The International Temple

The month of May finds us in the midst of the Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. As a tribute to our member star grand chaplains, the Masonic News dedicates this issue to the Order of the Eastern Star. In this issue you will find information concerning the upcoming Grand Chapter Session, history of the order, the history of the International Temple in Washington D.C., and the ESTARL Program defined.

On New Hampshire Avenue NW in Washington, D.C., sits the magnificent International Temple, one of the pride and joy possessions of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Temple has a rich and exciting history that began at the turn of the century in Washington, D.C. Formally the Perry Belmont Mansion, it was started in 1906 and completed in 1909, at the then-extravagant cost of $1.5 million. Perry and Jessie Belmont built the mansion for the specific purpose of entertaining not only notables of Washington, but also dignitaries from all over the world.

The building was only used during the Washington party season (about two months each year) and special events. It was designed by Eugene L. Bevans, a famous French architect who had designed many grand mansions and chateaux in Europe. He was renowned for his use of light and space, and for his beautiful staircases. Long before the acquisition of the building by the General Grand Chapter in 1935, it was a site of elegance, grace and grand hospitality, of distinguished diplomats, world-renowned guests and romance. The Belmonets entertained lavishly and had a staff of approximately 34 servants. They used the house from 1909 to 1925. It was then closed and put on the market for sale with the stipulation that it could not be altered for 20 years after purchase. The mansion stood empty and unused until 1935, when the General Grand Chapter purchased it. Mr. Belmont, being a Mason and happy to be selling it to someone who would take care of it, sold it to The General Grand Chapter for $100,000. As part of our agreement with Mr. Belmont, the General Grand Chapter law states the Right Worthy Grand Secretary must live in the Temple. So the building is still a working private residence as well as our headquarters.

Many furnishings, including several Tiffany vases, oil paintings, Louis the 14th and 15th furniture, china and oriental rugs were included with the purchase of the Temple and are still on display for our members and their guests to enjoy on tours.

The International Temple AKIA International Headquarters

The history of the Eastern Star is divided into three Eras: The First Era extended from 1850 to 1866, under the leadership of Dr. Rob Morris, Poet Laureate of Masonry. The Second Era extended from 1866 to 1876, under the leadership of Robert Macoy of New York. The Third Era extends from 1876, when the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was established to the present time.

Of these eras, the first is perhaps the most important as it prepared the way for the other two.

As the real origin of the Eastern Star, like Masonry, will always be shrouded in mystery. Many researchers believe it had a French origin as early as 1703. By some, this is claimed to be the first inception of “Female Masonry” or “Androgynous Degrees” -- (degrees for both men and women).

There appeared at this time, to be a demand for “Side Degrees” or Degrees conferred on ladies, and quite a list sprang up -- “Heroines of Jericho”, “Danger in the Dark”, “Tall Cedars of Lebanon”, etc. These were extensively used but soon fell into decay, for lack of lasting worth.

As to the real origin of Eastern Star Degrees in its Initiatory form, there is not the least shadow of doubt that the honor belongs to Dr. Rob Morris and its real origin comes under the First Era. Dr. Morris had traveled many years. He had written many books on Masonry which are now valued references in many Masonic Libraries. Never quite satisfied that all the good in Masonry should be confined to men, Dr. Morris felt that Masonry should be for the whole family. But by the laws of that Ancient Order, women are not eligible for its degrees. Knowing he could not change the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, Dr. Morris sought some method by which women could share with the Masonic Brother the same inspiration that “prompts man to noble deeds.” Although he harbored these feelings for years, it wasn’t until 1850, when confined to his home after an accident, that Dr. Morris fully developed the Eastern Star Degrees in their present initiatory form.

During this time, he carefully thought out the symbolism and significance of the floor plan and the corps of officers. He conferred the degrees upon his wife and daughters, and some neighbors, presumably having an idea to clothe the ladies with certain words or signs whereby they might make themselves known to Master Masons.

These signs and so-called mysteries of the Order were communicated freely to all Master Masons and their relatives. Dr. Morris and other prominent Master Masons gave many lectures and conferred the degrees on many ladies throughout the nation.

