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TRAVELING WITH THE HERD

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.....ots of long trips this past month—but you know that time in the car trunk is really worth it, because it just seems the Herd gets bigger and bigger with each trip! We have traveled to Kearney to meet up with the Herds from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota at the 5-State. We traveled to North Dakota and ended up at the International Peace Gardens. Did you know that the Order of the Eastern Star put a lovely chapel right on the border there? Half is in the US and half is in Canada. And did we ever see some beautiful gardens and meet some wonderful Stars on that trip—all I can say is “Thank You” to the members of North Dakota and Manitoba and all the others who helped put that fun weekend together! And, thanks to you Nebraska Eastern Stars for all the wonderful times we are enjoying with you at the Area Visitations—looking forward to the rest of the visits and maybe some more “dancing for dollars” to support “Make-a-Wish”. Thanks for buying the special “Make-a-Wish” pennies and for all the coins we find in the Wishing Well. As of August 15th Our “Make-a-Wish fund has grown to \$4,592.54—we are on our way to that second wish! Love,

Pansy



A Note about Initiation at Grand Chapter

Sister Wanda, our Worthy Grand Matron would like to let everyone know that there is still room on the list for those who would like to be initiated at the 2009 Grand Chapter Session. If you have a possible candidate please notify Sister Wanda or call the Grand Chapter office as soon as possible—only eight can be initiated. See the Miscellaneous section of the Secretary’s Handbook for information on Courtesy Initiations at the Grand Chapter Session.

CO-NE-WY-KS FALL GATHERING

Fun and interesting events have been planned for this gathering of Stars from four states. Forms for registering are enclosed—deadline is before Oct. 3rd.

About the 2009 General Grand Chapter Assembly

At the Area Visitations members have had the opportunity to sign up to receive information on the 2009 trip to the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly to be held Oct. 30-Nov. 6 in Tulsa Oklahoma. If you missed signing up to receive the information on the trip to General Grand Chapter you can call the Grand Chapter office and give us your name, address, phone number and an email address. A bus trip is no doubt in the plan and you will receive information as it is available. Sign up now—Tulsa is a short trip and a wonderful opportunity to attend a General Grand Chapter Assembly!

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please note: the deadline for submitting resolutions to come before the 2009 General Grand Chapter Assembly is February 28, 2009.



Hi Ya, Stars!!!!

Wow! Bet you are surprised to hear from me!! Pansy let me have a little space here to let you know that Sister Merrie Edwards, who was Chairman of the “Read Nebraska” project last year had a big work day at the Eastern Star office in August. Can you believe this—the Nebraska Stars gave enough money that Merrie was able to purchase FOUR books for each of 292 Public Libraries in Nebraska—she and her helpers mailed or hand delivered a total of 1,168 books! I just wanted to say “Thank ya Stars” – and thanks to you Merrie Edwards. Wow! What a successful project! Your old friend, Bucky Bookworm P.S. I love you Pansy! Good luck with the Wishing Well!

VISIONQUEST

BY MIKE DONHAM

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

“A Formula for Success”

Ron White, a biographer of Albert Einstein, made a presentation about Albert Einstein’s formula for success.

A = Success:

A= X + Y + Z

X= Work

Y = Play

Z = Keep your mouth shut

How can this formula apply to Eastern Star?

X = Work. This can relate to increasing membership; building leadership potential in the chapter line officers and involving the chapter and its members in community projects and events.

Y = Play. Fellowship and enthusiasm are the keys. “All work and no play make our meetings tedious. Bringing fun and enthusiasm to your meetings brings members back. Let the members know that good fellowship is their responsibility as well. Have functions that encourage people to mix.

Z = Keep your mouth shut. This is a tough one – shift your mind set from talker to listener. It is said that you can make more friends in five minutes by becoming interested in others than you can in five years of trying to get others interested in you. How does it work? You ask questions and then keep your mouth shut!

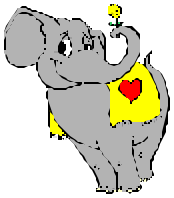
Everything we do concerning membership, leadership, involvement, communication, fellowship and enthusiasm is geared to enhance and brighten the future of our beloved Order.

Remember Sisters and Brothers
“Never Give Up!”

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

Enclosed with this OES News -----

- 1) **Information and registration form for 4-State Fall Gathering—reservations due before Oct 3rd.**
- 2) **Please be sure you read the enclosed letter from our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Chairman of the “Make-a-Wish” Project to your Chapter.**
- 3) **An exciting challenge from your Membership Committee is also enclosed—read to your members and give it a try—you have nothing to loose. If we don’t try we have a lot to loose! Don’t know where to start asking? Look on the “Family Tree” in the miscellaneous section of the Secretary’s Handbook for the list of Masonic Relatives eligible for membership and make your list—then “JUST ASK”!**
- 4) **Secretaries will find 2009 dues receipts in this mailing.**



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)

This month we express our gratitude to those who worked so hard to plan the special events that we enjoy and that we share with our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Isobel Taylor and the members of AkSarBen Chapter in Omaha planned many wonderful tours in the Omaha area for the IA/NE Exchange. Sister Betty Kirby, PGM, her husband John and all of those who helped them on the planning and execution of the 5-State event hosted by Nebraska this year deserve our thanks—we heard many nice comments about that event. Sister Susan Hedges was chairman of the Nebraska delegation to the International Peace Gardens and the 20+ Nebraska members that attended appreciated her work to get us organized. Thanks to the members of Eureka Chapter in McCook for all of your work in preparing for the upcoming KS/NE Exchange. Most of all, thank you to each and every Chapter in Nebraska for the wonderful Area Visitations we have had this summer—being part of the Herd means we all do our part to make things happen and Nebraska Grand Chapter is blessed to have so many willing helpers as members of our Herd.

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.

- September 5, 6, 2008...Kansas Nebraska Exchange, McCook NE, Atwood KS
- September 5, 2008AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 German Dinner, 4-8:30 pm, Shi-Oma Masonic Center, 2823 N 83rd St., Omaha. Call Isobel at 402-493-2854 for information.
- September 7, 2008There will be a table for Make a Wish at the Job’s Daughter Breakfast at West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha—Support Jobs and the Make-a-Wish project with one trip!
- September 14, 2008Phillips Chapter No. 204 Annual Fried Chicken Dinner, Adults, \$8; Children, \$4; Family, \$25, 5-7 pm at Phillips City Auditorium.
- September 14, 2008100th Anniversary Celebration of Dome Rock Chapter No. 215, Scottsbluff, 1 p.m. Masonic Lodge 22 ½ E. 16th Street. There will be a History and Style Show with a reception to follow. Email deb.williamson@kennishllc.org for more information.
- September 27, 2008Annual Grand Representatives Association meeting, Holiday Inn, Kearney. Social time at 10:00 am followed by dinner at noon. Call Veva Ferebee, Secretary at 402-225-4437 for information or to make reservations. Cost of dinner is \$16. All Past and Present Grand Representatives and their guests are welcome.
- October 18, 2008.....Four-State Gathering at Sterling Colorado—Reservations due before Oct. 3rd
- October 18-19, 2008Third Triennial Youth Conference, Kearney. Call Judy and Gene Wehrbein for registration forms and information—open to ALL Youth.