

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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## TRAVELING WITH THE HERD

Talk about a Herd that works together—we are it! I think your Worthy Grand Matron calls it “Unity”. Thanks for all your donations to “Make-a-Wish”—that fund alone has grown to nearly \$5,000 already. Thanks for remembering the kids at the Home too, by sending in your donations for the Purple Ribbon Club so that each of them can have an animal to love and care for in their 4-H Club. I’m wishing one of them would want an elephant!

Well, keeping up with the Grand Herd in September was a challenge but considering my weight I think I did a good job. All the food we eat has not helped with my weight problem! We were out at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Dome Rock Chapter No. 215 in Scottsbluff, and those ladies baked cakes—you can’t believe all the different kinds of cakes they had for that party—red velvet cake, double chocolate cake, Sprite cake and my favorite, **Root Beer Cake!** I’m sharing the recipe with all of you since Sisters Karen Nichols & Deb Williamson were kind enough to share it with me:

### Root Beer Float Cake

Makes 1 (10-inch) fluted cake

2 - T. Root Beer extract  
1 - (18.25-oz.) yellow cake mix with pudding in the mix  
1 - (5.1 oz.) box vanilla instant pudding mix  
1 ¼ cups root beer  
½ cup vegetable oil  
4 large eggs  
Root Beer Glaze (recipe below)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch fluted cake pan. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, root beer, root beer extract, oil, and eggs. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Spoon batter into prepared pan, and bake for 45 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool completely on a wire rack. Spoon glaze over cooled cake.

### Root Beer Glaze (Makes about ¾ cup)

In a small bowl, combine 2 cups confectioners’ sugar and 3 Tbsp. root beer and whisk until smooth.

If you try it, save a piece for me!  
Love,

Pansy



## JOIN THE “GREAT SPIRIT” CHOIR

Jane McDaniel,  
General Grand Chapter Choir Director invites you to participate in the choir at the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly. Many from Nebraska have participated in the past and have had a wonderful experience and made many new friends. If you are looking for a reason to attend the Assembly in Tulsa in 2009 this could be it! Call the Grand Chapter office for more information and registration forms.

## MAKE A WISH

Margaret McCall  
Make a Wish Chairperson

Here are some upcoming events where I have been asked to have a craft table for Make a Wish:

**10-18:** Peek at Christmas Sale in Hastings

**10-19:** Adah Chapter Pancake Breakfast, Papillion Masonic Center, 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Rd.

**11-9:** Trinity Pancake Breakfast, 2424 S. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., Omaha

**11-9:** Harvest Gathering, Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln.

Please contact me if you have crafts to donate—Christmas items will be going well the next few months. If you would like me to attend a craft fair or a Chapter event in your community please call and I will hope to fit it into my schedule.

Thanks to all of you for your support of this project.

### Support our Youth:

Bethel #60 IOJD is collecting inkjet and laser cartridges to recycle and are being paid 50 cents to \$2 for each. Save your cartridges to help the youth raise money for HIKE—you can bring them to the Youth Conference in Kearney or call 402-499-2195.

## VISIONQUEST

BY MIKE DONHAM  
Visionquest Committee  
of the General Grand Chapter  
Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

An interesting parable by Dr. Spencer Johnson can bring insight and understanding to the problems we face in our Eastern Star Chapters.

Four characters: “Sniff and Scurry” (mice) and “Hem and Haw” (little people) spent their days in the ‘Maze’ searching for the perfect cheese.

Sniff would smell out the general direction of the cheese and Scurry would race on ahead.

Hem and Haw used thinking, learning from past experiences and their brains to develop sophisticated methods to find the cheese.

All four found an abundant amount of cheese at Station C, but alas, after a while the cheese ran out. Hem and Haw couldn’t believe it and kept coming back to Station C. Sniff and Scurry had been paying attention and moved on to new vistas - finding cheese at Station N.

Haw eventually let go and found Station N but Hem couldn’t or wouldn’t leave Station C - fighting change to the last degree.

The point of the parable is that some Star Chapters are inward focused only to keep the Chapter running to serve the people there only.

What parts are we destined to play? Like Hem, hanging on to things as they used to be and surprised that anything needs to be done or changed.

