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A herd of Elephants? A whole herd of elephants coming? No.

vvnat Bucky Bookworm *heard* last month—was not a *herd*—it was just me, “Pansy Pachyderm”. I had the honor of being selected by the “Faith in Unity” Grand Officers from among the hundreds of elephants where I live (the home of our Worthy Grand Matron), and I will be the mascot for the 2008-2009 year—watch for me at the Area Visitations! Bucky invited me to attend his Grand Chapter Session and “WOW” what a great time I had with the whole Eastern Star herd! As the Mascot I will have a lot of responsibility for I will be representing the whole herd—we elephants are so much like the Eastern Star friends I met at Grand Chapter, so it’s easy for me to set my goals to help you this year! We are committed to the herd—we will watch over each member of our Eastern Star herd so that we will grow and prosper and every member will be an important part of our herd. I’ll be helping to support your project—the “Make a Wish” Foundation of Nebraska. I’ll have some very special pennies with me and I know you’ll want to purchase a few to help make those wishes come true. I depend on my strength and I’ll be asking you to depend on your strength—with everyone in the herd using all the strengths we have, I know the herd will prosper—that’s “Pac-a-derm Power” and we have it!

Love,



HAVE A COMPUTER???

Don’t forget you can download Newsletters in color and find lots of information on our Web-site: <http://neoes.org> Click on “Events” to add your Chapter’s upcoming activities to our calendar.

MAKE A WISH

Our Make a Wish project is off and running. I want to remind you that although I am the project chairman, all of YOU are the committee members. Each of you will have a very important role to play to make this project a success. The first event is the Pancake Breakfast and Craft Boutique (including plants and baked goods) at Papillion Masonic Center on June 8th. Tickets are \$7 (\$3.50 for Children). Please support this project by bringing all your friends to breakfast! Contact me now and I will help you set up a project that will work in your area—I’d like Chapters to work together in the various areas of our state to help sponsor projects for **MAKE A WISH**. Thanks for your help.
Margaret McCall, Chairperson

Thank You—From Elaine Jenkins, Jr. Past President of the Grand Representatives Association: “Thank you to all past and present Grand Representatives for the cookies, books and for all your help at our events at Grand Chapter.” Elaine reports that extra cookies were delivered to the Children’s Home and were much appreciated. Thank you—Elaine and all Grand Representatives for all you do to make our Grand Chapter Sessions so special!



Lenna Weber, Past Grand Organist has

donated a wonderful briefcase on wheels to the Grand Chapter. It is her wish that it be passed down for use by Grand Organists in the future—thanks Lenna, and our prayers are with you in your fight against cancer.

VISIONQUEST

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

“Goal Setting - a Must”

Last month, we delved into attitude. This month I would like to look at how setting goals can make a world of difference in our relations with our Sisters and Brothers and Chapter success.

Why does a Chapter need goals? Simply put: a Chapter is like a person who quits working and has no goals and thus no reason to live. A Chapter that does not generate petitions over an extended period of time is in reality dying. It has no goals or vision to direct its work.

Goals can be short, intermediate or long range. A short term Eastern Star goal might be petitions received in this calendar year to equal 5% of the total membership. That is the “**what**” of the goal.

“**Who**” is going to do the work? Every member should work on the goal. There are no drones in this organization.

Where - Look for good people with proper Masonic affiliation where you work, where you shop, where you live and especially where you worship.

When - as stated in the goal, this calendar year.

How - This is decided by the Worthy Matron and the line officers. Work this project together, be of one mind. You might try social events - friendship nights, bowling, softball, picnics. “Be creative!” It is important to realize that the **how** can change several times before completion.

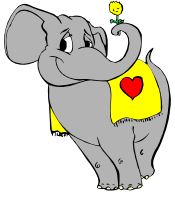
If the goal is firmly believed in, it compels completion. If unsuccessful at first - try, try again. Remember Sisters and Brothers

“**NEVER GIVE UP**”.

E. I. HONEY S. J.

We hope you will also enjoy reading-----

The first letter from our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wanda Fisher and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lowell Erickson. It is enclosed with this mailing! (Secretaries, please read it to your Chapter!)



FOR THE GOOD OF THE HERD

(A place to report on members and Chapters that are “committed to the herd”—let us know how you or someone you admire is committed to the Eastern Star and Masonic Family Herd)

Rev. Sister Gwen Hurst Anderson is committed to the herd. She has adapted the memorial hour that was presented at our past Grand Chapter Session so that it can be used by the Chapters in Nebraska for memorial services in their own Chapter. Please contact the Grand Chapter office for a copy of this touching and beautiful memorial service written by Sister Gwen.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, **Sister Barbara Benton, PGM, Oklahoma** is also committed to the herd. She reminded us at the Grand Chapter Session that we should be committed to earning the Rob Morris Membership jewel and the “Each One Bring One” pin. Forms were mailed previously, but are also available on our website, or call the Grand Chapter office, 800-832-9320.

Our **Registration and Credentials Committees** are committed to the herd—thanks to **Sisters Beth, Linda, Gail and Bev** for chairing these committees and for getting us all “herded” around the paperwork at our past Session--Nebraska is lucky to have such faithful and dedicated workers.

KEEP UP WITH THE HERD --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR

Check the Schedule of Area Visitations mailed May 1st—details on visitations will be listed when they are provided to the Grand Chapter office

- June 6, 2008Area Visitation, Arlington Vets Club, 218 W. Eagle. Registration 6:00 pm, dinner 6:30. Cost: \$10.00. Reservations: Nadine Sorensen at 402-478-4685. Casual dress.
- June 7, 2008Special Meeting of Nebraska Grand Chapter for purpose of installing Sister Kerri Straub as Grand Martha; 9:30 a.m., 5903 Maple Street.
- June 7, 2008Area Visitation, 5903 Maple Street, Omaha. Registration 11:30 a.m., lunch 12:00 pm. Cost: \$8.00. Reservations: Anna & Don Gockley, 402-334-1867.
- 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 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.
- June 15, 2008“Recipes from the Star” cookbooks go on sale—a project of Luna Chapter No. 169 Call Marcia at 402-670-4252 to order!
- June 21, 2008Couples Scramble Golf Tournament at Enders Golf Course. Open to everyone. Sponsored by Imperial Chapter No. 279, Imperial NE.
- June 22, 2008Reception honoring Denny Smith, Grand Marshal, 1:00-3:30 pm, 350 E. 23rd St., Fremont.
- June 25-July 4The best place to get your fireworks—Luna Chapter/Waterloo Lodge Fireworks stand, River Road, Waterloo—show your dues card and get the “Masonic Family Discount”!
- June 29, 2008Herman Chapter No. 216 Celebrates 100 years with an open house from 2-4 pm, Herman Masonic Center, Hwy 75 & 5th Street.
- July 1, 2008.....**DEADLINE**.... for reservations for the 5-State Event in Kearney.
- July 7, 2008.....**DEADLINE** for registration for Iowa-Nebraska Exchange—forms sent last month.
- July 17, 2008.....Luna Chapter ice cream social. 7:30 pm, Elkhorn Masonic Lodge Call Sue 402-672-8603 for details.
- July 24-25, 2008Iowa – Nebraska Exchange. This is for all members! Lots of fun activities planned!