

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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## TRAVELING WITH THE HERD

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What fun I have had this month. Yes, I'm still traveling in the Worthy Grand Matron's *car trunk* all over Nebraska. Someone asked her what to do when you find an elephant in your car trunk—she said, “You should probably get a new car!” I usually sit by the “Make a Wish” wishing well at the Area Visitations, so watch for me as you put your coins in the bucket. By the way, we now have over \$3,500 that has been given specifically for our Make a Wish Project so we are on our way to granting that second wish (remember, it takes about \$3,000 to grant a wish.) Please support Sister Margaret as she attends events in your area—and don't forget to call her to set up a visit from her at your event!

This month I'll be joining the Eastern Star Herd to attend the 5-State event in Kearney, the International Peace Garden trip and many more visitations. I can't wait for the 4H Achievement Day at the Masonic-Eastern Star home on August 10. I'll try to be very quiet and not frighten the calves and lambs!

Love,  
Pansy



## Storm Relief Fund

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton has established a “Storm Relief Fund for 2008”. Funds collected will be used to assist Chapters, members and others who were victims of the severe flooding and damaging storms that affected the Midwestern states this spring. Checks can be made out to Grand Chapter and sent to the Grand Chapter office to be forwarded to the General Grand Chapter to aid those whose lives were affected by these extreme weather conditions.

## Grand Representatives Association

Sister Sharron Gilson, President of the Grand Representatives Association wishes to invite all present and past Grand Representatives to attend the annual Fall Meeting of the Nebraska Grand Representatives Association. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Kearney on September 27, 2008. Coffee and social time will begin at 10:00 am with lunch to follow at 12 noon. Reservations for the lunch are \$16.00 and can be sent to Sister Veva Ferebee, Secretary, PO Box 126, Nelson NE 68961. Annual dues are \$5 and can be sent along with the reservations. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope when paying your dues. Deadline for reservations for the lunch is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing motel reservations at the Holiday must call the hotel directly at 308-237-5971 by August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please tell the hotel you are with the Eastern Star Grand Representative group in order to get the special rate.

## MAKE A WISH

Margaret McCall  
Make a Wish Chairperson

I will have a table with crafts for sale for Make a Wish at the following events:

7/25—Cooper Farms, Omaha (8502 Morman Bridge Rd.) at the dinner for the Iowa/Nebraska Exchange, 5 p.m. Meal is \$8

8/23—Luna Chapter No. 169 garage sale (220 Hooper Street), starting at 9 am.

9/2—Home Chapter No. 189 Harvest Dinner (pot luck at 513 Main, Plattsmouth—meeting at 7:30 pm)

9/5—AkSarBen Chapter German Dinner, 4-7 pm (2823 N. 83<sup>rd</sup> St., Omaha)

Please contact me if you have crafts you can donate to be sold or if you can arrange an event at your Chapter. 402-592-8608 or mmcall5@cox.net

## VISIONQUEST

BY MIKE  
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Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

The third triennial Youth Leadership Conference will be held October 18 - 19, 2008 in Kearney, Nebraska.

It has often been expressed that our Masonic youth can be our legacy. More than ever before, we as adults need to support our youth organizations.

Recruiting our young people, who are eligible to join Eastern Star and Masons, can be a tremendous asset for our Chapters and Lodges.

Nurturing and supporting our youth as they advance into the adult world is so very important. This is where the Leadership Conference is at the forefront.

Speakers at the conference will include Josh Shipp, the “Dr Phil of Teens” on goal setting; Aaron Davis, a 1994 UNL football player, known as the “ENTHUSIATOR”, tells youth what to avoid in school as well as life; Brady Beran, a UNL student brings a story of recovery and rehabilitation; Doug McCallum, “The Trainer”, speaks on teaching styles; Matt Glowacki, born with no legs, brings a message about utilizing the gifts that you have; Dan Breeding, is a professional animal trainer; Paul Dadboud's brings humor and passion, in his presentation.