The International Temple

History of the Order of the Eastern Star

“Love is in the Air” will be the theme of the 2007 Grand Session of the Order of the Eastern Star, set to open Tue., May 8, at Pershing Center.

During the May 8-10 Session, Pershing will become a huge Chapter Room, its floor covered in red carpet surrounded by white fences and flowers. Eastern Star members in formal attire will add to the festive atmosphere.

Then add organ music, entertainment, reports, and business sessions. Now you have a small picture of the Eastern Star Grand Session.

Besides Pershing, other venues will host Session events: the Scottish Rite Temple, Masonic Temple at 1635 L St., and Holiday Inn Downtown. All Eastern Star members are welcome and must bring a 2006 or 2007 dues receipt and a $2.00 registration fee. Some parts of the Session are open to the public and offer members good opportunities to show non-members the beauty of this Masonic organization for men and women.
Electa Chapter 8 Past Matrons

After a refreshing spring thunderstorm on Saturday March 24, ten Past Matrons of Electa Chapter 8 met at the Studioville Tea Room in University Place to initiate Junior Past Matron, Sister Deb Storz into the club. We were encouraged to learn that the custom of “Tea” was started in the Victorian Age to fend off an afternoon fainting spell, brought on by undergarments too tight to permit being able to eat a proper lunch. Although our “corsets” were not too tight when we arrived, they were after nibbling on soup, finger sandwiches, scones, sweets and sampling dozens of flavored teas. After lunch, Sister Deb was ceremoniously initiated and crowned with the traditional wreath of flowers. She entered her name in the record of the all Past Matrons of Electa Chapter and welcomed into the group by all present. The April meeting of Electa Chapter Past Matrons Club was held at the home of Marian Walters. There were none present suffering from “triskaidekaphobia” as thirteen Sisters met on Friday, April 13! Sister Sharon Yockers, President, installed Sister Denise Lagenese as Vice President and Sister Dona Hurst as Secretary/ Treasurer, respectfully, of the club. Sister Denise has graciously agreed to serve as the Courtesy Chair for the year. The power and influence of the Masonic/Eastern Star fellowship dominated the Good of the Order when nearly everyone present related a story of how being involved with the Eastern Star has personally impacted her life. The next meeting will be the traditional Past Matron People Past Patrons Summer Picnic to be held at the home of Sharon Yockers on Saturday, June 30 at 5:30 PM. Watch your mail for details.

Electa Chapter 8

L to R: Sisters Meredith Edwards, Stacey Hawkey (partially hidden), Amelia Heckman, Marian Walters, Ilah Anderson, Bridget Anderson, Sharon (partially hidden), Amelia Heckman, Marian Lagenese, Betty Talley, Correspondent

Stacey Hawkey, Correspondent

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Electa Chapter will once again honor its 50-year members early in the summer. At the annual luncheon during Grand Chapter and expect approximately 200 diners. In the past several years Grand Supervi- sors Billie Matten will be at our June 6 luncheon and Grand Visitation of Officers will be August 25, 2007.

THINKING OF YOU

We are thinking of the following members who have had health problems lately and we wish them all a speedy recovery: Brother Bill Hunter had surgery; Sister Karen Hellerich had back surgery; Sister Dorothy Morrison has lung surgery; their brother Keith Garrison and Sister Beth Benson had respiratory problems. Sister Donna Newell had a hip replacement. Sister Jan Stancher had surgery, and Alice Wilce Weichert had heart problems. A sympathy card was sent to Sister Pam Johnson on the loss of her aunt.

ELECTA FAMILY

Electa Kensington hosted members from other Lincoln Kensington’s at our April 5, 2007 meeting. After a delicious salad luncheon, Electa Kensington members and their guests were entertained by Lisa Kraunne, who presented a program entitled, “Tales from Hans Christian Anderson.” The delightful stories of Hans Christian Andersen were brought to life in the imaginations of audience members as Ms. Kramme shared tales by this great Danish author. Listeners also learned about the life and times of Andersen through his early struggles and later successes. Ms. Kramme’s program was sponsored by the Masonic Goodwill Foundation and is one of approximately 300 programs sponsored and funded by the Council. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation is Ms. Kramme’s bureau is the largest in the nation.

