

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Let There Be Light”

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*Jottings from
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Enclosed with this OES News please find all of the scholarship information and forms. Please provide the scholarship recipients address and telephone number on the form that is returned to the Grand Chapter office.

Attention all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

Resolution deadlines for General Grand Chapter. **March 5, 2012** – Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. **May 5, 2012** – Final date for Right Worthy Grand Secretary to mail Resolution to all Grand Secretaries. **September 5, 2012** – Final date for Resolutions to be in hands of all voting delegates to 47th Triennial Assembly.

All Resolutions are to be signed and submitted in writing to: Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, 1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549.

NEEDED: VAN DRIVERS

Here is a great opportunity to meet and greet Eastern Star Members from all over the Country. Van drivers are needed at Grand Chapter in May. Please call Sister Carol, WGM or Gary Brhel Co-chair of transportation committee at 402-795-3905 or gmrhel@galaxycable.net.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

Deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered at the next Grand Chapter Session are due FEBRUARY 2, 2012. 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).

Special Invitation:

To All 2011-2012 Associate Matrons and Esthers. (The Honor Stations for the Let There Be Light Grand Session) You are invited to Pershing Center, Lincoln, Nebraska on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. as we pay tribute to this year's Honor Stations. Come and be introduced and recognized for your service to our Order in these stations.

Margaret McCall – Chairperson of the Auction and Raffle Committee Grand Chapter will be here before we know it and it is time to be planning for the auction and basket auction. It is so much fun to see how creative our Chapters can be. Please contact Margaret if you would like to help with the immediate sales table by making crafts. The proceeds will go to the Special Projects this year which is Heart and Breast Cancer Research. Have fun and be creative and it would be wonderful to have 100 percent participation of all of the Nebraska Chapters.

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

The Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children will again be hosting its annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 11th. Donation of \$5.00 per person and tickets are available at the door. Featuring homemade chili and chicken noodle soup and homemade pies. Time is 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Special Opportunity

If you know someone that would like to be initiated at Grand Chapter please contact Sister Carol Hudkins, WGM right away. 402-796-2254 or lchudkins@windstream.net.

Ahoy all Supervisors Past and Present: The S.S. O.E.S. is setting sail for the port of Kearney. Temple Chapter #271 has had the privilege of hosting the Past District Grand Supervisors lunch for 12 years. Please join us for a “super” send off Wednesday, May 9, 2012. See your Chapter Secretary for a Grand Chapter registration form. See you May!

HEADED SOUTH TO FORT WORTH – C'mon ride the bus! There are a few spots left on Nebraska's chartered bus headed to the 47th Triennial Assembly November 1st through November 9th in Fort Worth, Texas. What a great way to spend some quality time with your OES sisters and brothers than to sit back, relax and leave the driving to someone else. If you have not sent a bus registration form in, if you have been thinking about making the trip, or if you still need information, contact Billie Mattern, PGM, as soon as possible, at (402) 455-0472 or billieraym@hotmail.com. AND, a reminder to those who have signed up for the bus trip

or have decided to travel on your own, if you would like Sister Billie to send in your housing reservation form, please complete it and mail to her at 2875 Bauman Avenue, Omaha, NE 68112, no later than FEBRUARY 29, 2012.

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2011 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2012 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it soon so you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.

The Chapel of Peace Quotes:

“Dear God, give us strength to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed. Give us courage to change the things that can and should be changed,

and give us wisdom to distinguish one from the other” **Reinhold Niebuhr**

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy... O Almighty Lord grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.” **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**



THE OES “LIGHT” CALENDAR

- Feb 2-4Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- March 1stDeadline for ESTARL Applications
- April 1stDeadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- April 30th Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- May 1st Deadline for Scholarships
- 5/29-6/2.....Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Lincoln
- June 8-10.....Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete
- June 27-30.....Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in North Platte
- May 8-10GRAND CHAPTER IN LINCOLN AT PERSHING CENTER



Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **The information and forms for the 2012-2013 Scholarship Program.** The Scholarship Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees have approved one \$500 scholarship for the coming year.
- ❖ **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.