

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“A Legacy of Service”



Jottings from Jan

You have now received a new “Grand Officers and Standing Committees”

booklet. Please make the correction for
1. Kelly Stahly - her email should be
kelly.shahly@gmail.com. 2. Bruce Baker,
AGP new email
bruceabaker30@gmail.com 3. Gary
Brhel phone 402-560-6615

BIG RED DINNER IN FLORIDA

Date: October 30, 2018



Time:
6:00
P.M.

Location: Puerto Rico Room in
the North Tower

*Orlando World Center Marriott
Resort & Convention Center*

*Cost: \$53.00 includes
gratuity/tax*

***RSVP with payment due
September 1, 2018***

If you are traveling to General Grand
Chapter independently instead flying
with the Nebraska delegation, I may
not have your name. For detailed
information and reservation form for
this dinner honoring our own
General Grand Chapter appointees,
please contact Cheryl Beckius PGM,
PO Box 140 Keystone, Ne. 69144
Phone: 308/726-2302 or email:
cbbeckius@lakemac.net or the Grand
Secretary.

*Youth Committee: requests a brief report
from all chapters concerning youth
activities and or youth projects by the
end of September to Sue Arndt, Oshkosh.
Reports will be used to help give ideas to
all chapters in supporting our youth.*

On the Road Again.....

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

The Cruisers, Roadsters and Hot Rods have been busily putting on the miles traveling our beautiful state and having lots of fun doing it.

After spending quality time with our Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughter, as well as starting our Area Visitations in Bridgeport and Gordon in June, we continued our travels by going to McCook and North Platte for Area Visitations 3 and 4 the first weekend in July. What a beautiful trip. Everything is so green and lush out west right now. We had a great weekend visiting with our Sisters and Brothers. The weekend wrapped up with the annual Masonic Home Picnic in Plattsmouth where we spent a lovely afternoon visiting with the residents of the home, eating great food provided by Home Chapter #189 of Plattsmouth, and being entertained by the Sarpy Serenaders, a barbershop quartet.

It was then off to Salt Lake City for an orientation weekend for a group of the Grand Officers and future General Grand Chapter Committee appointees who will be involved in the next triennium activities of General Grand Chapter. Hopefully, the information we brought home will be helpful to our Chapters. Though it was a working weekend, some of us were able to find a few moments to play tourists.

The next weekend found us attending a reception for our Grand Esther, Sister Meagan Lasiter, at Luna Chapter #169 in Elkhorn, and enjoying some wonderful kinship and home made ice cream. We certainly eat a lot!

Area Visitations in Lincoln and Kearney, and attending De Molay Conclave in Grand Island kept us on the move the following weekend. Again we enjoyed great company and great food. What a pleasure it was to spend an

evening with some impressive young people and witness the installation of the Grand Officers for DeMoley. Spending time with our youth organizations is never a waste of time and gives a hope. Our last weekend activity for July was 5 State held in Omaha, Nebraska. Nebraska had the honor of hosting this event this year. We welcomed Sisters and Brothers from South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. It was one great party. We made it possible for some of our visitors wishing to do so to visit the Children's Home in Fremont for their Achievement Day activities. We are so proud of our Home and wanted to show it off.

Well, until next time, be well and travel safe. C. Cruiser

This is just a reminder that the Service and Therapy Dog Committee is scheduling presentations to Chapters starting this fall. Contact our chairperson, Beth Benson at bazi16@msn.com to schedule your chapter's presentation. If you have already sent in a requested date, you will be hearing from the committee shortly if you have not already. Please also email Beth with the name and contact information for your chapter's chairman. Many chapters are busy planning fun events to support and learn about this new project. PAW-SUME!

Special Project for 2018-2019 **Foodbank for the Heartland** **“BackPack Program”**

Food Bank for the Heartland's BackPack program provides nutritious, easy-to-prepare food for children in need to take home from school over the weekends when other food may not be readily available.

THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

This year's **CHIP event** at the **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island will be held **Opening Weekend - Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26, 2018** between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm both days. **The State Fair board is giving us prime space in the 4-H Building near the Kids Zone.** Your help is needed!

We need at least **90 volunteers** to fill two days of morning shifts from 9:00am to 3:30pm and evening shifts from 2:30pm to 9:00pm. **You will receive a free pass for gate admission if volunteering for a full shift.**

Please alert each and every member of your Lodges, Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, Youth groups, family and friends.

Volunteers should visit <http://bit.ly/2018statefairCHIP> OR contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office to sign up on the schedule. (michelle@gne.org or 402-475-4640).

Please help us make this a huge success. The exposure this event gives Masonry and the CHIP program is HUGE. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle. Thanks for your help!

THE "A LEGACY OF SERVICE" CALENDAR

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

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWS BY AUGUST 10

- Aug 3 Area 7, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Palmyra
- Aug 4 .Area 8, Brownville, **Beatrice**, Pawnee City, Humboldt
- Aug 4 Area 9, Columbus, David City, Crete, Milford, Utica
- Aug 10-12 NE/IA Fun Casual Weekend, Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, Box lunch supper, fun and games, BBQ dinner, Melodrama "The Witch of Waverly Wood", Sunday church service.
- Aug 11 Martha Washington, Fish Fry, 4:30 -7:00, \$10.00, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw Drinks, also a bake sale, 4430 N 70th, Lincoln
- Aug 17 .Area 10, Ainsworth, Valentine, Thedford
- Aug 18 .Area 11, Norfolk, Plainview, Stanton, Wausa, Laurel
- Aug 20 .AkSarBen Chapter #277, OES card party, 10-2:00, Northwest Hills Church, Omaha
- Aug 24 NE/KS Exchange, 5:30 banquet in Hiawatha, KS & 7:00 Initiation by NE Gr. Officers
- Aug 25 .NE/KS Exchange, 12:30 luncheon in Nebraska City, 2:00 Initiation by KS Gr. Officers
- Sep 8 .Area 12, Grand Island, Aurora, Stromsburg, Central City, Phillips, Osceola
- Sept 8 .Martha Washington, Fish Fry, 4:30 -7:00, \$10.00, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw Drinks, also a bake sale, 4430 N 70th, Lincoln
- Sept 11 .Friendship #122, It's "Dogs for Dogs" night and they will be serving a light lunch including hot dogs at 6:00pm before the 7:30 meeting. Short presentation by the Service & Therapy Dog Committee. Free will offering will be taken to support the Project. Hooper Masonic Hall, 109 N Main
- Sep 14 .Area 13, Bellevue, Papillion, Adah, Vesta, Trinity, Narcissus, AkSarBen
- Sep 15 .Area 14, Hooper, **Fremont**, North Bend, Fort Calhoun, Herman, Tekamah, Elkhorn
- Sept 30 Alpha #325, Vendor Bazaar, 2:00-4:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue

Oct 25-Nov 2 "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love" 49th Triennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida

Enclosed with this OES News:

Big Red Dinner registration form

General Grand Chapter letter concerning Perry Belmont House Foundation

~~~~ YOU CAN POST YOUR EVENTS ON THE NEBRASKA OES WEB-SITE CALENDAR~~~~

**Visit us on the web at [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"**

**Send you event, date, time, cost, location to Kerri Straub, Webmaster at [kstraub73@gmail.com](mailto:kstraub73@gmail.com)**

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