

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Enduring Hope”*



## Jottings from Jan

Please send the  
“After Installation  
Report” and the receipts that  
have been signed for the Red  
Books and Secret Work within  
3 business days after your  
Installation.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:  
REMINDER: Resolutions to  
amend the Constitution and  
Bylaws of the Grand Chapter  
are due in the Grand Chapter  
office 90 days before the  
Session. (sec. 174) Deadline  
for submitting resolutions:  
February 10, 2021

**March 1, 2021: Final date for**  
**submission of Resolutions to the**  
**Office of the Right Worthy**  
**Grand Secretary. (8 months**  
**prior to the Opening of the 50<sup>th</sup>**  
**Assembly of the General Grand**  
**Chapter)**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
Merry Christmas! Happy New  
Year!

It is common tradition during  
Advent, Hanukkah and  
Christmastide to contemplate  
“what can I give” and “what can I  
do”. As we approach the New  
Year holiday many observe  
establishing resolutions for the  
coming year. We share this  
challenge for your consideration

and potential adoption: “Resolve  
to make at least one person happy  
every day, and then in ten years  
you may have made three  
thousand, six hundred and fifty  
persons happy, or brightened a  
small town by your contribution  
to the fund of general enjoyment.”

This perspective for how to  
live is not a new one. It was  
penned by Sir Sydney Smith in  
the early 19th century. For more  
than two hundred years his  
recommendation for living has  
been alive and on paper in our  
midst. How many lives have been  
changed? How many can be lifted  
up to be happier or more joyful?  
What would happen if we of  
Nebraska Eastern Star adopted  
this effort? Well, by January 1,  
2022 more than two million  
experiences of brightness and  
happiness will have been  
accomplished. 2,000,000! That’s  
significant! That is life changing!  
What would our communities  
look like? Sisters and Brothers we  
can make a difference in our  
world! What does it take to make  
someone happy? Psychology  
Today writers share that people  
will be happy when they  
experience any of these four  
“things”: 1) Friendliness, 2)  
Cheerfulness, 3) Compassion, and  
4) Gratitude. We can give those  
gifts.....even if only once a  
day....and they will total more  
than 2 million times in 2021!

We believe if we are  
dedicated to increase the  
happiness and joy of another, we  
need to begin by listening. We  
need to hear and understand the

needs of those around us.  
Psychologists also remind us that  
we all need and want the same  
things. We all need to be loved.  
We all need someone we can  
love. And finally, we all need  
something worthwhile to do and  
be a part of. Our differences are  
smaller and fewer than these three  
shared needs. How we live, listen  
and reach out impacts the world  
around us. We are capable of  
being great agents of happiness  
and joy in the world today. Our  
prayers include you and your  
choice for living, listening and  
caring as an army of charity, truth  
and loving kindness. Together,  
wherever we are, let’s “do  
something”. Let’s work as an  
army for change, joy, and  
happiness.

Our prayers continue for the  
safety, well being and good health  
of each of you. May your  
holidays be filled with joy,  
happiness, hope and peace. Merry  
Christmas! Happy New Year!

Bruce and Karan  
P.S. While the challenges of  
COVID-19 have slowed our  
events, meetings, fundraising, and  
public awareness, the world and  
our neighbors need OES and its  
charity, truth, and loving kindness  
now more than ever before! Let  
us reach out and serve. Potentially  
this could be our best recruiting  
tool..... merely love and care for  
those around us! We believe  
people will respond!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

This month the OES NEWS is being sent to the 2021 Worthy Matrons and Secretaries. If you received the NEWS please share it with your Chapter even though you may not yet have been installed. Thanks!

**Thank You:** Sister Bonnie Evans, PGM is sending a thank you for all the prayers, cards, notes and thoughts following her stroke. She said “she is so thankful for her OES family”!

**Membership Eligibility**  
Must have attained the age of eighteen

1. Affiliated Master Masons in good standing
2. Wives
3. Daughters
4. Legally adopted daughters
5. Mothers
6. Widows
7. Sisters
8. Half-sisters
9. Granddaughters
10. Stepmothers
11. Stepdaughters
12. Stepsisters
13. Daughters-in-law
14. Grandmothers
15. Great-granddaughters
16. Nieces
17. Great-nieces
18. Mothers-in-law
19. Sisters-in-law
20. Aunts
21. First and second female cousins

22. Active for (3) years or majority in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- 23, active for (3) years or majority in Job’s Daughters International

**William Arthur Ward**  
This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!

**Doggie Wisdom:**

If someone offers you a breath mint,  
**take it.**

The things around you are never as important as **whose arms are around you.**



**THE “ENDURING HOPE” CALENDAR**



**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBUARY NEWS BY JANUARY 10TH**

- Jan 1 Virtual Social Celebration at 6:00 pm
- Jan 15 Annual reports are due into the Grand Chapter office
- Feb 4-6 .Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Mar 1 ESTARL Application deadline
- Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline
- Apr 1 Masonic Youth \$1000 scholarships deadline
- Apr 15-17 Grand York Rite at the Holiday Inn in Kearney
- May 11-13 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Aug 12 Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour on Holland America Line, details on our website or contact David Wetrosky at [dwetrosky@neb.rr.com](mailto:dwetrosky@neb.rr.com)
- Oct 16-17 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney
- Oct 29-Nov 5 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City, Utah

**Enclosed with this OES News:**

- o Letter from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- o Executive Order regarding 2021 Supervisors School
- o Big Red Party 2021 at General Grand Chapter
- o Christmas letter from our MWGM & MWGP

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