



NEBRASKA OES NEWS

"Make a Joyful Noise"

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VISIONQUEST

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of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

Meetings

"Informative-Interesting- Worthwhile- Fun"

How many star meetings have you attended that are over in an hour? Do you remember what was discussed?

We as star members have to make our meetings "informative, interesting, worthwhile and fun". Such meetings do not have to be long and involved. You could have a game night, show a special video (The International Temple for example), have a guest speaker or a presentation from one of your members, or some entertainment.

Select an on-going project involving as many members as possible. The Worthy Grand Matron's project this year is the Salvation Army. There should be plenty of opportunities to promote and be active in this worthy project. Other ideas could be to support the local food bank by volunteering your time and collecting canned food and other donations for the bank.

You can use the Chapter newsletter to keep members informed and generate interest in upcoming events. It is important to plan at least two to three months in advance. Planning should be the responsibility of the Worthy Matron and the program committee.

Look at new ways of doing things. There is information on-line and in book stores about special days - National Chocolate Day, as an example. "Run with it, it can be interesting and fun." Some other fun things to do might be: a Western night, Garden party, Cruise night, Travel night. Remember to keep within the dress guidelines with costumes.

Scheduling of other fun nights should be done on other than meeting nights. Summer events might include picnics, dinners or plays. Plan to attend an Imax theatre, baseball game, flower show or museum tour. You may never know what interest others unless you try.

Sisters and Brothers, revitalizing interest in our star meetings and attendance can revitalize our membership. Think positive and "never give up".

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

BIG RED DINNER in OKLAHOMA

Date: Mon Nov 2, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: DoubleTree
Downtown Tulsa

Cost: \$35.00 inc. tax/ gratuity

RSVP ASAP ☺ however,
Deadline for Payment for
Meal is Sept 15th, 2009

The Sooners better watch out...

**the BIG RED
NEBRASKA STARS
led by a flock of our
Worthy Grand
Matron's 2009 cardinals are
on the move!**



If you are traveling to General Grand Chapter independently instead of riding the Nebraska bus, I may not have your name. For detailed information and reservation forms for this dinner honoring our own General Grand Chapter appointees, please contact Betty Garwood PGM, 520 Timberline Drive, South Sioux City, NE 68776 402-494-5159 or BGAR4425@aol.com or the Grand Secretary.

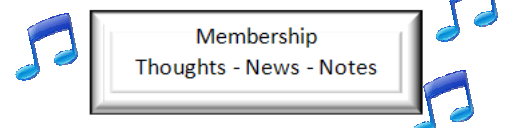


*From our
tree~~*

Joyful noises are coming from all over Nebraska as we fly across the state visiting Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers—meetings every week-end, so many we can't tell you about all of them. We haven't been in our tree much lately! We learned that you have yet another family: *The Masonic Family*. **Your Worthy Grand Matron Billie and Worthy Grand Patron Bruce signed a Proclamation with the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska declaring September 2009 as "Back to Lodge Month". Sister Billie and Brother Bruce want to**

urge all Eastern Star Brothers to participate by attending their Lodge's September meeting and to report to the Lodge on the activities of their Eastern Star Chapter. Enclosed with this month's OES News is a sheet titled "Worksheet for Membership". Make some copies of this sheet and assign one Brother from your Chapter to take these sheets to "Back to Lodge" night in September. That Brother has the potential of coming away from that meeting with the names of 20 or more people (from each Master Mason) who are eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. What an opportunity to "rev up" your membership program! Good Luck!
Gotta fly, the kids are hungry! Curtis

NOTES FROM COMMITTEES:



We would like to introduce ourselves:

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Did you know that this is **National Social Wellness Month**? Social Wellness deals with everything positive and helpful about communication and interacting with others. Some areas in which our lifestyle reflects our Social Wellness are:

- Positive interaction with others.
- Enjoyment of being with others.
- Developing friendships.

Your Membership Committee would like to invite you to use the month to let us know how we can help your Chapter with Membership Wellness. Lets use this month to—Interact—Be with each other—Develop our Star friendships and....invite others to join us!

Reminder: Those interested in the job of Office Assistant are ask to have their resumes submitted by August 15, 2009

Notice to members of Grand Chapter Committees: Our Worthy Grand Matron is once again planning to hold an All-Committee Meeting. Please save the date of October 17th for this meeting. The meeting will probably begin around 9:30 and conclude around 4. Details on the location are still being planned. You will receive detailed notice of the meeting at a later time. All committee members should have a notebook. If any new committee members have not received their notebook from last year's chairman, please let the Grand Secretary know.

Enclosed with this OES News-----

- ❖ A "Worksheet for Membership" -appoint a Brother from your Chapter to make copies of this sheet and take them to his September Lodge meeting.
- ❖ Chapter Secretaries will find the Dues Receipts for 2010 enclosed. **NOW IS THE TIME to contact those members who have not yet paid their dues for 2009—don't wait until October 1 when they will be delinquent. This is a duty of all members of the Chapter, not just the Chapter Secretary!**
- ❖ Information from the Nebraska Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls about her plans for the year. Do show your support for all our Youth Groups.

GRAINS FROM THE PAST



With our Area Visitation meetings in full swing it is interesting to note from our Proceedings books that travel across the whole state has always seemed to be the "norm" for our Grand Officers—here are a few interesting notes on Eastern Star travels and transportation. **Remember, the Ford Model T was in production from 1907-1927—that will give you a greater appreciation of the dedication our Grand Officers have always had!**

1907: The Worthy Grand Matron reported in the proceedings that she had visited 53 Chapters—from McCook to Plattsmouth and everywhere between. At the Session several Grand Deputies reported in detail on the ritualistic work and condition of the records of over 150 Chapters. In preparation to attend the twelfth Triennial Session in Milwaukee, it was read that one of the special events there would be, "an **automobile ride**...visiting places of interest in the city." How exciting that must have been—equally exciting things await those who are preparing to attend the forty-sixth Triennial Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma in October!

THE OES CARDINAL CALENDAR

PLEASE SEND IN INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST OES NEWS BY JULY 15, 2009

August

August 19, 2009 Oshkosh Chapter No. 264, Oshkosh—Annual Polish Luau, Oshkosh City Park. 5-7 pm. Adults \$6. Call Wanda at 308-772-0184 for information.

August 22, 2009 Luna Chapter No. 169, Elkhorn—Garage Sale. 9:00 a.m., 300 Hooper St., Elkhorn

August 23, 2009 Adah Chapter No. 52, Papillion—Fish and Wings dinner, 84th & Centennial. 11:00 am-4:40 pm. Cost \$9 Call Wendy at 402-291-8603 for information

August 29, 2009 AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, Omaha—German Dinner, 83rd & Maple, Omaha. 4-7 pm. Call Jackie at 402-884-0571 for details.

Sept. 12, 2009 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Card Party, Luncheon & Holiday Boutique. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, 5901 Maple, Omaha. Call Carol at 402-991-0185 for craft tables, reservations and details.

Sept. 13, 2009 Phillips Chapter No. 204, Pan Fried Chicken Dinner and Bake/Craft Sale, City Auditorium, Phillips. 5-7 pm. Cost \$8. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Ruth at 402-645-6412 for reservations.

Sept. 27, 2009 Trinity Chapter No. 299 Steak Fry. 4-7 pm, 2424 S 135th Ave. Cost: \$10 (Hamburger for children under 10: \$5). Call Mike at 402-558-9032 or Laurel at 895-3271 for information.