



Nebraska O.E.S. News

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JOTTINGS from Jake & Jill

Not everyone in Nebraska's Order of the Eastern Star was able to attend last February's very worthwhile leadership workshop in Hastings, so our Grand Family is bringing a "mini-workshop" to Chapters throughout the state.

During this summer's visitations, local chapter officers will be given a form to take to their chapters for use in making decisions on "Going for the Goals."

Members are asked to talk over what changes they'd like to see accomplished in their chapters. Suggestions voiced so far include shorter meetings, more meaningful meetings, more social activities, more public contact, and even suggestions for getting air conditioning in the chapter rooms. Goals are to be listed on the forms brought home from the visitations, and each chapter is to lay out a road-map or plan to achieve their individual goals.

Later this year, a Grand Chapter officer is to visit the chapter and discuss with members how they are going about reaching their goals,

with an eye to sharing the ideas with other chapters seeking to achieve results and perhaps offering assistance.

Chapters goal should reflect:

- More of something
- Better than something,

or

- Less of something.

Think about it. Perhaps the goal should be MORE interaction with the community in order to get Eastern Star in the minds of the public.

Perhaps it should be BETTER attendance at meetings. Or perhaps it should be LESS time wasted in dull, uninteresting sessions.

When setting goals, members are asked to think *SMART*; a goal should be:

- S...Specific*
- M...Measurable*
- A...Attainable*
- R...Relevant, and*
- T...Trackable*

HIKE special project a report...

Good news! The Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's fund raising project for *HIKE* (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) created and managed by Job's Daughters, is off and running.

As of July 20, Grand Secretary Cathy Wagner reports donations totaling \$1,090 have been received.

Thanks to all for thinking of

Notes in a Nutshell

- ♥ Congratulations, Nebraska! In the 3-month period of April-June the number of subscribers increased by 41%.
- ♥ Reminder: Your Rituals are out of date if you haven't added the new inserts. The inserts to update existing Rituals are available at \$2.50 per set.
- ♥ Calling all Stars online!!! Take time to log on to our Nebraska OES web pages. Brother Alvin Benemerito devotes considerable time to make the website just great. You will find our site interesting and helpful. You will find our site at www.neoes.org
- ♥ The Nebraska OES News can also be accessed and printed on line at our Nebraska OES website.

Planning Ahead

Nebraska OES Trip to Alaska — July 11-24, 2005
Call Bob Attebery, 402-289-3120 PGP right away if you are interested in this trip

Peace Garden Pilgrimage — August 12, 13, 14, 2005
Triennial General Grand Chapter Event

Call the Grand Chapter office for details and registration forms. Hotels are limited, so plan and make reservations early.

Reception Honoring Loy Teter, Grand Ruth & Dorothy Whaley, Grand Martha — Thursday, August 26, 4:30-6:00 pm, McCook Masonic Temple, 326 Norris Ave, McCook NE.

Congratulations Grand Officers and well done!! June 25-26 at the Nebraska/Iowa exchange found our Grand Officers exemplifying the Degrees of the Order in Council Bluffs Iowa. We can all be very proud of our Nebraska Grand Officers.



We plan to have pictures on the web page from the Grand Family's travels... watch for them. Send your pictures from activities in your area to us with a paragraph for the OES News.



From the desk of the Grand Secretary

Chapter Histories

The Grand Officers are thoroughly enjoying the Chapter histories that have been presented at visitation meetings so far.

One type-written page is the right length for printing and for each chapter to present the history at the meeting. If your chapter name is a flower, a biblical location, a specific person, for example, do try to find out how the name was decided upon.

You will want to include the date of instituting and constituting your chapter and the person(s) who presided over the ceremony. Dues, fees, traditions, items purchased in the early days (and the some of the prices) make interesting reading.

The histories that are the most interesting are written in a story format. One way that may help condense information is to group the decades: "In the 1940s our chapter did....." Good luck. We look forward to the meeting in your district very soon.

Notice:

Articles and calendar items for the Nebraska OES News *MUST* be received by the 15th of the preceding month! Submit to:

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RITUAL INSERTS

Don't forget to update your Ritual with the new inserts that reflect changes made at the General Grand Chapter Assembly in 2003. Please specify large or small print—Cost is \$2.50. These should be ordered through your Chapter Secretary.

GRANDCHAPTER RESOLUTIONS

The Grand Chapter Office has extra copies of the resolutions that were tabled at the last Grand Chapter Session. Those are to be acted upon at the next session. If you'd like a copy to review and study, call the Grand Chapter Office.

Grand Chapter Committee Notes

NEBRASKA EASTERN STAR STUDENT LOANS

Karen Christensen, Chair

Although time has come and gone for the due-date for this year's Nebraska Eastern Star Student Loan applications, it is never too late to plan ahead. Now is the time of year when students are looking forward to returning to classes in the fall and this year's Seniors and Juniors are casting their eyes toward the future, preparing for college careers yet to come.

It is at this time that many students are beginning to gather information about loans and scholarships that will help them navigate the financial tides and eddies they will need to negotiate

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL Les Bailey GGCCM

Congratulations, Nebraska! In the 3-month period of April-June the number of subscribers increased by 41%.

That's very nice growth. Thanks to all the new readers. Now, let's keep it up! I'll bet every chapter has at least one member in a nurs-

in the academic years ahead.

Student loans from the Nebraska Eastern Star Education Association are available annually to assist members of the Eastern Star, their relatives and legal wards with expenses for post secondary educations at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

Applications for the next academic year may be obtained from Nebraska Eastern Star Education Association through the office of the Grand Secretary in Fremont. The applications are due June 15 each year. A student may request to borrow up to \$2,200.00 per semester. *For more information, contact the Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Association, PO Box 156, Fremont Nebraska 68026. (402) 727-8644*

ing home or care center that would love to be receiving the Journal. Think of all the work they did for your chapter over the years. Wouldn't it be nice if your chapter now repaid them in some small way by purchasing a subscription for them? Help them, won't you, to stay connected to the Eastern Star they love!

Your Grand Warder

Sis. Dianne and her husband Orville are from Hershey Nebraska. They are members of Signet Chapter #55.



Diane Wiberg, Grand Warder

Proficiency Challenge

This is an entirely voluntary program. If you choose to challenge yourself to fulfill the requirements below, you will receive a very nice pin as soon as the paper work is completed.

You must memorize a lecture from our ritual, say it to your own Worthy Patron, and complete a short open-book quiz which may cover some ritual work, the law book and/or the instruction book. If you are an officer, you may choose to recite your part or another part to qualify for this award. You may participate even if you are not a chapter officer.

Your Worthy Patron will receive instructions about the various lectures you may learn and the procedure for submitting your name, address and the part you chose to recite. This information will be sent to Past Grand Matron, Sister Bonnie Evans, a member of the 2004-2005 Advisory Committee. Sister Bonnie will let the Worthy Grand Matron know of your qualification to receive the "Proficiency Award" pin immediately. Your Chapter will receive the forms and details by September 1. Be the first one in your chapter to qualify.



Grand Chapter of Nebraska O.E.S.

