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VISIONQUEST

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

Time, patience and perseverance are needed in attracting members to Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star. Restriction on a person's time seems to head the list.

Try these changes:

- ✓ Increase level of fellowship after meetings.
- ✓ Handle business portion of stated meeting more efficiently
- ✓ Have one member-centered event each stated meeting
- ✓ Focus on what members say they want
- ✓ Limit meetings to 90 minutes or less
- ✓ Confer degrees at special meetings not at stated meetings

Remember Sisters and Brothers “Just Ask” new prospects and be prepared to follow-up.

“E I Honey S J”
Until we meet again!

READ NEBRASKA

Merrie Edwards, Chairperson
“Today a reader;
Tomorrow a leader.”

(Margaret Fuller)

How true it is for each person to learn and use reading in our journey of life and be a good leader to the best of our abilities! Reading does make a difference, not only in our lives but also in our children's and grandchildren's lives. April is the last month to send report forms to me and receive Starman pins. Send for them as soon as you can. Don't forget to watch for details of the

P Used Book Exchange at **A** Grand Chapter. **G** ***** **O** Sharon Wilson, President **S** of the PAGOS (Past Appointed Grand Officers) Club is asking all Pagos to help furnish cookies for the Distinguished Guest Room at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session.

Please call Sharon at 402-359-5628 or email at skwilson1@mmm.com to let her know if you can help with this project. If you can assist with serving the cookies on Tuesday May 13th please call Sharon. And—don't forget the PAGO banquet Wednesday, May 14.

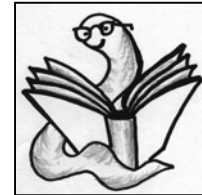
Thank You—A big thank you to my Eastern Star family. All those cards, thoughts and prayers while I have been ill are greatly appreciated. I consider it a privilege to be a part of a family that cares about the welfare and feelings of each other. God Bless each of you

*Imogene Waner, Secretary,
Fontenelle Chapter No 249*

NOTICE: Please call or email the names of those you have initiated since Jan. 1 to the Grand Secretary or return the yellow card that was sent with the message from our “Read Nebraska” Chairman, Sister Merrie. Our Worthy Grand Matron will honor all Chapters that have initiated during her 2007-2008 year at the Grand Chapter Session.

Past and Present Grand Representatives
Chapter

Don't forget your cookies! Please bring homemade cookies to the hospitality room at Grand Chapter and please call Elaine (402) 399-



8859 if you can assist in the hospitality room or host a table at the breakfast.

Hi Ya,
Eastern Stars!!!!

I gotta a question: How many of you have ever written a book that has been printed??? I just got this BRILLIANT IDEA!! Bring the book you wrote to Grand Chapter and we will display your creative work at Pershing Center. Deloyt Young from Signet Chapter in North Platte wrote a neat book entitled “North Platte Bailey Yard”. Judy Carlson WM of Wausa Chapter wrote “Buried on the Prairies of Knox County”. I just know you Stars have more books out there. Bring 'em to Grand Chapter; we'll show 'em off!

The WGM and WGP are really getting excited about Grand Chapter...lots of things going on—used book exchange, silent auction, 8 candidates to initiate, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are coming AND the Governor! Wow! I sure hope all of the Nebraska Eastern Stars are coming, too. Pre-Registration deadline is April 25th.

More Chapters have donated bucks for books:

Andrew Chapter No. 41
Elizabeth Chapter No. 250
Fontenelle Chapter No. 249
Keep up the good work AND THANK YOU!

Time is really flying but you know I'm beginning to feel kind of funny.....like I'd like to wrap in a cocoon and take a nap. Hm-m-m I wonder if I am coming down with something? More later.....

Bucky

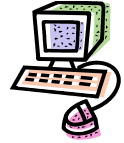
ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS: Chapter Secretaries will be receiving the Chapter Credentials—we are sorry that we forgot to include them last month, but we did enjoy hearing from all of you who called to tell us they were missing! Also enclosed this month are the resolutions that have been submitted to come before the Grand Chapter Session. We hope you will read them all thoroughly and be ready to discuss them and vote—you are an important part of this Grand Chapter and your opinion and votes count!

Applications for the Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Loans are due in the Grand Chapter office April 30th.

Step Up To The Challenge



Reminder—Every Chapter must file the 990-N (E-Postcard) online before May 15th www.irs.gov/efile



Matthews Chapter No. 242 of Ashland is “stepping up” in the community. Working with their Masonic Lodge, they are sponsoring “piano scholarships” to children in their community. They will be having fund raisers to raise money for \$100 scholarships to the children in their community who want to take piano lessons. They plan to give as many each year as they can. Their plan for the project has been well thought out and I’m sure they would be willing to share it. Now that we are “stepping up” it is clear that we can be LEADERS in our communities.



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR



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



April 5, 2008



Salad Luncheon and Style Show by Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 s. 135TH Ave., Omaha. Call Billie @ 402-455-0472 for details.

April 12, 2008

Scrapbooking Day, sponsored by Columbia Chapter No. 275, 9 am-9 pm. , 1542 North 65th St., Lincoln. Cost is \$15 and includes, lunch, supper and snacks. Bring your scrapbook supplies and be prepared for a productive day! Call Tammy at 402-476-6748 for details.

April 13, 2008

Adah Chapter No. 52, Ham Dinner, 11 am- 2 pm., 84th & Centennial, Papillion. Call Ann at 402-933-4850 or Margaret at 402-592-8608 for tickets and info.

April 20, 2008

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, 2424 S 135th Ave., Omaha. Call Cheryl at 402-391-0806 for tickets and details.

April 25, 2008

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

April 26, 2008

100th Anniversary Celebration for Sunflower Chapter No. 214, 1315 18th Avenue, Mitchell, 2-4 pm.

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Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction, 3-7 p.m., 5903 Maple Street, Omaha Call Lori at 402-452-3862 for details.

April 26, 2008

Parking Lot Sale! 8 am-4 pm, 1542 North 65th, Lincoln, sponsored by Columbia Chapter No. 275—we are raising money to help make our building handicapped accessible.

April 30, 2008

DEADLINE for applications for Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Loans
DEADLINE for Notification of Award Forms and Scholarship money to reach the Grand Chapter office for participation in the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program.

May 1, 2008

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