

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"The Spirit of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

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.



2013 Grand Chapter: You'll be able to walk right from Grand Chapter to your room at the hotel under a covered roof so no weather problems.



Hello!! Your WGM Judy asked me to check in with all of you, so that's just what I'm doing!! First of all, I want to tell you what I've been up to. I was asked to be a host for the recent School of Instruction in Plattsmouth for 17 District Grand Supervisors, so I was there in all my finery greeting everyone as they came in. I wasn't allowed to be in the Chapter Room for the School, but I did listen through the door now and then. I cannot believe the intense School that the Board of Grand Supervisors put on!!! They give out an awfully lot of information and then it was up to the District Grand Supervisors to go over it all again. I can tell you that those gals are well prepared and eager to be with you at your School of Instruction. They have worked

very hard, so I encourage you to welcome them into your Chapter and be prepared to learn from them.

Grand Chapter is really getting close and everyone seems to be a flutter getting things done. I'm looking forward to hearing our Celebrate Choir that our WGM is going to have and I hope you have sent in your information to let her know you will be taking part. She says that anyone and everyone is welcome no matter what else you are doing at Grand Chapter ...so send in your name and what part you sing. The Special Project for the year has been our Youth. What a great project! I hope that all of you have been working with the youth organization in your community ... then be sure to send in your documentation to Karen Bugbee PO Box 24, Taylor, NE 68879 or email her at kjbjbugbee@hotmail.com. Each Chapter taking part will receive the **"Shining Star" Award** at Grand Chapter ... so get busy if you haven't done something and if you have, let Karen know what you did. The Grand Chapter office will be sending out all the information for the "Spirit of the Star" Grand Session, so be watching for that. I'm getting very excited to see all of you. It's going to be a GREAT Celebration!!!

Well, that's all for now and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone on your Installation!! Your Eastern Star Buddy Alvin!

Congratulations to Brother Alvin Benemerito, Worthy Grand Patron on receiving the Masonic Achievement Award from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The medallion was presented by Worshipful Brother Kevin Lindly, Grand Senior Steward of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on January 12, 2013. Alvin received the award at the installation of officers of Long Pine Lodge #136.

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2012 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2013 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it right away you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.



Remember to send in the Volunteer Man-Hours & Financial Contribution Report Forms to Tarl & Jessica Carpenter at PO Box 205, Cortland, NE 68331. The forms are due May 1, 2013. The form may be submitted by Chapters or individual members to the Co-Chairs and should include any volunteer time from April 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

ESTARL COMMITTEE: The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership awards are grants given to students preparing for a variety of religious vocations. The criteria are:
 - Students preparing for leadership in a field of religious service- Are or have been a resident of Nebraska - A student enrolled in an accredited seminary or religious school with the goal of ordination or authorized spiritual leadership - A student enrolled in an accredited Bible college with the goal of religious service - A student enrolled in an

accredited lay ministry program with the goal of licensure, commissioning or certification - Or lay leaders or currently ordained minister or faith leader pursuing continuing education or an advanced degree. Applications can be obtained from the Grand Secretary's office and are due to Grand Chapter by March 1st; late or incomplete applications will not be considered. If any member of the Order knows of anyone needing assistance, please give them one of our fliers, the number at the Grand

Chapter office or contact a member of the ESTARL committee: Diann Frahm, Roger Warnke, Marvin Kraus, Diane Wilson, and Jim Taylor

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

Deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered at the next Grand Chapter Session: FEBRUARY 13, 2013.



THE "CELEBRATE" CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH NEWS BY FEBRUARY 15

- February 9 Annual 4-H Chili Supper at Masonic-Eastern Home for Children 5:00-7:00 pm
- March 1 ESTARL application deadline
- April 1 Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- April 4-6 Grand York Rite in Kearney at Holiday Inn
- April 30 Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- May 1 Deadline for Scholarships
- May 14-16 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- May 28-June 1 Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- June 1 Shrine Bowl in Kearney
- June 14-16 Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete
- June 19-22 Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in North Platte



Enclosed with this OES News_____

The information and forms for the 2013-2014 Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees have approved one \$500 scholarship for the coming year

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