

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

*“Let There Be Light”*

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## *Jottings from Jan*

At the time of this writing the Grand Chapter office has heard from about 60 percent of our Chapters concerning the Imhoff Award. Thanks to all the secretaries for looking up the information, to find out who is your Chapters recipient. I sure hope that we can have 100 percent participation by the end of 2011. Remember to send photos and articles to the publicity committee and to Grand Chapter.



Reminder that November is “election month”. Remember to send in the blue after election report after your election. If bad weather or some other circumstance prevents your Chapter from holding it’s election in November, the Secretary will need to request a “Dispensation to elect out of time” from the Grand Secretary (402-727-8644). There is no fee for this dispensation.

**Greg Mason, Youth Committee Chair.** The Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was a great success! Eastern Star was well represented and we should all be proud of the **great relationships** that the order has with the youth organizations. The **entire region** felt the impact of the conference, as the students flooded the the food bank with **3500 pounds** of items that will go directly to those in need. When the 368 attendees were not shopping and packaging food, they were **energized** by several of the top speakers in the country! There is no doubt... **Nebraska OES helped change lives** this past month. THANK YOU to all who supported the conference.

## **Not to Be Taken Lightly**

Karan Birdsall, Youth Conference Committee

A donation of 3500 pounds of food and non-perishable goods should not be taken lightly. Actually it can't be. It is more than 3400 items whose collective weight becomes a ton and three-quarters. That is more weight than the Husker Offensive Line could press! It is a contribution that would take almost 400 grocery bags to deliver and thousands of dollars to procure! In addition to the donation of food and items, more than 1000 hours of hands on assistance left its mark on the central Nebraska agency.

This is the scope and magnitude of the donation that the attendees of the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference left with the Mid-Nebraska Food Bank on Saturday, October 1.

The flood of food was part of the fourth triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney, funded and directed by the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation and its supporters. Twenty-four Jobs Daughter Bethels, Rainbow for Girls Assemblies, and DeMolay Chapters brought donations of food with them to the event. These donations totaled 1500 pounds of food, more than 1400 items. These donations were generated by the efforts of the youth groups' members. Weeping Water Assembly #5, International Order of Rainbow for Girls led the efforts and donated 460 pounds of food! Second largest donation came from Plattsmouth Bethel #24, International Order of Jobs Daughters. Lincoln Assembly #6 (Rainbow) and Bethel #63 Lincoln (Jobs Daughters) were the third and fourth largest donations.

During the afternoon conference sessions, attendees each spent time procuring more donations for the Food Bank by shopping at the Apple Market grocery store, delivering food to the Food bank, assisting in sorting and stocking at the Food Bank.

Each of the youth attendees is committed to serving individually in their home communities and as groups of members; however the impact of all of them working together in one place, at one time, with the same goal is powerful. To experience what can be accomplished as a large group serves as a reminder of the strength that comes from unity and is found in the larger group.

Thank you to all who supported this service project! The Nebraska Masonic family has again left its mark on the 23 Nebraska counties that are served by the food bank. Together, we can make a difference!

## Jurisprudence Committee

**REMINDER:** Resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter are due in the Grand Chapter office 90 days before the Session. (sec. 174) **Deadline for submitting resolutions: FEBRUARY 2, 2011.**

## **Nebraska Members attend Grand Chapters in other jurisdictions**

Thirteen members traveled north to attend the “Random Acts of Kindness” Grand Chapter Session in Pierre South Dakota, October 6-8. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Frantz is a cousin of Sister Candy Martin of Fremont (288/122). Grand Secretary, Jan and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Cathy enjoyed seeing the South Dakota Secretaries honor Sister Eileen Harms as she retired, receiving the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus. Sister Jan Thoman, General Grand Chapter Committee Member spoke on membership at the Friday afternoon session. Sister Jerri Wilcox PGM gave the response on behalf of distinguished guests Thursday evening.

Six members attended the “Wishing on a Star” Session at Missouri Grand Chapter Oct.10-12.

Thirteen members attended the “Celebrate Life” Session at Colorado Grand Chapter, September 21-24. Jerrie Wilcox, PGM gave an invocation and Denny Smith, PGP gave a benediction. Sherrie Dusch PGM of CO and Grand Companion to Jim Dusch was one of the Installing Grand Officers for the 2011-2012 Grand Officers Installation. We encourage everyone to visit other jurisdictions. You may call the Grand Chapter office to

receive information about any Grand Chapter you may wish to visit.

### The Chapel of Peace Quotes:

“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect

it, for I shall not pass this way again.”  
**Stephen Grellet**

“The measure of life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.” **Peter Marshall**

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so

regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

**Alexander Graham Bell**

“With malice toward none, with charity for all’ with firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds.” **Abraham Lincoln**

## THE OES “LIGHT” CALENDAR



Nov 13..... Grand Cross of Color banquet & bread breaking ceremony at 11:00 a.m. followed by Grand Cross of Color Ceremony at Elkhorn-Waterloo Assembly in Elkhorn, \$10.00 per person . RSVP to Amanda Kloke crazy4butterflies@gmail.com. Open to all Masters of the Grand Cross of Color

Nov 20..... Pancake Breakfast Trinity Chapter #299, 8:00-1:00, 2424 S 135<sup>th</sup> Ave in Omaha

Jan 15, 2012.. Annual Reports due in the Grand Chapter Office

May 8-10,2012... GRAND CHAPTER IN LINCOLN AT PERSHING CENTER

## Enclosed with this OES News—————

❖ Christmas greetings from your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

## Reminders —————

- 1) November is “Election Month. Best of luck to all Chapters on a successful election.
- 2) The year for our Subordinate Chapters is fast coming to a close! Annual Report forms will be mailed to Chapter Secretaries in mid-November—they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2012 and must include all membership information from Jan 1, thru Dec. 31, 2011.
- 3) Thanks to the Worthy Matrons and other officers who are helping the Grand Chapter office to record the email addresses of our members who have them. We do so appreciate your help!

## CALL THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE

**Ritual Assistants List:** Please keep in mind as you prepare for your Installations that Nebraska has a “Ritual Assistants List”—those members across the state who have volunteered to assist Chapters in need of help with Ritual work. If you’d like your name added to this list please contact the Grand Chapter office.

**Introduction Cards:** If you will be planning to do introductions at Installation or any special meeting that you have, an updated set of Introduction Cards is available. Call the Grand Chapter office for a set. The cards are similar to those brought out by your District Grand Supervisor last year at her School of Instruction

**Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320**  
**We are here to help you in any way we can!**