

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"A Legacy of Service"*



## Jottings from Jan

The annual reports were mailed to the Chapters in early November. Don't forget that they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2019. Remember, you do not need a vote of the Chapter to disburse your check for per capita dues, as that amount is specified in the Grand Chapter Bylaws, but if you prefer to make a motion for the payment, be sure to do it in December so as not to delay your report, which must be accompanied by the per capita funds.

Many Chapters suspend for non-payment of dues as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. You may still have time to make a personal contact with those members and encourage them to pay – or at least to request a Demit. We work so hard to get new members; we should work equally hard to keep them.

**SILENT AUCTION** – The Nebraska Grand Lodge will again host the Silent Auction at their Annual Communication in Kearney, January 31-February 2, 2019. We would appreciate your individual or Chapter donations, as all proceeds will go to our Nebraska Youth Groups, DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow. For questions contact Gene and Judy Wehrbein at 402-298-891 or [gwehrbein@jagwireless.net](mailto:gwehrbein@jagwireless.net).



## On the Road Again.....

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

The month of December is thankfully a quiet month for the Grand Family. For those of us who ventured to General Grand Chapter in Orlando, we needed just the month of November to recover. It was quite an experience, and I know that I walked at least 16 miles the week we were there, and that was all inside just going from our room to the where the sessions were held.

The Grand Family celebrating with their family Christmas party at Chances "R" in York, Nebraska, on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The rest of the month, like November, was spent enjoying the holidays with our families and friends.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Until next year, Candy, WGM

Our warmest congratulations to our Past Grand Matrons who received special appointments for the new triennium at General Grand Chapter: Sister Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary, Ambassador to the Philippines, Luzon; Sister Sharlene Coulter, Appeals and Grievances Committee; Sister Cynthia Norman, Eastern Star Journal Committee; Sister Judy Wehrbein, Service Dog Committee; and Sister Beverly Donham, Youth Committee. Congratulations also to Sister Laurie Sieg who was given the special appointment by the MWGM as a Campfire Friend.

Our Subordinate Chapters in Nebraska were asked to participate in discussion and then sharing their perspectives, opinions, and results with the Special Committee regarding the resolutions to be presented at General Grand Chapter 2018 offering options for changes in membership eligibility. Our Chapters' responses gave our voting delegates the opportunity to cast their votes having heard the voice of our membership. The following responses were received from our Chapters: 57 Chapters in favor of membership eligibility change. Included in those Chapters was one response supporting all resolutions except #17 and one chapter who only supported the resolution presented by Betty Garwood, PGM. Two Chapters responded that their Chapter members were tied, no majority for or against change. Four Chapters responded opposing any change in membership eligibility. Thank you to each Chapter for spending time, energy and thoughtfulness in speaking your opinions and listening to each other within your Chapters. Thank you for making the effort to respond to our request for your Chapter's report. The life and health of our Order is dependent upon such dedication and commitment. It has been our pleasure to serve as the Special Committee on Membership Eligibility, observe the engagement of our members and Chapters, read your responses, report to our voting delegates, and now share our findings with each member. Together we can direct our Order on a successful journey into the future. Special Committee on Membership Eligibility: Susan Olson (216), Denny Smith PGP (92), Carol Luther PGM (246), Bruce Baker AGP (39), Karan Birdsall AGM (271)

**Educational Loan Committee:**

Something you may not know about the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. Nebraska Grand Chapter has funds to loan for vocational, undergraduate, or post graduate education.

To qualify for a loan you must be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, or be related to a current or former member, in good standing, of a Eastern Star Chapter of the State of Nebraska.

A student may borrow up to \$2,200.00 per semester for vocational, undergraduate, or post graduate education. The total amount that can be borrowed is \$17,000.00. Applicants must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate. The applicant is

required to sign a note for the loan and obtain a co-signer.

Even though principal is not due for four years from the date the note is taken, interest is due when billed. Interest is charged at 4% per year.

All Nebraska Eastern Star members and their qualified relatives are encouraged to consider an Educational Loan from Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star.

Applications are available online at [www.neoes.org](http://www.neoes.org) or call Nebraska Grand Chapter Office at 402.937-7056. The complete application must be mailed to the Grand Chapter office no later than April 1st of each year.



### **Service & Therapy Dog Committee:**

Reminder – monies collected in the coin jars and by other fund raisers for the OES Service and Therapy Dog Project need to be turned in to the Grand Secretary no later than December 31, 2018. The check needs to be made out to the Grand Chapter with the designation marked as Service and Therapy Dog Project. Thank you for all that you have done for this project in 2018 and we look forward to future fund raising projects in 2019

## **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 JANUARY NEWS BY DECEMBER 10**

Dec 2 Hanukkah begins

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

### **2019**

Jan 19-21 School of Instruction in Fremont

Jan 31-2 Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney

Mar 1 ESTARL deadline

Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline

Apr 1 Masonic Youth \$1000 scholarships deadline

Apr 4-6 Grand York Rite, New World Inn, Columbus

Apr 26-27 Nebraska/South Dakota exchange

May 1 Chapter scholarships deadline

**May 14-16 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney**

**Save the Date: Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, September 26-27, 2020, Kearney**

### **Enclosed with this OES News:**

- OES Service & Therapy Dog Project Quilt Raffle information
- Letter from the Worthy Grand Matron

~~~~ 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)**