

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Love Comes Down On Angel Wings”



Jottings from Jan

The Grand Chapter office now has a couple new email addresses. We will continue to use the nebraskaoes@msn.com address. If you would like to contact Susan the office assistant directly, you can use sue.hedges@neoes.org. If you want to contact Jan directly use the nebraskaoes@msn.com or jan.thoman@neoes.org. Secretaries you can send address changes and supply requests directly to Sue at sue.hedges@neoes.org. Having email addresses for our membership is a wonderful way to contact everyone especially if something is time sensitive. We appreciate receiving email addresses and changes of email addresses at any time. Thanks in advance for helping our office be as efficient as possible!

THANK YOU

On behalf of Sister Jerrie Wilcox WGM and Brother Denny Smith WGP, I extend a sincere thank you to each of you who purchased our Nebraska red OES shirts, the black OES fleece jackets, angel pins, pens, and note cards. Your generous support of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patrons' special project – ESTARL, and all the Grand Chapter projects is greatly appreciated. Fraternally with Star Love, Carolyn Plants. There are still some sales table items available and if you wish to purchase any please contact Carolyn at 402-477-9464 or cplants@inebraska.com.



ATTENTION ALL SINGERS:

The
General Grand Chapter will be held in Ft. Worth, Texas in 2012. Jerry Neuenschwander is the General Grand Chapter Choir Director and he wants you to start making plans to join the choir at General Grand. He would like to know if you are interested and he will begin sending information about rehearsals and there is a songbook for each choir member and it will be sent to you so you can begin practicing. Please contact him and let him know if your interested and send your name, voice part (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) and contact information. Jerry said one of the best parts of singing in the choir might be that you have a reserved seat at every session..Near the front and you will have fun! Contact information is: J. W. Neuenschwander, POB 105, Brandera, TX 78003 or ggchoir2012@gmail.com



**Friends are Like Angels:
Our friends are like angels, who brighten our days. In all kinds of wonderful, Magical ways. Their thoughtfulness comes as a gift from above, and we feel we're surrounded by warm, caring love. Like upside-down rainbows, their smiles bring the sun. And they fill ho-hum moments, with laughter and fun. Friends are like angels without any wings, blessing our lives with the most precious things.**

Jurisprudence Committee

REMINDER: Resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter are due in the Grand Chapter office 90 days before the Session. (sec. 174) **Deadline for submitting resolutions: FEBRUARY 9, 2011.**

Margaret McCall – Chairperson of the Auction and Raffle Committee

Sisters & Brothers it is hard to believe that it is November already and that Grand Chapter will be here before we know it. I have been asked by Sister Jerrie Wilcox to be the Chairperson for the Auction and Raffle Committee for Grand Chapter May 10th, 11th and 12th, 2011. The monies we raise will go to ESTARL. In preparation for this, I would like to ask you/your Chapter to consider donating: 1) A basket or item that could be used for silent auction tables. 20 Items that can be used for the “immediate” sales tables, e.g. but not limited to handmade crafts (crochet, knit, needlepoint, wood, metal, etc.), food items (jams, jellies, peanut brittle, etc.). The silent auction items should be delivered to Grand Chapter at Pershing Auditorium on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, May 8th, 9th or 10th. The items for the “immediate” sales tables can be given to me at any time or at Grand Chapter. Please price these items. I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me know if you will be having something to donate and the approximate space it will take so that I can arrange for the appropriate number of tables. Thank you in advance for being my “angels” to help make this project a huge success!

Benevolence Committee

To understand the purpose of the Benevolence Committee, it is useful to review some basic principles on which we, as Star members, form our relationships. In the history of Dr. Rob Morris, it is said that he was “generous, tender of heart and loving in disposition.” The Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star was “happiest when sharing with others that which the Lord has bestowed upon him.” Our brother Masons are reminded, “To relief the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men; but, particularly on Masons....” Many Masonic organizations have an “Almoner's Fund.” Its use is for the relief of the needy and distressed. The funds are often distributed without any publicity,

as not to embarrass the recipient. The Benevolence Committee as established under Grand Chapter By-Laws for just such a charitable purpose. The intent of the Benevolence Committee is to recommend one-time financial assistance as may be requested by a member of the Order and/or a family member who may be in need. For example, it would be appropriate to request assistance in procuring a ramp so that a wheelchair-bound member would be able to leave the confines of his/her home. However, living expenses for a member without any source of income for the foreseeable future would require long-term financial assistance and would be, therefore, beyond the scope of the Benevolence Committee. Any member of the Order (and especially Grand Officers) who receives a request or becomes aware of a member who is in need of a one-time assistance, should immediately forward the request to the Benevolence Committee or to the Grand Secretary who can forward the request to the Benevolence Committee Chairman. The full Committee will make a recommendation for relief to the Board of Grand Trustees, who will have final approval.

In summary, the intent of the Benevolence Committee is to recommend financial assistance with the following limitations: 1. The assistance is limited to members of the Order and/or family members. (Proof of such a relationship is needed). 2. The assistance is limited to short-term (usually one-time) needs. (Details concerning the need and possible projected costs are needed). 3. The Committee's recommendation is limited to a maximum amount of \$3,000.00 for any single request. Bernie Hauber, Benevolence Committee Chairman 2010-2011.

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. – Henry David Thoreau

Reminder that November is “election month”. Remember to send in the blue after election report after your election. If bad weather or some other circumstance prevents your Chapter from holding it's election in November, the Secretary will need to request a “Dispensation to elect out of time” from the Grand Secretary (402-727-8644). There is no fee for this dispensation.

***Tell me and I will forget;
show me and I may
remember; involve me and I'll
understand.
--Chinese Proverb***

THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

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 than this newsletter. We hope you will take advantage of that calendar. It's easy, just email Gwen with the date, time, location, cost etc.!

November 6..... Narcissus Annual Turkey Dinner, 5903 Maple, Omaha, adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

November 7 Alpha Chapter #325 Chicken & Dressing Dinner 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00 at Bellevue Masonic Lodge

November 14..... Grand Cross of Color banquet & bread breaking ceremony at 11:30 followed by Grand Cross of Color Ceremony at Scottish Rite 332 S. Centennial Mall in Lincoln, \$8.00 per person . RSVP by November 7 to Lorrie Bryant 402-423-2385 or lbryant714@aol.com. Open to all Masters of the Grand Cross of Color.

November 14..... Trinity Chapter pancake breakfast – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at West Omaha Masonic Center 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha

November 27..... Dance to 60s and 70s Classic Rock Music featuring The Brakmen – A benefit for the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Sesostri Shrine building (1050 Saltillo Road, Roca). Tickets at the Door \$10.00. For more information: www.cotner297.org/tickets

Jan 15, 2011..... OES Annual Reports due in the Grand Chapter Office.

Enclosed with this OES News—————

- ❖ Christmas greetings from your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- ❖ The Annual Report Packet will be mailed to Chapter Secretaries mid-November. If records have been properly kept through the year, this report will be pretty easy. Take some time now to be sure your records are in order

**Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320
We are here to help you in any way we can!**