.irs.gov/efile and click on “Charities and Nonprofits”. If you have trouble filing, call or email the Grand Secretary and she will try to help you through it.

It is important that your Chapter file before the May 15 deadline. Non-profit status depends on your filing every year.

Grand Representatives—be sure you ask your Secretary for a copy of the letter for Past and Present Grand Representatives that is enclosed with this OES NEWS.

Fund are due in the Grand Chapter office.

READ NEBRASKA **Merrie Edwards, Chairperson**

Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere (Mary Schmich). When I was a child, I had an early start in reading. Today I make a commitment to read at least 2-3 books a month to enrich and stimulate my knowledge and imagination. I've always loved the feel of books in my hands and read away! If you have members ready to earn Starman pins, be sure to fill out report forms and send to me (my address at the bottom of the form). Need extra forms, email me (me10245@alltel.net) and I will send to you. **We will be having Used Books Exchange and Silent Auction at Grand Chapter Session. Watch for details in April newsletter.**

ARE YOU INITIATING NEW MEMBERS?

Be sure to send in the names and addresses of members you have initiated or will initiate between January 1 and May 15. Our Worthy Grand Matron plans to honor all Chapters that have initiated during her 2007-2008 year at the Grand Chapter Session. We will need the names of those initiated since your annual report was filed.



Drive a Van!

Don't forget to call Albert (402-467-2997 or Dennis (402-933-



4850) if you can drive one of the vans at Grand Chapter—your help is needed, even if you can only drive or assist in loading and unloading for a short time. You will have a great time!

Hi Ya, Eastern Stars!!!!

This is going to be short and sweet. The Grand Secretary has lots of other important stuff for you to read.

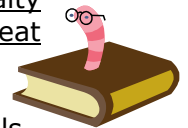
Chaplains, Marshals & Organists don't forget you three are the honored stations this year and will be recognized at Grand Chapter. We want to see *all* of you there!!!



Sh-h-h-h! It's a **Silent Auction** at Grand Chapter; proceeds will go to Projects. Need

donations of specialty baskets and other neat stuff to auction.

Watch for a letter with more details coming soon.



More fun at Grand Chapter! It's a **Book Exchange!** Bring a book(s) and take a book(s). Any leftovers will go to the Homes.

And yes—there are a lot more Chapters that have given **“A Buck per Member”** since I last reported. Thanks to Myrtle Chapter No. 94, Fullerton Chapter No. 191, Davenport Chapter No. 268, Herman Chapter No. 216, Harmony Chapter No. 13, Phillips Chapter No. 204, Alpha Chapter No. 325, Mercy Chapter No. 306, Dawson Chapter No. 33, Wisner Star Chapter No. 149.

DEADLINE

APRIL 30:
Applications for loans from the Educational Loan

Your Bucks are going to buy a lot of books for libraries all over the state.

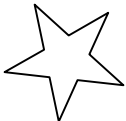
Time is running out to **earn a Starman pin**. Get out and Read! Read! Read! Yahoo! More later.....**Bucky**

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS: This NEWS is being sent as part of a large packet which includes the new **2008 Officers and Supplies Book**; A **letter for all Past and Present Grand Representatives** (secretaries please distribute to these members); **Grand Chapter pre-registration packets**. In addition, Chapter Secretaries will be receiving the **Chapter Credentials for the 133rd Grand Chapter Session** and your **Chapter copy of the 2007 Annual Report** (Do make sure this report is filed with your previous reports—they are a part of you Chapter’s permanent records and should be kept forever.)

Information concerning the Grand Chapter Session:
Any supporting organizations, hosting Chapters, Standing or Session Committees who are busy preparing events or meetings to be held during our Grand Chapter Session are invited to distribute information about your Grand Chapter events in the April issue of the OES News. Be sure your information reaches the Grand Chapter office by March 15th.



What fun it is to read in the Annual Reports of all the ways our Chapters are finding to “Step Up” to the Challenge of making Eastern Star enjoyable and visible. At Luna Chapter in Elkhorn, the Worthy Matron had different officers tell about their “Passions” each month—members learned new things about people they had known for a long time! Royal Chapter in Gordon likes to sponsor students to the Masonic Band Camp, but they took it “up a step”—they “organized the community” in sending 17 total students! It might be good to ask Royal Chapter more about what they do, as they initiated six new members this past year. Visibility in the community helps!



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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



March 1, 2008
March 10, 2008



ESTARL Applications due in the Grand Chapter office.
Spring Fling Card Party sponsored by Narcissus Chapter No. 269, 5903 Maple Street, Omaha, 10:30 to 3 pm. \$6 for cards and Lunch. Call Sue Terry 402-496-2367 for details and reservations.

March 15, 2008

Narcissus Pasta Dinner, 3-7 p.m., 5903 Maple Street, Omaha. Call Lori at 402 452-3862 for details.

March 29, 2008

Soup Supper (Chili, Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean), salads and desserts. 5-7 p.m. Stella Fire Hall, sponsored by Mercy Chapter No. 306, Stella

April 26, 2008



Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction, 3-7 p.m., 5903 Maple Street, Omaha Call Lori at 402-452-3862 for details.

April 30, 2008

Applications due for Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Loans

PLAN AHEAD~~~~~

May 1, 2008

Deadline for Notification of Award Forms and Scholarship \$\$ to reach the Grand Chapter office for participation in the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program.

May 13, 14, 15

“Steps to the Stars” Grand Chapter Session.

June 7, 2008

Garden Party at the Nebraska Masonic Home, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$65.00 per person. Live Auction – Silent Auction. Save the date and watch for more details!

October 18-19, 2008

3rd Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney NE