Past Worthy Matrons met at the home of Sister Marian Walters on April 13, 2007.

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FIFTY YEARS MEMBERS HONORED

There were just two 50 Year Members present, Sis. Violet Evrard who was initiated on March 21, 1929 when Sis. Gladys Reed was Worthy Matron. Sis. Dorothy Marshall’s mother. Sis. Violet has been a member for a total of 78 years and I don’t think she has missed any very meetings.

EASTER EGGS AND THE MASONIC FAMILY

In our kids’ eyes our annual Easter Egg Hunt (April 7) is one of the best gigs all year. We were honored to have two of the best from Waverly High School Band. Kathy Dalby is the Director of Waverly High School Band.

TO OUR TYLER

With no further delay, we thank our Tyler, Worsh. Bro. James L. Batten. He’s serving for his fourth year in this crucial role for our Lodge. A Tyler’s duties are many, but thanks he has to stand outside the lodge room all night. Together, Brethren, drain your glasses for our Tyler!

LOCAL MASONIC WEBSITES

Grand Lodge of Nebraska: www.glne.org
Grand Chapter of Nebraska: www.neoes.org
Nebraska DeMolay: www.wnmedolom.org
Nebraska Job’s Daughters: www.nejd.org
Masonic Nebraska: www.minerland.net

Friday, May 3, 2007

TO OUR MASONIC FAMILY

NOTE ABOUT BRETHREN

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IN MEMORIAM

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SPAGHETTI BINGO NIGHT

Sponsored by the Lincoln York Rite Bodies

Monday, May 14

LOCAL MASONIC WEBSITES

Tourism

Grand Lodge of Nebraska: www.glne.org
Grand Chapter of Nebraska: www.neoes.org
Nebraska DeMolay: www.wnmedolom.org
Nebraska Job’s Daughters: www.nejd.org
Masonic Nebraska: www.minerland.net

Dinner Menu

Spaghetti with Parmesan Cheese
Breadsticks

Dessert

Pecan Pie
Dessert and iced tea or coffee.

Tickets are available at the door:
$6.00 per adult, $4.50 per child
Member price: $5.00 per adult, $3.00 per child

Drawings

1st Prize: $25 Gift Certificate
2nd Prize: $20 Gift Certificate
3rd Prize: $10 Gift Certificate

Jay West\t(402) 553-1664

Brothers and Sisters: You won’t want to miss it. Our Lodge was chartered on July 2, 1868, 141 years after it’s happened. We are so proud and honored to offer this event this year. It will be on Thurs. May 17, 5 p.m. to the date and time, all Masons welcome.

INVESTMENT REPORT

A representative of Gravity Investments gave a presentation at the April business meeting on the status of our investments. He reported that our lodge and foundation funds are in good financial shape, and that we have added an increase in our funds. This was good news considering the condition of the economy today.

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A TRAVELER HAS RETURNED

We had a surprise at the April potluck meeting with the appearance of Jim and Marge Dell. They have been on their yearly adventure with a 40 foot motor home to Casa Grande, Arizona, and several places in California. Ask Jim about the Frustrated Maestro’s performance at the rally in Indio, California—welcome back travelers.

PROFICIENT EXAM

East Lincoln Lodge will host the floor work proficiency exam sponsored by the Grand Custodian. This is for those Masons wanting to update their floor work proficiency; a yearly event, May 17, 7 p.m. is the date and time; all Masons welcome.

THEIR DEEDS

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As in nature when rocks rolled down the hill, they leave their mark as they scratch the surface when they tumble and fall. So it was for Al, Wilbur, Jim, Jerry and Fred during their life time. Together they leave their mark through their smiles and laughter. Laughter is a good medicine in a laboratory. We are in a good mood, and we laugh. What we laugh at and laugh with others, tells something about us. These outstanding Masons left their marks. They left their mark through their smiles and laughter. Laughter is a good medicine in a laboratory. We are in a good mood, and we laugh. What we laugh at and laugh with others, tells something about us. These outstanding Masons left their marks. They left their mark through their smiles and laughter. Laughter is a good medicine in a laboratory. We are in a good mood, and we laugh.
Myrtle Chapter 94

Regular Meeting

Myrtle Chapter 94 met Tuesday, April 10, 2007 for their regular stated meeting. Worthy Matron Sis. Tyra Tate welcomed everyone and gave us a history lesson of the “Story of the Visor.” Worthy Patron Bro. Wade Kendell also welcomed everyone and read us quotes from little kids from their point of view about Love.

