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“Enduring Hope”



Jottings from

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Do you know what the acronym

ESTARL means?

Eastern **S**tar **T**raining **A**wards for **R**eligious **L**eadership. We have two separate funds called the Landeryou Fund and the Yount Endowment Fund.

The **Landeryou Fund** was named in honor of Nebraska's Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Harold T Landeryou. Money for the grants awarded annually by your ESTARL Committee comes from this fund. When money goes into this fund it is for immediate disbursement for ESTARL grants – nothing is held back or invested from this fund.

The **Yount Endowment Fund** began with a bequest from Betty Yount, an Eastern Star member from Gering. The money given to this fund is invested and the income from those investments is transferred annually to the Landeryou fund to be used for the ESTARL grants.

Greetings to you Sisters and Brothers! Here in the midst of summer I pray you are safe, healthy, and finding joys around you.

The second chapter of Colossians speaks to us of being separated due to circumstances, the need to focus on choices and influences, and remaining faithfully connected. Sounds a lot like where we currently find

ourselves. We are only together physically in very limited ways, yet our connection to our Order and each other remains intact. We remain connected to those whom we love and serve and those who are placed upon our paths to meet.

Thank you for your faithfulness to each other. Thank you for you faithfulness to our Order, Grand Chapter and your chapters. I appreciate your communications and dedication to building and maintaining our connections.

Since our change in March of our normal Grand Chapter calendar for 2020, we have stressed the importance and availability of communications. As vital as communicating with our members and friends was in March, it is even more important with each passing day, week, and month. Please continue to reach out to your members, your friends, your neighbors. Check in with each other. Call. Write. Text. Email. Whatever you have in your communications toolbox, please use it! Good health mentally and physically depends on our connections.

Your tools to share communications our Eastern

Star family have been expanded and I encourage you to branch out. Zoom and Facebook-live allow for seeing, hearing, exchanging, and sharing time together. Please consider connecting with our website, YOUTUBE channel, and facebook pages. I will continue to reach out through USPS mail and emails. Your replies and responses are appreciated. Let us stay as close as our communications allow. It is always a blessing to hear your voice via the phone.

If you are meeting in September please remember how important it is that all members are aware of what transacted at the meeting. We can only be as caring and loving as we communicate. Encourage and support each member as we each are surrounded by change and challenge. Prayers abound! Stay safe! Stay socially distant! Stay home as often as possible! Pray without ceasing!

“For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.” Colossians 2:5

Star Love and with great expectations, Karan and Bruce

In Memoriam:

Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee Emeritus of General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Utah. She passed away on July 19, 2020. Sister Paula was initiated February 23, 1963 and she served as Worthy Grand Organist from 2000-2003, served as Ambassador to Aruba 2003-2006 and Right Worthy Grand Trustee 2006-2015 and was granted her Emeritus status in 2015.



Shopping Opportunity

If you are looking for Christmas gifts or simply something to treat yourself, here are a few ideas. The Serving Time Cookbooks are so fun to read and try some awesome recipes. It even has recipes for your Star Dog. If you would like to order any of the sales table items, such as car magnets, notecards, cookbooks, lapel pins, T-Shirts or polo shirts please contact Sister Sue Kittinger, Co-Chairman at 402-440-1465 or vlksue7110@gmail.com

Two dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter. "My dog is so smart," says Karan, "that every morning he goes to the store and buys me a sesame seed bagel with chive cream cheese, stops off at Starbucks and picks me up a mocha latte, and then comes home and turns on ESPN, all before I get out of bed." "I know," says Bruce. "How do you know?" Karan demands. "My dog told me."

What was the dogs favorite type of homework to do? A lab report!

What do you call a sad pup? mellon collie

Why do dogs bury bones in the ground? Because you can't bury them in trees!

Doggie Humor:

Why aren't dogs good dancers?
Because they have two left feet!



THE "ENDURING HOPE" CALENDAR




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

Oct 11 Rainbow One-Day Grand Assembly 9:00 am, Lincoln Scottish Rite Center

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Feb 4-6 .Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center 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

Oct 16-17 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney

Oct 29-Nov 5 50th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City, Utah

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Letter from our Most Worthy Grand Matron
- Letter from our WGM & WGP with September guidelines
- Let's Hang on from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

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