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“Love Comes Down On Angel Wings”



Jottings from Jan

We received from General Grand Chapter corrections to the 2009 first printing of the OES Ritual both large and small print. Secretaries please see that everyone in your Chapter that bought a new Ritual is told about these changes. You may want to provide copies of the changes to those members. The corrections are mostly typo's. General Grand Chapter has told us that the second printing of the large ritual is in progress with a shipping date of late July.

Attention all committees: If you would like to put information in the Nebraska OES news, please send it to the Grand Chapter office by the 15th of the month. I will do my best to see that it gets in the OES news.

Getting to know our WGM & WGP

Geraldine “Jerrie” Wilcox, Worthy Grand Matron: Angelina Angel is looking over all of our members this year. We do hope that she will protect every one of you as you continue your journey through the labyrinth of life.

I am so honored to be your Worthy Grand Matron. I was initiated into Papillion Chapter # 114 in August of 1957. It has been a wonderful privilege to be a member of the greatest organization in the world for all these years. I have served Papillion Chapter as Worthy

Matron six times and have held all the Star Point offices. As a young girl, I was initiated into Bethel #13 in Omaha, Later after going to work on Saturdays, I transferred to Bethel #18. I am a Past Bethel Guardian of Bethel #53 in Papillion.

We have three children – two daughters and a son. The girls were both in Job's Daughters and our son in DeMolay. Our second daughter is Worthy Matron of Papillion Chapter now and both of her daughters are also members having been Honored Queens of Bethel #13.

As many of you know it has been my personal goal to visit all of the Chapters of Nebraska. I still have a handful left and will hopefully have that completed in the next few months. It is such a joy to visit with all of you in your Chapters. Thank you for all the courtesies you have extended to me.

I look forward to the Area Visitations and visiting with everyone again. May an Angel always watch over you..

Dennis “Denny” Smith, Worthy Grand Patron: Greetings sisters and brothers. It is an honor to serve as Worthy Grand Patron for Nebraska OES and I thank you for the opportunity.

I began my Masonic career when I joined DeMolay in Council Bluffs where I served

as Master Councilor and later joined a Masonic lodge in Council Bluffs.

Sherry and I have been married for 46 years and have 2 children. Christy is in Colorado and is Past Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow assembly in Ankeny, IA and holder of the Grand Cross of Color. Dave lives in Lincoln and is a Past State Master Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay. We have 5 grand children. Among many special memories are Dave and I joining Scottish Rite and Shrine together.

Sherry and I joined Eastern Star in Valley Junction Chapter in West Des Moines, IA on January 14, 1976 and then transferred our membership to Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont on December 10, 1992 where we have served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and are currently Associate Matron and Associate Patron.

I became active with the Lewis M. Keene Chapter DeMolay and served as Chapter Dad. I also am a Past Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 and currently serve as Secretary of the lodge. I am Associate Bethel Guardian of Jobs Bethel No. 15 in Fremont. We have been active in First United Methodist Church in Fremont, being on and chairing several boards and committees.

I worked for International Harvester in Nebraska and Iowa for 19 years and have

worked for Larsen International in Fremont for 28 years.

I look forward to the upcoming visits to your area and greeting you. Thanks again for giving me this honor.

Jill Ramsey, GGCCM-ESJ

The journal is always looking for interesting stories and articles. Any member of Eastern Star may submit an article to the editor (or to our own Publicity Committee member, Merrie Edwards). Below are General Grand Chapter guidelines. **ARTICLES** (1) Email in body of message, or attachment: Micosoft Word Text (Word Perfect, Apple pages or Adobe PDF) (2) Regular Ground Mail service to General Grand Chapter OES, 1618 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549.

PICTURES (1) Digital Photos preferred – Pictures in electronic format JPEG, GIF or TIFF, sent by email in the highest quality available (min.400x400px) or (2) Hard copy photo with clarity sufficient for scanning. Original pictures will not be returned. **ALL SUBMISSIONS** must include (1) Author’s name and title (2) Chapter or affiliation (members of the GGC should include that as well) (3) Any notes for the editor about the article or photo to assist the editor in determining how to publish the article. If you have any questions about submissions of articles, or are unable to submit in one of the ways above, please contact the editor (<http://easternstarjournal.org/contact.html>). The editor retains the right to edit, adjust, or otherwise make changes to any article or image submitted without consult with the original author. All articles and images submitted become the property of the Eastern Star Journal.

All articles submitted must be the work of the submitter, and all quotations must be appropriately credited to the original author, otherwise it will not be published by the Journal.

Congratulations to our Masonic Youth! The Rainbow Girls had a very succussful Grand Assembly and the Jobs Daughters a very successful Grand Bethel. The Order Of The Eastern Star is very proud of these young ladies. Remember Sisters & Brothers to support our Masonic Youth not only financially but with your presence at their activities.

Enclosed with this OES News_____

- ❖ **Grand Officer and Committees Book for 2010-2011**
- ❖ **Invitation to the NE/KS Exchange**
- ❖ **Corrections to the new Ritual’s**

The Grand Chapter Publicity Committee is continuing efforts to facilitate publicity about Nebraska’s OES chapters. We are encouraging each Chapter to assign a member as a publicity chairperson to submit articles regarding Chapter events and member accomplishments to local newspapers and other media sources. This individual is also encouraged to submit dates of upcoming events to the Nebraska OES and Grand Lodge websites for inclusion on the statewide calendars to publicize activities. The Publicity Committee would appreciate knowing the name of each Chapter’s publicity chairperson. Also, please send published newspaper articles or radio/TV announcements of stories to committee member Lorrie Bryant (8021 Preserve Lane, Lincoln NE 68516) for inclusion in the Grand Chapter Publicity scrapbook that was started this past year. Please include the name of the media source and date of publication. Thank You!

THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR

- 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 10-11.....NE/KS Exchange
- September 18 Caring Club Dinner at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth
- September 23-28.....Trip to Washington D.C.
- October 2.....Grand Representatives Fall Meeting in Kearney
- October 23.....All Committee Meeting in Hastings