

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Make a Joyful Noise”

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



*What is in your
Membership Tool
Box?*

We hope that you have been able to pick up some thoughts and ideas from our articles that have energized you. We hope you have re-acted with energy, created plans, appointed committees, made posters, brainstormed, met new people, documented feed back and new ideas, in short – we hope our articles have left you exhausted and buried in papers. It is because of this hope that this month, we would like to add one more tool to your tool box.

This month we want you to add:

“PEACE”

“Peace through organization”.

Disorganization and clutter zap our focus and productivity.

Take some time to look at your membership “stuff”, the physical stuff and the mental stuff. Get rid of and let go of the things that aren't working for you. Simplify, update and organize the things that are working and are still in the process of evaluation.

As you sort, ask yourself what these things mean to you, how long will you carry them around, are they keeping you from moving forward? Put the physical “stuff” you're getting rid of in a bag and toss it, put the mental “stuff” in an imaginary suitcase, set it down and walk away.

This month add “Peace through organization” to your Membership Tool Box, celebrate the feeling of simplicity and start planning your next new membership plan.

Secret Work---Remember, all old copies of the Secret Work must be mailed to the Grand Chapter office by March 15th. A fine of \$5 will be assessed for any copies not returned by that date. Each Chapter is responsible for 4 copies.



From our tree

Are you Proficient?

If you come around our tree you will notice an unusual amount of “chirping” of late! That is because our Worthy Grand Matron has issued a challenge for everyone to be “Proficient”. She is sending a letter along with this OES News. We are participating in this challenge and hope your Chapter will too. We have divided up the Proficiency Test and are going to work on a couple of things each month in hopes of passing the test by the Worthy Grand Matron's deadline of April 25th. Let's all get to work—there is always more we can learn—and we can “memorize”—we can do it! Just keep chirping—over and over--that's how it happens!

Curtis, Christie, Ring, Ding and Ling

Grand Chapter Session

May 11, 12, 13, 2010

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Notice to Grand Pages

Assistant Grand Warders

Assistant Grand Sentinels: You will be provided a complimentary ticket to the Pages, Warders and Sentinels Banquet (Monday May 10th, 5:00 pm at the Holiday Inn) in honor of your appointments. When filling out your pre-registration form please indicate under “title” that you have one of these appointments and then write “comp” in the amount column. **You must indicate this on your form so that you will have a reservation.**

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Notice to members attending the Past Grands Luncheon:

Pre-registration packets for all members who have reservations to attend the Past Grands Luncheon will be available in the Distinguished Guests room at the hotel from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Tuesday May 11th, the day of the Luncheon. At all other times packets must be picked up at Pershing Center.

LOAN FUND COMMITTEE:

Deadline for Educational Loan Applications is April 30th.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Please send pictures and articles you wish published in the Nebraska Mason or the OES Journal directly to: Merrie Edwards, member of the Publicity Committee. Since both of these publications want the articles and pictures in electronic format, please email them to Merrie at me10245@windstream.net. Be sure you identify those in the pictures and give Merrie enough information to write a good article for you.



WANTED: VAN DRIVERS

The Transportation Committee for the Grand Chapter Session is looking for members to assist in driving vans to transport our members and guests from the hotel to Pershing Center. If you can drive a van for several days, one day or just an afternoon, evening or morning call Erv Imig at 402-933-6494 or Gary Brhel at 402-795-3905.

From the Board of Grand Trustees

It is not too late to submit a resume for the position of Grand Secretary. While any Past Matron or Past Patron is eligible to be elected, resumes sent in previous to the election will be distributed to the voting delegates and will greatly assist them in making this important decision. Please call the Grand Chapter office at 402-727-8644 or Brother Mike Donham, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees at 402-558-9032 if you have any questions about this salaried elected office.



Don't forget you have until May 15th to file your 1099-N for 2009 on line.