Send your donations for the conference (checks payable to the Masonic Youth Foundation of Nebraska) to: Masonic Youth Foundation of Nebraska, 202 South 20<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68102.

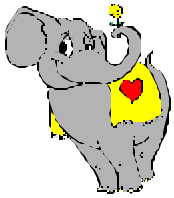
If you have questions, contact Phil Edwards, (402-895-3781) or Mike Donham (402-558-9032).

What better way can we strive to increase our membership and assure that our organizations will prevail, than by supporting our youth.

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

## Coming Soon-----

Dues receipts for the 2009 year have been ordered and will no doubt be in next month's mailing to Chapter Secretaries. **Remember, Chapter dues are delinquent October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Why not take the time now to make a personal contact with each member who has not yet paid dues for 2008. Let's make every effort to retain those members. All it takes is to let them know they are a vital part of our Chapters, and you can be the person to do that. We don't just want their dues, we want their friendship and support--let's get to work on it now!**



### **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)

**August is the month to show appreciation to all members of the Eastern Star Herd who are also leaders in the Masonic Youth Organizations—Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay. Serving on the local level or the state level—you are a most important part of the Herd. Thank you for looking out for all the other members of the Herd. What an excellent job you are doing as witnessed by those of us who attended the Grand Bethel, Grand Assembly and Conclave this summer. Special thanks to our members who are the state leaders of these youth organizations. Job's Daughters: Sister Penny Alderson, Grand Guardian (320); Tom Greenlee (275), Associate Grand Guardian. Rainbow for Girls: Thelma Domingo (250), member of the House of Gold; Betty Garwood, PGM (301), Supreme Deputy in Nebraska. DeMolay: Mike Stuhr (299), Executive Officer in Nebraska. If you have members in your Chapter who serve as youth leaders in any way, please recognize them "For the Good of the Herd" at your August meetings, as there are too many for us to list each one here. Thanks to all of you who are helping organize the Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney, October 18 and 19. Support the youth in your community and encourage them to attend the Youth Conference!**

### **KEEP UP WITH THE HERD --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR**

Call the Grand Chapter office (402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320) for information on Area Visitations.

- August 1-3, 2008 .....Annual 5-State event hosted by Nebraska at Kearney.
- August 8-10, 2008 .....Trip to International Peace Gardens.
- August 10, 2008 .....Annual 4-H Achievement Day at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont.
- August 12, 2008 .....Friendship Night—Friendship Chapter No. 122, 109 North Main Hooper, 7:30 pm. Please note: the date given last month was incorrect.
- August 15, 2008 .....Area Visitation, 6:00 pm, Gering Civic Center, 1130 M Street, Gering. Cost of meal is \$15. Call Ann Kuncil at 308-247-3132 for reservations and information.
- August 16, 2008 .....Reception honoring Grand Organist, Sister Linda Dubry, 1:00-2:30, 526 Main St., Bridgeport.
- August 16, 2008 .....Reception honoring Lori Coviello, Grand Ruth, 4-5-pm, 1830 Illinois Street, Sidney.
- August 16, 2008 .....Area Visitation, Sidney. Call Grand Chapter office for details.
- August 20, 2008 .....Deadline for reservations for the Kansas/Nebraska Exchange. Call the Grand Chapter office for information.
- August 23, 2008 .....Area Visitation, 11:30 am, UM Church, 204 South Randolph St, Bloomfield. Cost of meal is \$8. Reception for Brother Lowell Erickson, WGP will precede the Visitation at 10:30 am. Call Marge Stottler at 402-373-4927 for reservations and information.
- August 23, 2008 .....Area Visitation, 5:00 pm at 907 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk. Cost of meal is \$10. RSVP by Aug. 15 to Shirley Hughes, 402-640-7914,
- August 30, 2008 .....Secretary/Treasurer Brunch, Old Country Buffet, 14525 West Center Road, Omaha. Call Nancy at 402-894-2413 for reservations and information.
- September 5, 6, 2008...Kansas Nebraska Exchange, McCook NE, Atwood KS
- October 18-19, 2008 .....Third Triennial Youth Conference, Kearney