W.M. Tyra also thanked her subs for the night. Bro. David Mickey as Warder. W.P. Wade Kendell sang a little ditty entitled “Living Sanctuary.” Thank You Bro. Wade for sharing your talents with us. The meeting was closed with a funny quote by Ronald Reagan.

Myrtle Club provided us with a delicious dessert after the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Jocelyn Art Center will be hosting a traveling art exhibit entitled “Initiated Exhibit” which runs from April 28 to June 30. It is a collection of 12 paintings commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Washington D.C. which exhibit freemasonry in Washington, for information on the exhibit at www.jocelyn.org

Potter’s Lodge is having a Spontaneous Drag Fundraiser on April 20th. $5 for Adults : 12 and Under $2.50. Job’s Daughter’s Bethel 27 is having an initiation on Sunday, April 15. They are in initiating W.M. Tyra’s daughter, Erica. That is not to clean up your garage, basement, or anything in your house! Job’s Daughter’s Bethel 27 is having a Garage Sale on May 11th and 12th at Sis. Linda Livingston’s house. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the sale, contact Sis. Linda or Bethel 27. If anyone has a greeting cards that they are not using feel free to bring them to the meeting. Sis. Barbara Chatfield will take them to the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

Past Matrons and Past Past Patrons will meet on May 15 at Henegun’s Members will be called.

Petitions

We voted to have Jeanne Bennett receive the degrees of our order. Jeanne is the sister to Sis. Debra Kendell. We also read the petition of Leon Kilner. Leon is engaged to Sis. Laura Livingston and a member of Liberty Lodge 300.

Thoughts and Concerns

Sis. Jean Holt is now at the ambassador. She is not doing very well. She is having kidney tests done soon. Sis. Betty Groesser suffered another stroke and is not doing well. The first strokes she had left her paralyzed on her left side. She and her husband had emergency surgery on her gall bladder. It was great to have you back Barb. Sis. Nita Babcock is doing much better but was set back due to the fact that she caught phenomena. It was great to have you back at the piano Nita and get well soon. Please keep all of our Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

Deaths

Sister Hazel Tumblin went to her eternal home on March 31, 2007. Her funeral was held on April 3, where our Chapter performed the Eastern Star Funeral Service. Hazel was a 63 member. She was initiated in 1944.

April Birthdays

April 8th: Sis. Barbara Chatfield April 14th: Sis. Donna Plucknett April 24th: Bro. Greg Mason April 25th: Sis. Janet Sides

Anniversaries

Bro. Don and Sis. Delores Finch will celebrate 55 years of marriage on April 10. Happy Anniversary Don and Delores.

Star Anniversary


100 years ago in Nebraska Eastern Star...

By Kathy Wagner, Grand Secretary

Editor’s note: I asked Grand Secretary Kathy Wagner to search the Grand Chapter records for items of interest from the grand communication a century ago. Here is what she found.

Thirty-Second Annual Communication

Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star

The Thirty-Second “Annual Communication” of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star was held at the Masonic Temple in Lincoln Nebraska on May 7, 8, and 9, 1907.

Mrs. Edith E. Winebrner (110), Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Joseph S. Pedler (78), Worthy Grand Patron, presided over the Session. A beautiful souvenier program was presented to each guest.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Anna Simpson, reported that the Grand Chapter had 165 active Chapters with a membership of 10,700. [The Grand Secretary of the One Hundred Thirty-second Session reports that there are a total of 113 Chapters with a membership of 10,656.]

“A Floral Addendum” was rendered by the young ladies of Eastern Star Chapter No. 9 of Lincoln. Lincoln Chapter No. 148, Lincoln presented a new Addendum “The Mystic Tie.” The proceedings of the Session records that these two Chapters, Electa No. 14 and Lincoln No. 148 exhibited precision of movements and positions and their attention to minute details showed long hours of preparation. The two Chapters merited the hearty applause and words of commendation heard on all sides.