Deadline for signing up for the trip to Washington DC, Sept. 23-28th is **April 15th**. Call or email Jerrie Wilcox for more information.



Enclosed with this OES News

- ❖ **Pre-registration Packets for Grand Chapter Session.** For additional copies visit our web-site at neoes.org and click on Reports and Forms. Nebraska members can fill in their pre-registration forms on line, print them out and send them in! You may also call the Grand Chapter office for additional hard copies.
- ❖ **Information on the "Proficiency Challenge"** Our Worthy Grand Matron is encouraging all of us to be more proficient by issuing this challenge to each Chapter. If we work on this for just a few minutes in the next few months, I know we can do it!
- ❖ **Information for the South Dakota-Nebraska Exchange** April 16th and 17th in Norfolk and Yankton.
- ❖ **Information and Great Ideas—for the Service Dog Project**, which is the project of the Most Worthy Grand Matron this triennium. We are fortunate to have Sister Betty Kirby, PGM as a member of that committee. We will have three years to work on this project, so hopefully every Chapter will find time to do at least one project—so check out those great ideas—lots of "paw"sibilities there!
- ❖ **Information about the Eastern Star Journal.** Sister Jill Ramsey is our General Grand Chapter Committee Member on this project.
- ❖ **Officers and Supplies Book**—which lists the officers and contact information for all of our Chapters as well as lots of other good contact information.
- ❖ **Secretaries will be receiving Grand Chapter Credentials for your Chapter.** Please follow the instructions that come with them carefully as it is very important that your chapter register these credentials and be represented at Grand Chapter.
- ❖ **Secretaries will also be receiving the Chapter's copy of the Annual Report.** This should be kept in your permanent files—file it with your reports from previous years immediately.



Grains from the Past Preserving the Past; Preparing for the future— Only one of our many proceedings books wears a red cover, so of course as I scanned over the books this month and realized that I needed to move forward into more current years, I chose that red book—the Proceedings of 1967. I found that the Grand Chapter was joining in the "centennial celebration"—100 years of statehood for Nebraska. I also found the members planning ahead in preparation of the Grand Chapter's 100 years which would occur in eight years—1975. Sister Jane Owen was appointed Grand Chapter Historian. Sister Jane in a very thorough manner wrote a 10 ½ page report on the history of our Order which was contained in that red proceedings book. Sister Jane's work was published on the 100th anniversary of our Grand Chapter. Many of our Chapters still have that white "Harvest of Memories" book that was a tribute to 100 years of loving service by Eastern Star members during our first 100 years.

THE OES CARDINAL CALENDAR

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL NEWS BY MARCH. 15

Reminder: Remember to send information on your Chapter's events to Gwen Hurst-Anderson: pengwensrule@gmail.com and she will enter your events on the website's Masonic Calendar.

- March 7..... AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-1 pm, 83rd & Maple, Omaha. Adults \$6.50; Children \$3.00. Call Leslie at 402-444-5094 for more information.
- March 14..... Trinity Chapter No. 299 Soup, Salad and Sandwich Luncheon, 11 am-2 pm, 2424 S 135th Avenue, Omaha. Adults \$8.00; Children \$4.00. Call Linda at 402-298-8082 for more information.
- March 21..... Adah Chapter No. 52, Pasta Dinner, 11 am to 4 pm., 84th & Centennial Road, Papillion. Adults \$9.00; Children \$4.00. Call Ann at 402-933-4850 for more information.
- March 27..... Papillion Chapter No. 114, Smorgasbord, 5-7 pm, 84th & Centennial Road, Papillion. Call Gloria at 402-212-1291 for information.
- April 16-17..... Nebraska-South Dakota Exchange. See information accompanying this newsletter for information on housing and meal reservations.
- April 24..... Trinity Chapter No. 299 annual Style Show, noon, 2424 S. 135th Ave, Omaha. Donation: \$8.00. Fashions from the Dress Barn—door prizes. Call Linda at 402-298-8082 for more information.