

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Love Comes Down On Angel Wings”



*Jottings from  
Jan*

Due to the passing of Brother Frederick Clarke, MWGP the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron is Brother John Grobler. He will serve as the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron until he is elected Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2012 at the next Triennial Session. Brother John's address is 2440 140<sup>th</sup> Ave NE #13, Bellevue, Washington 98005-1852. Phone: 425-590-9266. Email: [JBGrobler@yahoo.com](mailto:JBGrobler@yahoo.com).



Don't forget you have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to file your 1099-N for 2010 on line [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile).

Reminder: Grand Chapter is quickly approaching – have you started thinking yet about what kind of a “basket” or items for the immediate sales tables you can donate? If you need ideas, don't hesitate to contact me! We want to make this a very successful project for ESTARL.  
Margaret McCall, Chairperson

**Jerrie Wilcox, Worthy  
Grand Matron**

The "Love Comes Down on Angel Wings" Session of Grand Chapter is just around the corner. Where has the time gone? Our Angles in our Chapters have welcomed the Grand Family with hugs at your Area Visitations and now it is nearly time for the Grand Family to welcome you to Grand Chapter. It will be held at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, May 10, 11, and 12, 2011. We invite all members to attend. Please consider providing a basket or prize for the "Silent Auction".

Also, if you have not tuned in your jar of coins for ESTARL, please bring it to Grand Chapter. If you would like to participate at Grand Chapter, please contact me as I would love to have more greeters and huggers. It's been a wonderful year, thanks to all our Angels in the Subordinate Chapters.

*Congratulations to Brother Gene Wehrbein, Home Chapter #189, Plattsmouth and Grand Companion to Sister Judy Wehrbein, Grand Conductress. Brother Gene was chosen DeMolay Mason of the Year. The presentation and announcement was made at Grand Lodge. Thanks Gene for all that you do for our Masonic Youth and the youth in Nebraska.*

**Board of Grand Trustees –  
Connie Havekost, Chairman**

Notes from your Board of Trustees: Your Grand Chapter Trustees have the responsibility of exercising a supervision over the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. We are responsible for authorizing the funds for Academic Scholarships, Educational Loans, ESTARL grants and helping our Standing Committees with needed items. Sometimes it is difficult. We've been playing catch up because of the economy for the last 3 years.

As you know, we've been working with a New Grand Secretary and have hired a new Office Assistant. Nebraska Grand Chapter is very lucky to have both Grand Secretary Jan and her Assistant Sue Hedges.

Many of our meetings have been with a Search Committee. This committee has worked since 2005 in case Grand Chapter has to change locations. The Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln is looking at a mandated retirement in the undetermined future. We are in limbo right now as to a possible year that we'll be moving from Pershing.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Budget meeting. Our goal is to do everything possible with the monies that are projected.

You may have noticed when you have looked at your 2011 Grand Chapter information that we have regrettably raised our registration fees for Grand Chapter. The previous \$2.00 fee has not covered expenses for many years.

Anytime you have questions or concerns please contact one of your Trustees.

**P** The PAGO banquet will be  
**A** Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Grand  
**G** Chapter. All Past Appointed  
**O** Grand Officers are invited to  
**S** come and welcome the "Make  
a Joyful Noise" Grand Officers  
to the PAGO Club. PAGO's will  
also be furnishing cookies for the  
Distinguished Guests Registration.  
President Trudy Carlton is asking for  
volunteers to bring cookies and help  
serve refreshments in the  
Distinguished Guest Room on  
Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm. Please  
call Trudy at 402-293-9323 or email  
at jcarlton1@cox.net

### **NEEDED: VAN DRIVERS**

Van drivers still needed at Grand  
Chapter in May. Please call Gary  
Brhel Co-chair of the  
transportation committee at 402-  
795-3905

## **Denny Smith, Worthy Grand Patron**

Even though the weather has given  
us snow and cold and wind and ice  
and slick roads, the Grand Officers  
have continued to be busy. We have  
attended numerous installations, at  
some serving as installing officers,  
and Supervisors school and Grand  
Lodge, plus other activities as well as  
being active in our chapters. All of us  
are blessed to have traveled safely.  
We enjoyed the hospitality Arbor  
Vitae chapter provided while we  
packed our heads full of OES  
knowledge during Supervisor School.  
One more big thanks to Arbor Vitae  
members for making our school so  
enjoyable. You really are worthy of  
the bragging I have done.

By the time you receive this the  
Children's home chili and chicken  
noodle dinner will be a pleasant  
memory, but as of this writing many  
of us are looking forward to good  
fellowship and good food.  
Plans to attend Kansas Grand  
Chapter are now in process and still  
time to register if anyone is  
interested. This is again in Wichita  
and we are always warmly received.  
I hope all of you have been able to  
attend some of the functions in your  
area and have also traveled safely.  
Will look forward to seeing you out  
and around and especially at Grand  
Chapter. We always enjoy seeing our  
OES friends as we travel about.  
Stay warm and think Spring.

## **THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR**

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

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for ESTARL Applications
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Masonic All-Star Marching Band scholarships are due into Grand Lodge office. Band camp is early this year – May 31 <sup>st</sup> through June 4 <sup>th</sup> .
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island, Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. \$7.00
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Scholarships
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
April 6-9	Grand York Rite Session at New World Inn, Columbus
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
<b>May 10-12</b>	<b>Grand Chapter at Pershing Center, Lincoln</b>

## **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.
- ❖ **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.