As a part of the Fraternal Correspondence report, a review of the activities of forty-three other Grand Jurisdictions was recorded in the Proceedings. This included a report of the “Indian Territory,” and reported that its Seventeenth Annual Session was held in Ardmore on August 16, 1906. The Worthy Grand Matron remarked that, “The sun does not shed forth her silver rays on hearts more loyal and true than those who comprise the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Indian Territory.”

On Wednesday evening, May 8, 1907 Myrtle Chapter No. 94 conferred the degrees upon two young lady candidates.

It was recorded that on May 12 the Grand Lectress, M. Hulce Williams presented a Chapter at Long Pine and then a Chapter at Springfield. On April 21, with the assistance of her husband, she instituted a Chapter at Bassett.

Dues Are Due

Dues for all Masonic Lodges for 2007 were due Jan. 1. Send remittance to your Lodge Secretary. Members with unpaid dues will be delinquent March 1. Suspension by Grand Lodge comes April 30. Suspension in Lodge also means suspension in Eastern Star. Violation of rules and regulations, absence or delinquency at Quarterly Oct. 1, with suspension Dec. 31.

Mrs. Edith E. Winebrner, Worthy Grand Matron for the 1907 Grand Session. Photo courtesy of Cathy Wagner.
**ESTARL Program**

A little-known Eastern Star program offers financial assistance to students preparing to become ministers, missionaries, or to serve in other full-time Christian vocations.

Created in 1952 by the General Grand Chapter, the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership program has been sponsored by the Nebraska Grand Chapter since 1953.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Commonly known as ESTARL, this program is funded each year by voluntary gifts and memorials given by Eastern Star Chapters and members across the state and by generous contributions from the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

**ONE YEAR**

Awards are made for one year, but applicants may reapply. A six-member ESTARL committee meets twice yearly to make the awards. Policy favors the more advanced students when a choice must be made.

ESTARL scholarships are usable at schools anywhere in the United States. Nebraska has even sent ESTARL awards to European theological seminaries.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The ESTARL committee determines eligibility. Funds are used for applicants having a legal status in Nebraska. If a foreign student applies, she or he must be attending a Nebraska college. Awards are normally made for post-graduate study. There is no requirement for race or creed.

There is no requirement for Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation. However, it is desirable to have an Eastern Star Chapter sponsor or recommend the applicant. Recommending an applicant does not financially obligate the Chapter but emphasizes the applicant’s dedication and sincerity of purpose.

**APPLICATION**

Application forms are available from:

Nebraska Eastern Star
Box 156
Fremont, NE 68026-0156

A completed application must be accompanied by a photograph and three references, from a minister, a school official, and a community leader. A transcript of grades also should be sent.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska was Chartered by the General Grand Chapter in 1877.
Bethel 63
Julie Munford, Correspondent

INSTALLATION
Kristi Thornburg was installed as the 106th Honored Queen of Bethel 63 on January 6, 2007.

ACTIVITIES
Members of Bethel 63 have enjoyed many activities, including a “learn-to-dance” session and T-shirt contest; a slumber party, movie night and face painting at the Shrine Circus.

INITIATION
At the March 29 meeting Natalie McGuire and Brooke Schwisow were initiated into Bethel 63.

High Plains Hike

Leaving Lincoln on April 15 for the High Plains H.I.K.E., at Fort Robinson, are sponsors Heather Younger and Cindy Lehn along with members Kasie Lehn, Kristi Thornburg, Megan Thornburg, Amanda Noble, Emily Greenlee and Ayla Willhite.

Pancake Feed
A Pancake Feed Fundraiser will be held at the Corner Lodge on Saturday April 28 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Assembly 6
Lorrie Bryant, Correspondent

A BUSY SPRING

The members of Lincoln Assembly 6, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, have been busy this spring. During March a few members helped serve at the Temple Chapter, O.E.S., Roast Beef Dinner. The Assembly also had their own successful Pancake Brunch, serving many guests and raising funds for their Assembly and Temple Chapter through the silent auction. The Rainbow Girls appreciate the art, craft, and gift items that were donated to be sold during the silent auction and the support of family members and the greater Masonic family for their spirited bidding and purchase of the items. On March 25, members and their families attended church at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church for their annual go-to-church Sunday and then enjoyed lunch at Valentine’s buffet.

