

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 140th Ave NE #13, Bellevue, Washington 98005-1852. Phone: 425-590-9266. Email: JBGrobler@yahoo.com.



Don't forget you have until May 15th to file your 1099-N for 2010 on line 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 2nd 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 11th 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 st	Deadline for ESTARL Applications
March 18 th	Masonic All-Star Marching Band scholarships are due into Grand Lodge office. Band camp is early this year – May 31 st through June 4 th .
March 26 th	Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island, Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. \$7.00
April 1 st	Deadline for Scholarships
April 1 st	Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
April 6-9	Grand York Rite Session at New World Inn, Columbus
April 30 th	Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
May 10-12	Grand Chapter at Pershing Center, Lincoln

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.