Or will we be like Sniff and Scurry, our noses telling us that change is in the air. Having a sense of where we need to go and where we need to be.

Or like Haw - begrudgingly coming along bit by bit, reluctant, and afraid of how things will come out.

Jeff Bolstad, Chairman of GGC Visionquest laments, “May God give us courage not to Hem and Haw - but with spirited leadership and lots of enthusiasm in our Star Chapters .... We can get our Star Chapters in the right direction”

Remember: “Never Give Up”

E. I. Honey S. J (Until we meet again)

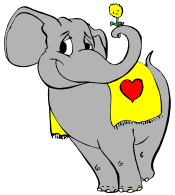
**Walt Here!**

**Just checking in with you to be sure you are making every effort to participate in our Membership Challenge—be sure to check with your members at each meeting and record how many were asked and what the responses were! Remember you can call the Grand Chapter office to get petitions and the “Gift of Membership” packets.**

**Walter McGuire, Membership Chairman**

**Enclosed with this OES News -----**

- 1) Yes, election month is just around the corner and Chapter Secretaries will find the blue “After Election Report” enclosed with this News. Please be sure to return it within three business days after your election.
- 2) Please read the Fall Ingathering letter to your Chapter. If you wish your money to reach the Homes by the Thanksgiving Holiday it should be sent to the Grand Chapter office in October. The “Fall Ingathering” is a long standing tradition in our Grand Chapter—what a blessing to us that we have had these two homes to support over the years.



**FOR THE GOOD OF THE HERD**

(A place to report on members and Chapters that are “committed to the herd”—let us know how you or someone you admire is committed to the Eastern Star and Masonic Family Herd) **This month the Grand Secretary wishes to honor the memory of a very special friend—one who definitely was “committed to the herd” and inspired all of us toward Masonic Unity. He shared his talents and his love of Masonry and Eastern Star wherever he went. While I know that Phillips Chapter will continue its traditions, we will all miss the special touch that Brother Robert “Bob” Mabon , husband of our Past Grand Matron, Betty Mabon, lent to those Fried Chicken Dinners. Those of us who knew him and ate that chicken are blessed! We will miss you Bob.**

**KEEP UP WITH THE HERD --- OES MONTHLY CALENDAR**

**Call the Grand Chapter office (402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320) with your Chapter’s events. Information for November News due Oct. 15**

- Now thru Oct 24.....Oodles of Noodles! Temple Chapter No. 271 taking orders for homemade noodles to be ready in time for Thanksgiving. Orders can be picked up on Monday Nov 3 from 1 pm to 3 pm at 332 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln. Call Mary Ann Townsend (402) 430-0190 for orders—she will be delivering to the Youth Conference in Kearney on Oct 18-19<sup>th</sup>!
- October 2, 2008.....Herman Chapter No. 216 Friendship Night, 7:30 pm Hwy 75 & 5<sup>th</sup> St. It’s Pizza Night!
- October 10, 2008.....Area Visitation, 322 Norris, McCook. Registration 5 pm; dinner at 7 pm. Cost \$7.00; Call Brenda at 308-345-7081 for reservations
- October 11, 2008.....Area Visitation, 200 W. Kimball St., Callaway. Registration 11 am; dinner at 12 noon. Cost \$10.00 Call Nadine at 308-836-2840 for reservations.
- October 11, 2008.....Area Visitation, 602 Walnut St., Thedford. Registration 4:30 pm; dinner at 5:30 pm. Cost \$10.00. Call Wynona at 308-748-2241 for Reservations. Your last chance to attend an Area Visitation this year!
- October 18, 2008.....Four-State Gathering at Sterling Colorado—Information was sent with last NEWS.
- October 18-19, 2008..Third Triennial Youth Conference, Kearney. Call Judy and Gene Wehrbein, 402-298-8192, for registration forms and information—open to ALL Youth.
- November 8, 2008.....Meeting of all members of Standing Committees, Grand Island. You will receive details in a letter coming soon—save the date!
- November 9, 2008.....Harvest Gathering, Scottish Rite Temple, Lincoln. Proceeds to Make-A-Wish. Cost \$10 or buy a table for 6 for \$50. Call Carolyn at 402-477-9464 for reservations.