

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Faith in Unity”

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TRAVELING WITH THE HERD

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It was a loooooong way in the car trunk out to Alliance, but I can tell you, it was well worth the trip! I went there with the Grand Officers on March 14 when they were asked to do a Courtesy Initiation for Aloyah Chapter No. 185—five new members were initiated into that Chapter! That should make the Membership Committee smile! The food and fellowship were wonderful—thanks Aloyah Chapter.

At my house (where I live when I am not in the car trunk), the Worthy Grand Matron is working hard finishing up all her plans for Grand Chapter. She is planning a special presentation for all the Chapters that gave \$1 or more per member to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. If you are one of those Chapters, be sure you have someone at the Thursday afternoon session (May 14)—I know she wants to honor you for helping make that special project such a success.

Well, I think I'll go out and do a little work in the garden—I need to plant some pansys and fill the bird feeders again—there have been a lot of birds visiting our garden lately. Hope to see you all at Grand Chapter!

Pansy

## MAKE A WISH

What a wonderful opportunity everyone will have at Grand Chapter this year—contribute to Make-a-Wish and get your holiday shopping done early by participating in the **Silent Auction**. Please list all the items and put a value or minimum bid on items you are contributing. In addition to the baskets or other items that you will be giving, we will also have all our remaining craft items ready for immediate sale. I truly appreciate your support this past year.

Margaret



### Join the Herd

For the “Faith in Unity” Grand Chapter Session.

Pre-registration forms and credentials have been distributed. If you need pre-registration forms you may download them from the Grand Chapter web-site (<http://neoes.org>), see your Chapter Secretary or call the Grand Chapter office. Here are some important reminders concerning the upcoming Session:

- 1) **Deadline for pre-registration is April 25**—also, to guarantee that you get our special rate, make your hotel reservations by April 15th.
- 2) Remember, **if you have been appointed as a Grand Page, Assistant Grand Warden or Assistant Grand Sentinel** you will receive a complementary ticket to the Pages, Warders and Sentinels banquet on Monday evening—if you plan to attend be sure you make a reservation as instructed on the pre-registration form—you need a reservation even though your ticket is comp.
- 3) Call Dot Mattern 402-455-0272 if you are planning to attend the **Grand Duck Luncheon**.
- 4) **If you are a PAGO**, remember that PAGOS furnish cookies for the Distinguished Guest Room at the hotel—bring your cookies to that room Tuesday morning. Call Carolyn Plants (402-477-9464) if you can help in that room on Tuesday.
- 5) **If you are a present or past Grand Representative**, if you can donate cookies bring them to the hospitality room.
- 6) **Don't forget:**  
~ **your dues receipt.**  
~ **your gold credential** (if you are one of the top four officers of your Chapter or carrying the proxy for one of those officers).  
~ **your Past Matron or Past Patron card** (or Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron Card) if you will be voting in that capacity.

# VISIONQUEST

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

### COMMUNICATION

The quotations used in this article are from Jim Rohn a noted motivational speaker and author.

“Effective communication uses brevity--- Jesus said ‘Follow me’. Now that’s brief, he could be brief because of all that he was, that he didn’t have to say.”

“You cannot speak that which you do not know. You cannot share that which you do not feel. You cannot translate that which you do not have. And you cannot give that which you do not possess. To give it and to save it and for it to be effective, you first need to have it.” **Good communication starts with good preparation.**

Smaller communities have an advantage over larger communities in that they have closer ties with one another, know one another, trust one another, and can be sold on joining Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star and other Masonic family organizations.

“Effective communication should be for listeners to say ‘me too!’ versus ‘so what?’ Effective communication is 20% of what you know and 80% how you feel about what you know.”

Remember in the membership article that we talked about two words - “Just Ask!” but we also need to be prepared to answer questions about the Order of the Eastern Star utilizing 20% of what you know. Emphasize how you feel about what you know about our beautiful order.

For that prospective member to say “me too!” instead of “so what?” regarding OES membership is a sure winner for our order.

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

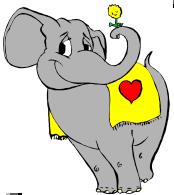


**REMEMBER: Each Chapter must file the 990-N form on line at [www.irs.gov/file](http://www.irs.gov/file) .** The May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for filing is fast approaching. If you wrote down you EIN and password last year you should not have any problems, but if you have questions please call the Grand Chapter office (402) 727-8644. We have to remember to file this on line every year.

**Notice:** A packet has been mailed to Worthy Matrons and Secretaries from our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron which contains information on their Area Visitations. Check the Visitation schedule they have enclosed and if yours is one of the early ones you will need to move quickly to contact the Chapters in your area and make plans for the visit. If your visit is later in the summer, please keep track of this packet as it contains helpful information for preparing for your visit from the Grand Officers. Visitation Schedules and other information will be provided to the general membership following the Installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Officers.

**Enclosed with this OES News-----**

**Are the resolutions that will be acted upon at our upcoming Grand Chapter Session. Please review them at your April stated meeting so that your members will know what will happen if they pass. The members carrying your Chapter credentials need to know how your members feel about these resolutions so that they can vote on your behalf. Those of you who are attending Grand Chapter—please bring these copies of the resolutions with you to help us save on printing expense. Remember each Chapter must register credentials.**



**FOR THE GOOD OF THE HERD----**

This little portion of the OES News has been set aside to give thanks and recognition to those who are “committed to the herd”—those members who have devoted a part of their lives to make our Eastern Star experience richer and more meaningful.

**Brother Albert Fisher, husband of our Worthy Grand Matron,** has been committed to the Eastern Star herd since Sister Wanda accepted her first Grand Chapter appointment. Brother Albert is the Brother who sees to it that everyone can hear what is going on at our meetings from the Area Visitations to the Courtesy Initiations. Brother Albert loves technology and whatever we can dream of to do Brother Albert can make it happen for us. Thank you Albert for your many years of help to Nebraska Grand Chapter.

**Sister Bev Donham, our Senior March Director and her able assistants Sisters Sharlene Coulter and Dee Schuetz** are not only committed to the herd, but upon them falls the responsibility of actually doing the “herding”! Bev, Shar and Dee have patiently and lovingly “herded” hundreds of members on and off the floor of the Grand Chapter, but many of you also know them as the first to volunteer to fill a vacant office or help with an installation when needed. Our thanks to you!

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

**DEADLINES**

- April 1—Deadline for registration for General Grand Chapter Trip
- April 10—Deadline for reservations for SD/NE exchange
- April 25—Deadline for pre-registration for Grand Chapter
- April 30—Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- May 1—Deadline for Notification of Scholarship Awards Form

**PLEASE SEND IN INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MAY OES NEWS BY APRIL 15, 2009**

- April 20-22, 2009.....Kansas Grand Chapter, Topeka
- April 24, 25, 2009 .....South Dakota/Nebraska exchange, Winner South Dakota and Valentine Nebraska.
- April 25, 2009 .....Style Show and Luncheon sponsored by Trinity Chapter No. 299, 12 noon, 2424 S. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave. Call Anna at 402-334-1867 for more information.
- May 30, 2009.....Breakfast meeting of Omaha Secretaries and Treasurers, 8:30 a.m., Old Country Buffet, 14525 W. Center Road, Omaha.
- May 31, 2009.....Reception honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and all 2009-2010 Grand Officers, 2-4 p.m., West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2424 South 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Omaha.

**~~~~DON'T FORGET!—YOU CAN POST YOUR EVENTS ON THE NEBRASKA OES WEB-SITE CALENDAR~~~~**