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“Love Comes Down On Angel Wings”



Jottings from Jan

This is a reminder that the Grand Trustees have purchased an insurance policy that will provide coverage to all subordinate chapters to a limit of \$10,000 with a \$500 deductible, which will be the responsibility of the chapter suffering the loss. This coverage will be provided to all chapter's at no cost and will cover misappropriation of funds by a subordinate chapter's Secretary or Treasurer. For any chapters that have assets in excess of the \$10,000 limit of the policy, the chapter will be solely responsible for purchasing appropriate additional coverage.

ESTARL COMMITTEE GWEN HURST-ANDERSON CHAIRPERSON

January is ESTARL Month! The ESTARL Committee invites you to share the enclosed brochures with the faith communities in your area and anyone you know who might qualify for an ESTARL award. The enclosed letter highlights some other things your Chapter can do to keep the spotlight on ESTARL, the Special Project of WGM Jerrie and WGP Denny.

*We Welcome the New Year!
Thanks to you whose friendliness
and courtesies have made
pleasant the year just ending.
May the good cheer and
fellowship of this Holiday Time
remain with you throughout each
day of a prosperous and Happy
New Year.*

Membership Committee – Robyn Throckmorton

As we get ready to settle into winter, let your thoughts wander towards spring and the Membership Committee's Garden Project. We hope to help you Sow the Seeds of Membership with the following ideas. **Step 1:** On a packet of seeds, attach a business-size card. On one side of the card, have a little information about the Order of the Eastern Star. Here's an example from the "Gift of Membership" information you can obtain from Grand Chapter. *The Order of the Eastern Star is an international fraternal order comprised of women and men with religious convictions and high spiritual and moral values. Its appeal rests in the beauty of the character-building lessons that are sincerely portrayed in its ritualistic work.* On the other side make sure to include contact information. **Step 2:** Now that you have your seed packets, find fertile ground and plant the seed. Give these to people you know aren't in Star. There are two ways to do this, and both can be effective. One is to scatter the seeds. Pass them out at parades, fairs, church bazaars, any place you can think of. Not all will take root. But many will. The other way is to take care where you plan them. Keep track of who you are giving the packets to. This way will be more effective and will take a little more time. But in the end, it will be worth it. **Step 3:**

Tend your plants. They have your contact info. And if you haven't heard back from them in a week or two, then reach out. Give them a call and see if they have questions. Make a plan to meet to talk more. Nurture this sprout of membership to help it grow. **Step 4:** Gather in the harvest. Be ready with a petition and to help get it completed and turned in to the Secretary. Don't trust your harvest to chance, make sure to follow up. If each Star member would sow just one seed, imagine how our garden would grow! For more information on this project or any other membership ideas, please contact the members of the Membership Committee: Elaine Knapp, Sue Terry, Keith Wood, Robyn Throckmorton and Dora Redwine. We are here to help your chapter grow.

Christmas Prayer:

*I said a Christmas
Prayer for you
because the season's
near. I didn't ask for riches but for
gifts so much more dear. I asked
for joyful gatherings with your
family all around, and for carols
to inspire you with their old
familiar sound. I asked for quiet
moments in your heart on
Christmas morn, for a special time
to celebrate the Savior who was
born. I asked for friends to send
their best, that you might know they
care. I asked for peace and love
and hope, and I know God hears
my prayer. ~Nancy Brummett*





Many Chapters suspend for non-payment of dues as of December 31st. You may still have time to make a personal contact with those members and encourage them to pay – or at least to request a Demit. We work so hard to get new members; we should work equally hard to keep them.

Don't forget the Ritual Assistants List when planning for your Chapter's Installation of Officers—our Sisters and Brothers are ready to help you have a special installation. The updated lists were sent to the chapter secretaries with the annual report packets.

Reminder when using the Eastern Star Logos: You will want to use the correct logo on your invitations and programs. For subordinate chapters - only the plain star is to be used. (no circle or lines connecting the points).



THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR

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

Please send in your installation dates by December 15th and we will try to list them all in the calendar

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| December 15 th | Deadline for Purple Ribbon Club |
| January 8 th | Installation – Martha Washington No. 153, 4430 N 70 th St. Lincoln at 1:30 p.m. |
| January 8 th | Installation – Andrew Chapter No. 41, 417 W 3 rd , Grand Island at 2:30 p.m. |
| January 9 th | Installation – Vesta Chapter No. 6, 2823 N 83 rd , Omaha at 2:00 p.m. |
| January 15 th | OES Annual Reports due in the Grand Chapter Office. |
| January 15-17 | District Grand Supervisor School of Instruction in Fremont |
| January 22 nd | Installation – Friendship Chapter No. 122, 109 North Main, Hooper at 2:00 p.m. |
| January 22 nd | Installation – Adah Chapter No. 52, 84 th & Centennial, Papillion at 2:00 p.m. |
| January 23 rd | Installation – Narcissus Chapter No. 269, 5903 Maple St, Omaha at 2:00 p.m. |
| January 28 | Installation – Fontenelle Chapter No. 249, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha at 7:30 p.m. |
| January 29 | Installation – Papillion Chapter No. 114, 84 th & Centennial Rd, Papillion at 2:00 |
| January 29 | Installation – Blue River Chapter No. 132, 115 B St, Milford at 1:00 p.m. |
| January 29 | Installation - Trinity Chapter No. 299, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha at 7:30 p.m. |
| January 30 | Installation - Alpha Chapter 325, 1910 Franklin, Bellevue at 2:00 p.m. |
| February 3-5 | Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Grand Island |
| February 5 th | Grand Lodge Installation in Grand Island |

Enclosed with this OES News: Special letter from the ESTARL Chairman & Brochures