GRAND CHAPTER

Lincoln Assembly is looking forward to attending sessions of Nebraska Grand Chapter, O.E.S., in early May. They are especially proud of Nebraska’s Supreme Deputy, Betty Garwood, who will be installed as Worthy Supreme Deputy, Betty Garwood, who will be installed as Worthy Grand Matron for 2007-2008.

Dianna Johnson, Correspondent

“CIRCLE OF FRIENDS”

On March 24 and 25 several daughters and adults from Bethel 60 attended the “Circle of Friends” Spring Workshop in Aurora. All who attended the workshop had a lot of fun, we even learned a little too! The event gave our members a chance to catch up with old friends as well as make new friends from across the state.

REGULAR MEETING

During our regular business meeting on March 26 we had some very special guests. Members from Bethel 18 in Omaha attended and assisted as officers for our meeting. We were presented with the Grand Bethel traveling Bible at the meeting. As part of receiving the traveling Bible we will be meeting with another Bethel to pass it along. After the Bethel meeting we gathered in the fellowship hall for snacks and board games.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE PROJECT

On March 31 members of Bethel 60 gathered to prepare lunch for twenty volunteers who assist with building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Despite the rainy day, there was a good turnout of volunteers. Bethel 60 had fun serving lunch to the volunteers at this event.

FOOD AND FUN

The first Monday of every month Bethel 60 holds a fundraiser at Don & Millie’s located at 5200 S. 56th Street from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Come in, let them know you are there to support Bethel 60, and a portion of the money you spend on your meal will be donated to Bethel 60 as a part of our philanthropies fund. We appreciate all who attended last months Don & Millie’s fundraiser!

Betel 60’s Habitat for Humanity Service Project.

Photo Courtesy of Diana Johnson

Pampered Chef Party
Sponsored by Lincoln Assembly 6

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

A fundraiser to benefit the Assembly and Breast Cancer Research and Awareness.

Sunday, May 20
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Join us to sample the Pampered Chef recipes and view the special “pink” products.
RAINBOW TRIVIA

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Submitted by Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy

Who was the first Grand Worthy Advisor in Nebraska?
Ans: Lorraine Landeryou Lawson, Omaha Assembly No. 1 1946-947

How many Grand Worthy Advisors have come from Lincoln Assembly No. 6
Ans: Six
Jean Vierk Yeutter 1950-1951
Joyce Ronin Lundstrum 1961-1962
Tammy Mattox Fastenau 1978-1979
Amy Paschold Doescher 1996-997
Jennifer Birdsall 2003-2004
Christine Bryant 2005-2007

Where is Grand Assembly held?
Ans: For many years Grand Assembly was held in many locations around the state of Nebraska. More recently it has been held annually on the Doane College Campus, Crete, Nebraska the second full weekend in June.
This year the session will be June 8, 9, 10. The Saturday afternoon session is open. Ritualistic Opening and Initiation is Saturday evening. Anyone may attend the Informal Opening. All Masons, Eastern Stars, members of Amaranth and White Shrine may attend the closed meetings. Installation of the 2007-2008 Grand Officers and Representatives will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday June 10th, 2007.
If you are a Grand Cross of Color recipient and have never signed the Vow Book, plan to attend the Vow Book Signing Ceremony Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Field House. The Grand Cross of Color Degree Ceremony follows at 9:30 a.m. Grand Cross Brunch and Bread-breaking Ceremony are at 10:30 a.m. at the Campus Center Dining Room.
Support the Youth. Come to Grand Assembly. We would love to see you there.
For reservations and registration contact Laurie Sieg 7600 Baldwin Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68507 (402)464-2410 ks33902@alltel.net
At the Right: Pictured from L-R are Betty Kirby, Worthy Grand Matron, Christine Bryant, Grand Worthy Advisor and Worthy Grand Patron William "Bill" Parrish. The picture was taken at Grand Lodge. Photo Courtesy of Betty Garwood

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