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September Notes from Ruth

by Ruth White, President, Lincoln Chapter AHSGR

We are making a late September/October issue because we were waiting for more articles and the quilt tickets.

Enclosed you will find quilt tickets priced six for \$5. Helen Schwartz donated the quilt and the Lincoln Quilters have done the intricate work.

Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 7 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m., activities include a fund-raising raffle, bake sale, foodstuffs – including Runzas and Volga Boatman Sandwiches – face-painting and balloons for children, as well as traditional German-Russian games including Banock. In addition, live polka music will be provided by *Herr Schulz und der German Band*.

Broda Dinner – Friday, November 3 6:00 p.m.

Due to WSI's inaccessibility to handicapped persons, we have moved the Broda Dinner to the Shrine Temple. Included in this issue are directions of how to get to the Temple. Also note you can mail in for your tickets to the Broda Dinner by clipping off the bottom portion of the flyer that gives directions to the Temple plus date and time.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make the garage sale a success. There are people who moved the truck out and back into the garage; people who helped set up, price and helped make sales that we should acknowledge:

People who moved the truck: Jake Sinner, Bud Dietrich, John Schneider,

Ed Roth, Delores Schwartz, Gladys Herstein, and Ruth White.

Those who cleaned out the garage and then set up the tables: Bud Dietrich, Gladys Herstein, Delores Schwartz, Norma Somerheiser, and Ruth White.

Those that worked on Wednesday, August 16: Marian Mueller, Susan Stoehr, Barbara Schmidt, Gladys Herstein, Phil Dinges, Larry Schenkel, Ruth White, Norma Somerheiser, Lucille Hedges, Henry "Lefty" Grenemeier, and Ed Herstein.

Helping Thursday, August 17: Norma Somerheiser, Gladys Herstein, Susan Stoehr, Phil Dinges, Larry Schenkel, and Ruth White.

Helping Friday, August 18: Marian Mueller, Norma Somerheiser, Larry Schenkel, Gladys Herstein, Ruth White, Allison Rye, Susan Stoehr, Ed Herstein, and Delores Schwartz.

Helping on Saturday, August 19:

Norma Somerheiser, Allison Rye, Gladys Herstein, Ed Herstein, Susan Stoehr, Barbara Schmidt, John Schneider, Delores Schwartz, Ann Reitz and Ed Schwartzkopf.

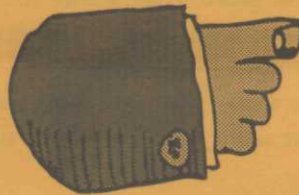
Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

Our General Meeting was held Sunday, September 17 with a potluck dinner and Bingo. John Boomer, a consultant hired by the Foundation Board of Trustees, gave us a synopsis of planned giving. He will be giving a more detailed explanation of what he has in mind when the Board meets October 5, 6, 7. We played Bingo and then all safely returned home.

Remember the Quilt Raffle, the Broda Dinner, and the Oktoberfest coming up soon. We need your support.

An error occurred in writing up the last newsletter. The gentleman who did such a wonderful job of manning the Blacksmith Shop, explaining the works of a black smithy was Bob Kinnade, not Don Kinnade.

— Ruth



**Edward Wagner, a
Portland, Oregon
member, is collecting
AHSGR memorabilia. He
is asking for the help of "pack rats" who
haven't had the courage to throw away
old membership cards, old programs
of any sort, items from past conventions,
and similar items. If you have anything
you want to donate to this cause, call
Delores Schwartz at 435-3636.**

History of the One Dollar Bill

Take out a one-dollar bill and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. The so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material.

We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look. If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for the balance – a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get approved.

If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even

close to being right. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking." the Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. Look at the right-hand circle, and look at it carefully. It is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

Read on and learn the true meaning: The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own.

