

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“To God Be The Glory”



**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.**

Hello, Sisters and Brothers, and
Happy Valentine's Day!

As you look forward to and
celebrate this fun time of giving
tokens of appreciation and
affection to those you love, we
know you, in turn, will be blessed
by even the simplest act of
giving! This is also an excellent
time to reach out to those whom
you've not seen at Star meetings
in a while. See if you can offer a
ride to the meetings or check on
their health. Spend a little time
visiting with them. If they were
unable to be with you, they may
not have been able to interact
with family, and at this time of
year, when we are all cooped up
inside for several hours a day,
loneliness and depression can set
in.

This year, we have focused on
uniting with our Masonic
Organizations to work together
on gaining new members. We
would encourage you to plan an

activity involving your local lodge,
Job's Daughter's bethel, Rainbow
assembly, DeMolay chapter,
shrine club, Scottish Rite, York
Rite, Beauceant, and Daughters of
the Nile groups. Either by hosting
a dinner, a cards and games
party, a free movie night, or some
other fun activity, you can share
fellowship and get to know more
about our Masonic family. It
might be fun to include a
presentation from the Masonic
Home or from our OES Star Dogs
committee to your gathering. It
could be an event to invite
prospective members from the
community to come and hear
about the various organizations.

We know you are busy
preparing to host your District
Grand Supervisor's school of
instruction this month or next.
Please be prepared for her visit—
study your ritualistic work well
and check to see if there is
anything in the Secret work and
instruction book that pertains to
your office. Every member in
Nebraska now can access the
instruction book and laws on their
cell phone, tablet, or computer,
by going to the Grand Chapter
website: neoes.org, clicking on
the menu button in the upper
left-hand corner, scrolling down
to "Members" and clicking on the
arrow. Then select Red Book, and
"Click here to download the
Complete Nebraska OES
Constitution, Bylaws and Book of
Instruction. If you had already
done that and printed off a copy

of the Red book, you can access
the new information by clicking
on the page updates for 2023.
This is the new information that
has been codified by our
Jurisprudence Committee. If you
have previously printed a copy of
the book, this will be the pages
that you need to replace for your
book to be up to date. Your
supervisor will bring new pages to
those of you whose books have
been issued to the Line Officers
and Secretary by the Grand
Chapter. Remember, it is
important to update your book
each year. **If you have one of the
Grand Chapter-issued books,
please make sure to take it to
your Chapter's school of
instruction.** (If you had previously
downloaded the book to your
device, you may have to clear the
old download, as the previously
cached file is the one your device
will bring up each time until it is
deleted.)

Last month, I mentioned
memorization of your work—
hopefully, you have been
studying your part daily since
then! It takes frequent, repeated
practice to put things into your
long-term memory and keep
them there! No matter whether
you are a new officer or an
experienced one, We would
encourage you to **attend** your
Chapter's school and listen
carefully to the instruction your
supervisor gives—you may have
done things a certain way in the
past, but that way may no longer

be the "correct" or desired way of doing things! Changes are made for a variety of reasons, many of which may regard safety and best practices. **If you are unable to attend, for whatever reason, please let your Worthy Matron or Secretary know, so they can make sure to give you any information that you need to know regarding your office that the Supervisor will leave with them.** School of instruction is an excellent time of fellowship with your chapter members and a wonderful way to learn new information from Grand Chapter!

Our 'To God Be the Glory' Grand Chapter session is 3 short months away. Your Chapter Secretary will be receiving registration materials soon, so be sure to obtain a copy from her/him when you hear that the materials are available. We look forward to seeing all of you in attendance! I know each of you will want to support your Sisters and Brothers who will be participating in the session.

If you are interested in serving as an Assistant Grand Warder or Assistant Grand Sentinel at Grand Chapter, please contact the Worthy Grand Matron. We have a few slots left that we need to fill. It is an excellent way to get acquainted with all our members and to be able to greet them. The session takes place the 14th-16th of May at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, with a special banquet for our Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, and Grand Pages on Monday evening, the 13th. You would also need to be available for march practices at 3:00 p.m. the 13th.

Our Flutterbies and Caterpillars are looking forward to attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, February 1st-3rd, at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, as well as celebrating a 150-year Anniversary with Electa Chapter #8 on March 16th, and an exciting 4-state get together in Golden, Colorado on March 23rd, with Grand Officers attending from

Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Colorado. We also look forward to attending Grand York Rite in April, and many of us will also attend Kansas Grand Chapter, April 25th-27th.

We hope to see some of you at these events!

Faternally,

Linda Dubry, WGM, and Lucian Cecil Smith, WGP



Remember your baskets and items for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter to support the special project "OES Star Dogs of NE Inc.". The Grand Secretary invites all the secretaries to come and bid on her secretarial basket. It's great fun each year to see all the unique baskets.



THE "GLORY" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH NEWS BY FEBRUARY 10TH

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| Feb 1-3 | .Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Younes Conference Center |
| Mar 16 | Electa Chapter #8, Lincoln will celebrate, 150 th Charter Day celebration, 1:00 catered meal – ticket available from Beth Benson, Chapter Secretary. 2:30 dessert reception, open to everyone (no cost). 1635 L St, Lincoln |
| May 14-16 | Grand Chapter |
| Oct 24-Nov 1 | General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (For more information contact Sister Dottie Arent, PGM) Dottie would like to know how many are interested in going to GGC, so send her your name and contact information. |

Enclosed with this OES News:

- 🐾 The information and forms for the 2024-2025 Scholarship Program