

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Stars across the Prairie”



Jottings from Jan

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.



Congratulations!

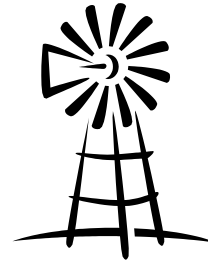
On August 11th at the cornerstone laying ceremony at the Nebraska Masonic Home Sister Mary Stapp, Executive Director received a very high honor. The new wing at the Nebraska Masonic Home was named the Mary C. Stapp Wing. Congratulations Mary and thanks for all you have done the past 40 years.

Congratulations to Brother Charles “Ched” House, PGP on receiving the Grand Master’s Humanitarian Award. Ched received the award in appreciation for his service to the Masonic fraternity and the community. Ched began serving as a board member of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in 1984. In 1986 he became president, an office he still holds. Thanks Brother Ched for all you have done for Eastern Star and the Childrens Home.

Chapter Happenings:

Crete Chapter Spends Day with Kids

On September 22, 2013 11 members from Crete Chapter #104 of Crete, NE took a mystery trip planned by Worthy Matron Kelsey Larsen, Worthy Patron Jerry Bepalec, & Associate Conductress Judy Bepalec, PGM. Members were told to meet at the Chapter at 3:00pm, dress code was casual, and to bring money for supper. Members tried guessing the destination but none were correct. Upon arriving at the destination members were handed a copy of the Owl, a newspaper released by Doane College in Crete, NE, that featured an article about Professor Diana McCown and her goat kids in Martell, NE. Members learned at that moment that they were at a goat farm. Diana showed the members of Crete Chapter around her 5 acre farm that was home to 40 goats. On the tour Diana explained her milking and breeding process as well as showed the members where she makes goat cheese. At the end of the tour members were allowed to try and purchase several types of goat cheese. After the tour, members then carpooled to yet another destination. Worthy Patron, Jerry took the back roads so had members guessing again as to where we were going for supper. Our final destination was a restaurant in Pleasant Dale, NE. All-in-all a fun-filled and educational afternoon was had by the members of Crete Chapter #104. Kelsey Larsen, W.M.



Brrrrrr, has it been windy and chilly! That’s what happens when winter approaches. The leaves are starting to turn beautiful fall colors and fall from

the trees. I think I like it better when the grass and trees are green and the wind blowing across the prairie makes the grass look like waves. I like fall too, but it is a little more boring on my part.

I am having a little trouble not noticing those Grand Officer cars zipping down the highways as they went to all 17 Area Visitations. I was right last time, several of the Grand Family did attend Grand Chapter in Pierre, South Dakota (good thing the snow was melted); Columbia, Missouri; Guthrie, Oklahoma; and Adventure Land in Iowa. They always have such a Grand time renewing friendships and making new friends.

I have an update on the Alzheimer’s Walks ---- Chapters participated in the Walks in Norfolk, Fremont, Lincoln, McCook and Omaha. It was a beautiful day in Omaha and 43 people walked with the OES. WGM Bev is so excited and pleased that everyone has supported the walks. At the present time, with more money still arriving, OES has collected more than \$6000 for Alzheimer’s at the walks. Thank you to everyone who walked and for those who donated money for those walkers. It was great to have Grand Master Tom Hauder and his wife, Anne, join the officers in Omaha. I love to see the Masonic Unity. When you see Grand Master Tom, tell him “thanks” for supporting our project.

November brings a more quiet time for the Grand Family. It also brings Election of Officers in the chapters. Wow! Where has 2013 gone?

“I wish you a glorious fall season and a bountiful Thanksgiving.”

Windy

2012 Rituals Have Arrived!

The cost of the rituals remained the same as what was charged for the 2009 rituals: 1. Green regular print ritual \$18.50 2. White large print ritual \$22.50 3. Extra large print tan ritual \$32.50 4. Spiral large print dark blue ritual \$24.50. The spiral book is something new. Remember that sales tax also has to be charged.

At the Area Visitations, Quilt Blocks were signed by the members of each Chapter. These are to be used to make lap robes for the residents in the Masonic Home. If anyone has fabric or time to donate putting these together, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bev Donham, Worthy Grand Matron



THE "PRAIRIE" CALENDAR



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

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER NEWS BY NOVEMBER 15

- Nov 2 Capitol #320, Annual Spaghetti, 6:30 pm, \$6.00 adults & \$3.00 kids, 4641 Cooper Ave, Lincoln
- Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov 3 Trinity #299, Pancake Breakfast 8:00-1:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Nov 17 Rainbow Grand Cross of Color Brunch at 11:00am, open to all Masters of the Grand Cross of Color, \$8.00 per person, Athena Assembly #24, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, RSVP to Sheli Rice by November 10, 402-676-3495, Sheli.Rice@cox.net
- Nov 18 AkSarBen Chapter #277 card party, 10:00 am, Northwest Hills Church, 9334 Fort St, Omaha
- Nov 27 Hanukkah begins
- Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 14 Vesta #6 Holiday boutique 4:00-6:00pm, 5903 Maple St, Omaha

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2014" DATES

- Jan 15 Annual Reports are due
- Feb 6-8 Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center
- May 13-15 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER
- Sept 27-28 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Christmas greetings from the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron
- ❖ Letter from Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron



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

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Important Websites:

Nebraska Grand Chapter
 General Grand Chapter
 Nebraska Grand Lodge
 Job's Daughters
 Rainbow for Girls
 DeMolay for Boys
 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
 NE Masonic Home

www.neoes.org
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www.glne.org
www.jdne.org
www.nebraskarainbowgirls.com
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www.meshc.org
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