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Attitude, Attitude, Attitude

Positive, Positive, Positive

“Never Give Up”

“Attitude is everything!” This short piece by Charles Swindoll exemplifies that statement:

“The longer I live I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, education, money, circumstances, failures, successes and what other people think, say and do. Attitude is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, church or home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace that day.

We cannot change our past or how people will act in any certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you, we are in charge of our attitudes.”

As requested by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Visionquest Committee is concentrating on the Subordinate Chapters. Several of the members of this committee in Nebraska have visited their assigned Chapters. I have visited twelve Chapters and delivered a Visionquest speech. For the most part, the membership exhibits a positive attitude.

We can overcome our membership problems.

We can reactivate our inactive members.

We can succeed. —

-Remember Sisters and Brothers,

“Never Give Up!”

E. I. Honey S.J. (Until we meet again)



Don't forget
May 15th www.irs.gov/efile
If you have not filed your E-postcard online, do it NOW! Be sure your Chapter has filed—you do not want to lose your tax exempt status.

Thank You—A sincere thank you to all my Sisters and Brothers across the state that have remembered me with cards, thoughts and prayer. Its been an honor to have been your Grand Organist. Your support for me and my family during this fight against cancer will be forever appreciated.

Lenna Weber, Grand Organist

(Note: You may leave messages of encouragement for Sister Lenna as she begins chemotherapy at: caringbridge.org/visit/lenna)

With a new year comes a new

Make a Wish

project. I have been appointed Project Chairman for the 2008-2009 project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, which is the support of the Make a Wish Foundation of Nebraska. The very first event I have planned will be a Pancake Breakfast and Craft Boutique which will be held June 8, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Papillion Masonic Center, 84th and Centennial Road in Papillion. Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. I'm asking all members in the area to support this project by attending the breakfast and bringing craft items to sell. Please continue to “STEP UP” in whatever way you can. If you can help with the Breakfast or donate crafts please call me at 402-592-8608 or email mmcall5@cox.net. More on the project later—Margaret McCall



Hi Ya, Eastern Stars!!!!

WHOA!!! Look what happened to me!?! WOW! I told ya I was feeling funny last north and I was going to take a little nap. Well, hey! Just look! I'm not a book-worm anymore. I'm a book-butterfly! Woo-eeee! What a.....transition! Those green guys the Worthy Grand Patron carried around all the time don't have anything over me now! I feel GRAND!

I guess this means I am ready for GRAND Chapter. So is the Worthy Grand Matron. She and the Worthy Grand Patron hope you are all planning to come. Pack your bags and don't forget your **dues card** and **Silent Auction** stuff, and your **books to exchange**, and your pretty clothes, and your **comfortable shoes**, and the **books you wrote**, and your **credentials**, and your **toothbrush**. Yup! We are going to have a GRAND time.

Oh-oh...I just remembered. This is my last news article. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron say we're packing a durn trunk or something like that. Maybe we're packing all of those Golden Sower books in the durn trunk. Hm-m-m. I just don't know.... But from all of the racket around here it sounds like there's a whole herd of elephants coming.

Well, hey, it's been a trip! Thanks for everything. We love ya Eastern Stars!... Bucky, WGM & WGP

P.S. One more thing before I go--did ya know that Chapters are STILL sending in their Bucks? This past month Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Friendship Chapter No. 122, Geneva Chapter No. 180 and Atkinson Chapter No. 186 all sent in more Bucks for Books—AND that's how we reached our goal! WE DID IT!! We raised a Buck a Member and we now have over \$10,000 that the WGM is going to use to buy two Golden Sower Books for every Library in Nebraska—and they will have a label inside that says YOU DID IT!

Thanks! Bucky

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS:

(1) Information and registration form for the **Annual Five-State Event**. Nebraska is the host state this year and the event will be in Kearney. All members are welcome to attend any or all of this fun event. **Deadline for reservations is July 1, 2008.**

(2) Information on the **Iowa-Nebraska Exchange**, July 24, 25, 2008. Once again we encourage everyone to attend all or any part of this event which will be in the Omaha, Council Bluffs area. **Deadline for reservations is July 7, 2008**



TRAVELING WITH THE STARS --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

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



April 30, 2008.....**DEADLINE** for applications for Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Loans
May 1, 2008.....**DEADLINE** for Notification of Award Forms and Scholarship money to reach the
Grand Chapter office for participation in the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program.



May 9, 2008.....Cotner Masonic Family Spaghetti Supper, 4:30 to 7:00 pm, 1542 North 65th Street,
Lincoln. Adults \$5; Children 12 & under \$2.50. Hosted by Columbia Chapter No.
275, Cotner Lodge No. 297 and Job's Daughter's Bethel No. 63.



May 13, 14, 15....."Steps to the Stars" Grand Chapter Session.

May 15, 2008.....**DEADLINE** for signing up for the Road Trip to the International Peace Gardens

May 17, 2008.....Special Meeting honoring 50-Year Members of Electa Chapter No. 8 and to
welcome Sister Betty Pauley, PGM into this elite group. 7:30 pm, 1635 L Street,
Lincoln. Reception following. For more information call Bridget at 402-440-3434.



June 2, 2008AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 is hosting a Card Party and Luncheon 10:00 a.m. to 2
p.m. at Mizpah Lodge, 48th & Pierce. Call Isobel at 402-493-2854 for information
and reservations.



May 31, 2008.....Reception for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and 2008-2009
Grand Officers, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Legion Hall, 605 Walnut St., Thedford. Hosted by
Sunshine Chapter No. 261 and Wausa Chapter No. 159.

June 6, 2008Evening Area Visitation, Arlington, Hooper, Tekamah, Blair, Herman, Fort Calhoun.
More details as they are available.

June 7, 2008Garden Party at the Nebraska Masonic Home, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$65.00 per
person. Live Auction – Silent Auction.

June 7, 2008Noon Area Visitation, Omaha area. More details when they are available.

June 8, 2008Make a Wish Fundraising breakfast and Craft Boutique. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
Papillion Masonic Center. Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.50.

June 8, 2008Franklin Chapter No. 213 celebrates its 100th Anniversary. 2-4 pm, Franklin Lodge
Hall, south end of Main Street, Franklin. For more information call Loraine at 308-
425-3608.

June 21, 2008Couples Scramble Golf Tournament at Enders Golf Course. Open to everyone.
Sponsored by Imperial Chapter No. 279, Imperial NE.

July 1, 2008.....**DEADLINE**.... for reservations for the 5-State Event in Kearney. Everyone is
welcome!

July 7, 2008.....**DEADLINE** for registration for Iowa-Nebraska Exchange—forms enclosed.

July 24-25, 2008Iowa – Nebraska Exchange. Details and registration forms enclosed.

August 1-3, 2008Nebraska Hosts the annual 5-State Event—see enclosure for details!

August 8-12, 2008Road Trip to International Peace Gardens. Information was mailed 3-15-08.

September 5, 2008 ...AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 hosting a German Dinner, 4:00 pm to 8:30 p.m.
Shi-Oma Masonic Center, 83rd & Maple

October 18-19, 2008.3rd Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney NE

October 24-26, 2008.AkSarBen Chapter's annual HAUNTED HOUSE 6-9 Friday; 5-9 Saturday; 5-7
Sunday. Shi-Oma Masonic Center, 83rd & Maple. Food—games—more!