

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

"Let There Be Light"

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Jottings from Jan

Please note that Judy Bepalec, chairman of Jurisprudence phone number is 402-826-2458. Carl Plants, WGP cell number is 402-429-2379. Jean Mellor chairman of Benevolence Committees email is jeanmurraymellor@hotmail.com. Please make the corrections in your new officer and committee books.

Celebration & Congratulations:

***Sister Judy Wehrbein, AGM** was presented the award for Grand Deputy of the Year 2010-2011 at Grand Bethel in Kearney.

***Sister Karan Birdsall, Grand Organist** was given a service award by the Lincoln Journal Star that is called the Pride of the Heartland Award. Karan was nominated by Sister Dr. Lorrie Bryant.

Getting to know the 2011-2012 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, Judy Wehrbein:

Sister Judy is a member of Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth. Interests include spending time with family, her church and 4-H.

Associate Grand Patron, Alvin Benemerito:

Brother Alvin is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Interests include Masonic jurisprudence and culture. Alvin collects Masonic Ritual Cypher.

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman GGCCM:

Sister Jan is a member of Violet Chapter No. 105 in Wymore. Interests include OES, photography, spending time with friends, dogs and

especially a very smart black toy poodle called Nikki.

Grand Treasurer, Pam Boshart:

Sister Pam is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include traveling, word search and number puzzles.

Grand Conductress, Gwen Hurst-Anderson:

Sister Gwen is a member of Martha Washington Chapter No. 153 in Lincoln. Interests include reading, spirituality and walking dogs.

Associate Grand Conductress, Sharlene Coulter:

Sister Sharlene is a member of Herman Chapter No. 216 in Herman. Interests include music, reading and she collects music.

Grand Chaplain, Greg Mason:

Brother Greg is a member of Myrtle Chapter No. 94 in Lincoln. Interests include current events, Huskers, physics and he collects "Doctor Who" memorabilia.

Grand Marshal, Jim Dusch:

Brother Jim is a member of Tuscan Chapter No. 35 in Kearney. Interests include fishing and yard work.

Grand Organist, Karan Birdsall:

Sister Karan is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include music, art, cooking and family. She collects glass ware and music.

Grand Adah, Nancy Shepard:

Sister Nancy is a member of Dawson Chapter No. 33 in Lexington. Interests include reading, travel with her sister. She collects angels, owls and lighthouses.

Grand Ruth, Karen Sole:

Sister Karen is a member of Nelson Chapter No. 27 in Nelson. Interests include "Pioneer" type history books

and genealogy. She collects books on presidents.

Grand Esther, Terri Sherman:

Sister Terri is a member of Starcraft Chapter No. 307 in Lincoln. Interests include golf, reading volunteering, gardening and camping. She collects lighthouses, bells and bowls.

Grand Martha, Gloria Guern:

Sister Gloria is a member of Papillion Chapter No. 114 in Papillion. Interests include taekwondo and Sudoku. She collects Precious Moments and Santas.

Grand Electa, Bonnie Forney:

Sister Bonnie is a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont and Atkinson Chapter No. 186 in Atkinson. Interests include quilting, NASCAR and pro football. She collects rabbits and NASCAR items.

Grand Warder, Brenda McGuire:

Sister Brenda is a member of Eureka Chapter No. 86 in McCook. Interests include F.R.O.G. and she collects frogs and chickens.

Grand Sentinel, Deloyt Young:

Brother Deloyt is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. Interests include family, fishing and hunting. He collects fishing equipment.

Masonic Youth Leaders for 2011-2012:

RAINBOW: Shanda Lyn Born, Grand Worthy Advisor from Plainview. Sister Shanda is a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84.

JOBS: Lauren Busche, Grand Bethel Honored Queen from Plattsmouth. Laurens special project is the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Ashley Murphy, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter from Ainsworth.

Nicolette Parks, Miss Nebraska Congeniality from Omaha.

DEMOLAY: Dalton Koch, State Master Councilor from Fremont

Congratulations to our Masonic youth on very successful sessions. A special thank you goes out to all of our adults that work with these wonderful young people.

At a recent picnic at The Nebraska Masonic Home hosted by Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth, we were reminded of how dear our Eastern Star sisters and brothers are who are residents of The Home. A visit with one special lady, Past Grand Matron Margaret Worthman, revealed she had just celebrated a very special day on June 26, 2011 -- her 101st birthday! Sister Margaret also celebrated another significant time in her Eastern Star life as well on May 11, 2011, which was the 50th anniversary of her installation as Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska. Her session was called the "Fellowship Session". Her Worthy Grand Patron was Brother Merle Hale, who is deceased. Sister Margaret was a member of Primrose Chapter No. 103 of Springfield at the time of her installation and that Chapter later consolidated with Elizabeth Chapter No. 250 in Weeping Water, where she is still a member. She has many fond memories of her years serving our beautiful Order and still participates in many of the activities offered at The Home. It would be nice to drop

Sister Margaret a card or a note to say hello and to commemorate these special dates. Her address is 1300 Avenue D., Room 245, Plattsmouth NE 68048.



Early Signs of a Heart Attack

1. Pain left of breastbone or entire upper chest.
2. Pain in mid-chest, neck and jaw
3. Pain in mid-chest and inside arms
4. Pain in upper abdomen
5. Pain in larger area of chest, neck, jaw and inside arms.
6. Pain in lower neck to both sides of upper neck; jaw from ear to ear
7. Pain inside right arm from armpit to below elbow, inside left arm to waist
8. Pain between shoulder blades

The above symptoms may be accompanied by difficulty breathing, palpitations, nausea, vomiting, cold sweat, weakness and anxiety.

REMINDER! The 4th Triennial MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE is AUGUST 15th!

Your Chapter can help provide this motivational and worthwhile weekend for our Masonic Youth by sending your checks to the Masonic Youth Foundation of Nebraska, 202 South 20th Street, Omaha, NE 68102. Three times Eastern Stars have been the best contributors to support these youth conferences. Let's do it again! Information and registration forms available on the Grand Lodge website. See www.glne.org/EventsInformation.aspx.

Eastern Star Journal News Flash:
See the three new permanent features in the ESJ in the next issue. These are: "The Trips", "Notes to the ESJ", and "How I became an Eastern Star". The next issue also has articles on our youth groups. Don't miss it. More later!
Jill Ramsey, ESJ Committee Member

Enclosed with this OES News

❖ Invitation to the Nebraska/Kansas Exchange

Submit items to appear on the Masonic Family Calendar (www.neoes.org, click on "Calendar") by contacting Grand Conductress Gwen Hurst-Anderson at pengwensrule@gmail.com. Provide as much information as possible about the event, including the 5 W's (who is invited, what the event is, when it will be held, where it will be held, and why you're holding the event). Also include any cost associated and a contact person and a way to contact him.

THE OES "LIGHT" CALENDAR



August 5-7.....5 State Gathering in Overland Park, Kansas

August 12-14. Triennial Pilgrimage to the International Peace Garden 100th Anniversary

August 14 4-H Achievement Day at the Children's Home in Fremont

Aug 22..... 10th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament in North Bend. Proceeds support The Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Nebraska Masonic Foundation

Sept. 16-17.... Nebraska/Kansas Exchange in McCook and Atwood

Oct.1-2 4th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney

Visit us on the web at neoes.org. See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar.

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Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320

We are here to help you in any way we can!