

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

"Love Comes Down On Angel Wings"

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Jottings from Jan

Thank you to Sister Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus for creating the Nebraska OES newsletter. This has been a very informative tool for the Chapters to use and also has taken place of endless number of letters that needed to be written and read in the Chapter meetings. With the blessing of Sister Cathy we do plan to continue with the Nebraska OES news letter. The Grand Chapter office wishes to thank Cathy for the many years of service and dedication to our beautiful order. May God bless you in your retirement.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

Jan Thoman, G.G.C. Membership Committee: The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron once again have membership and the Rob Morris Membership Jewel as one of their projects. The secretaries can go back through their records to "2006" and help add up the points for their members. The forms can be downloaded from our website neoes.org and click on forms. You can also call the Grand Chapter office and we can send you a form. Let's all congratulate the following members that have already received a jewel since General Grand Chapter: Karen Virtiska, Jackie Jensen, Nellie Frizzell, Gene Frizzell, Hazel Prentice, Charles "Jiggs" Evans, Dona June Ekart, Jerrie Wilcox, and Bruce Raddatz.

Jill Ramsey: G.G.C. OES Journal Committee: Nebraska has four articles in the most recent edition of the OES Journal. It would be a great

time to subscribe to the Journal so that your Chapter does not miss the next issue. The Subscription form can be downloaded from our website, neoes.org. Chapters and members, please continue to send us your articles for the Journal. Let's make sure Nebraska is represented in every issue.

Betty Kirby, G.G.C. Service Dog Committee: Thanks to those Chapters that have already planned a Chapter project for the benefit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Service Dog project. All funds raised will stay in the state of Nebraska. If your Chapter has had a project please be sure to report the details to Sister Betty as soon as possible so that she can make her report to the General Grand Chapter. You may send your reports to her at kj14803@windstream.net. If you have not purchased your "Scarves for Dog-lovers" please email or give Betty a call.

Special Project of the Most Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Fred Clarke, MWGP also has a special project for this triennium. He is raising funds to establish and maintain an Eastern Star area in the George Washington Masonic Memorial building in Alexandria, Virginia. This is a very worthwhile project and will inform the thousands of visitors to that memorial about our organization. A form for contributions was published in the winter issue of the OES Journal. You may contact the Grand Chapter office for a copy.

General Grand Chapter pins: The General Grand Chapter pin for this Triennium will be for sale at the sales table at the Area Visitations. Only one GGC pin is being sold this triennium at a cost of \$10. All proceeds will stay in Nebraska to be used in projects designated by the Triennium Worthy Grand Matrons.

John Kirby (153) Chairman

Notice from the Department of Treasury, IRS

This year for the first time, organizations that have failed to file an annual 990-series return or notice for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. Tax-exempt organizations, must file a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N (ePostcard) with the IRS.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska is hiring an Office Assistant to the Grand Secretary. Any member of the Order may apply for this position. It is the intention of the Trustees that this position be filled on or before August 1, 2010. Resumes should be submitted by July 1, 2010.

Thank You's

Thank you from Betty Kucera
Good Night - Farewell - Auf
Wiederschen - Good Bye - Good
Bye - Good Bye - Thank you
Sisters & Brothers - Thank you
Chapters - Thank You Grand
Chapter!

Thank you to Sister Eileen
Whitmore, Shelby Chapter No.
193, Osceola. Eileen has been our
nurse at Grand Chapter for many
years and now wishes to take her
retirement. You will be missed.

*Make yourself familiar with the angels and
behold them frequently in spirit; for without
being seen, they are present with you.*



What a wonderful experience it was to serve as your Grand Secretary for the past eleven years. Thanks to all the members in Nebraska for your kindness, and patience to Wendell and me and your love for our Order. Thanks to Sister Jan and everyone who helped with

the wonderful reception for Betty and me at our office and thanks to Sister Billie and Brother Bruce for all the courtesies extended to me during their Session. Thanks to my eleven wonderful Grand Families. It was wonderful to get and give you all those hugs! I shall try to serve my best now as one of your Grand Secretaries Emeriti and will treasure that

honor. Best wishes to the new office staff—you will always have my support.

Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Enclosed with this OES News—————

- ❖ Information on the 5-State get together at the Amana Colonies in Iowa
- ❖ Letter from the WGM and WGP concerning their plans for the 2010-2011 year
- ❖ Revised Area Visitation Schedule
- ❖ Job description for the Office Assistant to the Grand Secretary
- ❖ List of 2010-2011 Grand Officers and Companions

Resolutions passed at the 145th Grand Chapter Session

1. The Scholarship Committee is now a Standing Committee.
2. Trial Code – Soon the Grand Secretaries office will send a separate tabbed section that will be added to your Red Book which will reference the Trial Code. Complete copies of the Trial Code will then be made available through the office of the Grand Secretary.
3. The registration fee for Grand Chapter session will now be set by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Board of Grand Trustees.
4. The Grand Secretary can now sell copies of the Ritual to those that she can confirm by her records to be members of the Order and allows the Chapter Secretaries to order Rituals via phone or email, such orders to be mailed only to the Chapter Secretary.
5. Mileage checks not picked up at the Grand Chapter Session can now be mailed directly to the recipient rather than to the Chapter Secretary.
6. Honorary titles can be given upon motion of the membership to Grand Officers who retire after ten or more years of service.
7. Subordinate Chapters are allowed to have election by acclamation provided there is not more than one nomination from the floor for that office. If there be more than one nomination, the election would then be made by written ballot.

THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR

Notice: Due to the increased volume of information being sent to the Grand Chapter office for publication in this newsletter, the OES Calendar will now include only the events that occur on a state-wide basis. We are encouraging you to send a calendar of your Chapter's events to Gwen Hurst-Anderson: pengwensrule@gmail.com. She will see that your events will be included on the web-site's Masonic Calendar. That calendar can be viewed by all members of our Masonic Family, so will provide more visibility for your Chapter's events that this newsletter. We hope you will take advantage of that calendar. It's easy, just email Gwen with the date, time, location, cost etc.!

- June 4-6 Nebraska-Iowa Fun Weekend, Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center, Ashland
- June 11-13 Nebraska Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Crete
- June 16-19 Nebraska Grand Session, Job's Daughters International, Grand Island
- June 15-19.....Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Lincoln
- July 23-24.....DeMolay For Boys Conclave in Grand Island at the Midtown Holiday Inn
- August 1-4.....Rainbow Supreme Assembly in Omaha
- August 13-15..5-State Get together at Amana Colonies, Iowa
- August 15.....4-H Achievement Day at the Children's Home in Fremont
- September 23-28...Trip to Washington D.C.
- October 2.....Grand Representatives Fall Meeting in Kearney