At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying Congress, a unify-

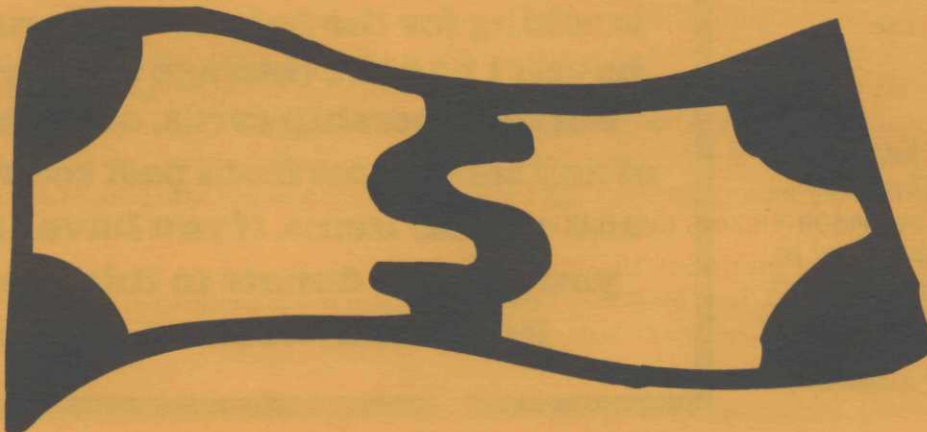
ing factory. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning "one nation, from many people." Above the Eagle are Thirteen Stars representing the Thirteen Original, and with the clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. We were coming together as one Nation Indivisible. Notice what the Eagle holds in his Talons. He holds an Olive Branch and Arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve Freedom.

The Eagle always wants to face the Olive Branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the Arrows.

They say that the Number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a world-wide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 Original Colonies, 13 Signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 Stripes on our flag, 23 steps on the Pyramid, 13 Letters is in the Latin above, 13 Letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 Stars above the Eagle, 13 Plumes of Feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 Bars on the Shield, 13 Leave on the Olive Branch, 13 Fruits, and if you look closely, 13 Arrows.

And for minorities: The 13th Amendment.

"Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this and their history teachers don't know this. Tell everyone what is on the back of the One Dollar bill and what it stands for, because nobody else will and in time it will be totally lost to history.





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Broda Dinner

Friday, November 3, 2000

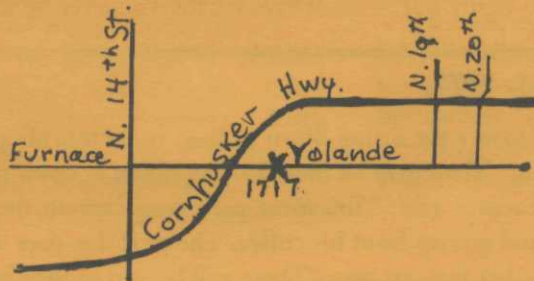
at 6:00 p.m., at the

Shrine Sesostris Temple

1717 Yolande Avenue

- >>> Lots of room! Plenty of seating! Enjoy a good dinner!
- >>> One lucky person will take home the raffled quilt!
- >>> Tickets are available from any board member. Or please fill out and return the form at the bottom of this page with a check made out to **Lincoln Chapter AHSGR** in a self-addressed stamped envelope to **Norma Somerheiser**, at 631 D St, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199

Getting there.....



BRODA Ticket Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

_____ # of Adult Tickets @ \$8.00 each

_____ # of Children under 12 Tickets @ \$4.00 each

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Quick Wit



Joe and Joan were sitting down to their usual morning cup of coffee and listening to the weather report on the radio. "There will be three to five inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared," the weather report said. "You must park your cars on the odd-numbered side of the streets." Joe said, "Jeez, okay," and got up from his coffee. The next day they were sitting down with their morning cups of coffee. The weather forecast was, "There will be two to four inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the even-numbered side of the streets." Again, Joe replied, "Jeez, okay," and got up from his coffee. Two days later, again they're sitting down with their cups of coffee and the weather forecast said, "There will be six to eight inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the..." and the power went out and Joe didn't get the rest of the instructions. He turned to Joan, "Jeez, what am I going to do now, Joan?" Joan replied, "Aw, Joe, just leave the car in the darned garage today."

A man piloting a hot-air balloon discovers he has wandered far off course and is hopelessly lost. He descends to a lower altitude and locates a man down on the ground. He lowers the balloon to within hearing distance and shouts, "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?" The man below says, "Yes, you're in a hot-air balloon, about 30 feet above this field." "You must work in information technology," says the balloonist. "Yes, I do," replies the man. "And how did you know that?" "Well," says the balloonist, "What you told me is technically correct, but of no use to anyone." The man below says, "You must work in management." "I do," replies the balloonist, "How did you know?" "Well," says the man, "You don't know where you are, or where you're going, but you expect my immediate help. You're in the same position you were before we met, but now it's my fault!"

An exhausted hunter out in the wilds stumbled into a camp. "Am I glad to see you," he said, "I've been lost for three days." "Don't get too excited, friend," the other hunter replied. "I've been lost for three weeks."

