

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Stars across the Prairie"




Jottings from Jan

Secretaries please read and provide copies of the Grand Chapter information that you previously received. With the Grand Chapter packet the secretaries will find the credentials with instructions for Grand Chapter.

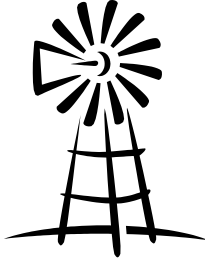
Please note the change that the three hotels we have a special rate for at Grand Chapter are: Fairfield Inn 308-236-4200, Hampton Inn 308-234-3400 and Wingate Inn 308-237-4400.

PLEASE CHANGE IN YOUR NEW OFFICER & SUPPLY BOOKS THAT HARMONY CHAPTER #13 IN COLUMBUS STATED MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE SECOND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

To Past and Present Secretaries & Treasurers:

 Grand Chapter is coming. Did you know that there is a luncheon just for Secretaries and Treasurers? It is the Rose Association Luncheon on Wednesday, May 14th. The luncheon is open to all past and present Secretaries and Treasurers. The food is delicious—and it's fun to get to know your counterparts from across the state. Sign up on your pre-registration form.

A person can succeed at almost anything for which they have unlimited enthusiasm. - Charles Schwab



Happy March, Yes, it is March the "windy" month. I don't know if the winds can actually be any stronger than they have been so far this year. Whew!

The District Grand Supervisors have been busy preparing and conducting your schools of Instruction.

I know that you have enjoyed their visits. Most of them still have lots of visits to complete, so attend your meeting and enjoy the school. I know that the Supervisor will enjoy your Chapter.

Plans are well underway for Grand Chapter to be held May 13th – 15th in Kearney. I hope that you have responded to help when requested by the Worthy Grand Matron or the Committee Chairpersons. Grand Chapter is **YOUR** Grand Chapter so plan to attend.

As I stated in my last letter, there will be a Choir again this year -- even if you can be there for only one day, please plan to join the choir and sing. Wish I could go inside and sing. ☺ I can "sing" when it is really windy, have you ever heard a windmill sing?

Each Chapter has received the information for Grand Chapter so please read it and send in your reservations.

I will close with an Irish saying, "A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have."
~ Author unknown

I'm glad that you are my friend! See you next month.
Windy

**DEADLINE FOR
EDUCATIONAL LOAN
APPLICATIONS IS
APRIL 1st 2014**



**SILENT AUCTION AT
GRAND CHAPTER TO
SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S
RESEARCH. REMEMBER YOUR
BASKETS AND ITEMS FOR THE
SILENT AUCTION. BE CREATIVE
AND SUPPORT THIS VERY
WORTHWHILE PROJECT.**



You are invited to join the "Celebrate" Choir at Grand Chapter. Contact the Grand Chapter office for the form or download it from the website (www.neoes.org). The form should be sent to Bev Donham, WGM by April 1, 2014. All that is needed to participate is a desire to sing. Come join the fun.





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 APRIL NEWS BY MARCH 15

- March 1 Annual 4-H Chili Supper at Masonic-Eastern Home for Children 5:00-7:00 pm, \$5.00
- March 1 ESTARL application deadline
- March 2 AkSarBen #277, Pancake breakfast, 8:00am - 1:00pm, 2823 N 83rd St.
- March 9 Trinity #299, Soup and salad luncheon, 11:00 am- 2:00 pm, \$8.00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- March 17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day
- April 1 Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- April 1 Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- April 5 Trinity #299, Style Show and Salad Luncheon 11:00-3:00, \$8.00 donation, 2424 S. 135th
- May 1 Deadline for scholarships
- May 13-15 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- June 3-7 20th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- June 13-15 Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly at Doane in Crete
- June 24-28 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- July 11-13 DeMolay Conclave in Lincoln
- July 25-27 Join OES Sisters & Brothers for a fun weekend in South Dakota with Iowa, Kansas and Missouri
- Sept 27-28 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

SAVE THE DATE! The Belmont Ball. Join us on November 7th and 8th, 2014 in Washington, DC at the Belmont Mansion. Belmont Ball – Saturday, November 8, 2014. Proceeds to benefit the "1618 Project" of the International Headquarters of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Hotel reservations at Dupont Circle Hotel. Reservations can be made by calling 855-523-6953 and referring to the General Grand Chapter, OES.

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **Officers and Supplies Book**—which lists the officers and contact information for all of our Chapters as well as lots of other good contact information.
- ❖ **Nebraska/Colorado Roundup registration form**
- ❖ **2012-2015 General Grand Chapter Rob Morris Membership Award Form**

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