

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Enduring Hope”



Jottings from Jan

A few reminders for Grand Chapter:

- (1) Make your housing arrangements.
- (2) Mail in your Pre-registration form and attachment form. **The Deadline for pre-registration is April 15, 2021.**
- (3) Don't forget: Credentials, Dues Receipts, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron Cards.

Every member is entitled to a vote at Grand Chapter however this is a two step process. First you need to go to the Registration desk and show your dues receipt, pick up your packet and sign your Registration ticket that says you have paid \$10.00 and are entitled to attend all sessions of the 145th Grand Chapter Session. Second, you will need to go to the Credential Desk and show the registration ticket and you will receive your voting card. TO VOTE YOU MUST HAVE A VOTING CARD. Please remember the hours for credentials are Tuesday May 12th from 9:00 am until 6:30 pm and on Wednesday May 13th from 8:00 am until 12 noon. **No credentials will be registered before or after these times.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Wishing you a joyous Easter time filled with the hope that the best is yet to come! We are living in an amazing time in history where little steps, wise

choices, and patience are paying off for us right before our eyes. We pray you remain in good health and great spirits. We look forward to being together in a low risk Grand Chapter Session next month! Please ask if you have questions about the safe guards and planning we are implementing for your safety while we meet for the celebrations and business of our Grand Chapter. If you are unable to physically be with us, we will miss you and also invite you to join us virtually. On Tuesday May 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m. we will live cast from Grand Chapter to our Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star Facebook page. You need to be a member of the private group of this Facebook page to be able access the live cast. Please consider your Sisters and Brothers and share the word so as many as possible can join us virtually to attend Grand Chapter, view the flag ceremony, memorial hour, and various recognitions, presentations, and introductions.

What a joy it was to have more than 300 of us gather together for the School of Instruction and then the Secretary's Workshop the following week. Remember that your chapter has received a notebook of instructions, communications, and information to expand your instructions and awareness.

The notebook should be shared with members. The notebook can also be accessed from the MEMBERS drop down menu on the home page of our Grand Chapter website. It is password protected with the same password that you use to access our online Red Book. Feel free to use his information as a tool to boost your Star knowledge and communications.

We look forward to what lies ahead and believe that the best is yet to come yet be reminded of these wise words from Ghandi: **“What lies ahead of you & what lies behind you is nothing compared to what lies within you.”** May your charity, truth and loving kindness be generously shared with those around you. Star love and gratitude, Karan and Bruce

PLEASE BE REMINDED:

Permission has been granted to move into PHASE 2 if feasible, wise and comfortable for your chapter. No dispensation is needed during our current guidelines. Please communicate with the WGM Regarding your chapter's meeting.

Please contact Sister Dottie Arent, AGM (Povertyflat71@msn.com) if you are interested in participating as your Chapters representative to the Service and Therapy Dog Standing Committee.

Important News from your Service & Therapy Dog Committee:

The Service & Therapy Dog Standing Committee for Nebraska Grand Chapter continues to be busy in promoting the work of service and therapy dogs and raising funds to support these organizations. Please help us by responding to the following items:

1. Worthy Matrons, please share the contact information for your Chapter's Service & Therapy Dog contact representative to Lorrie Bryant at lebryaant714@gmail.com or 402-432-5530 as soon as possible. Their name, address, phone number, and email is appreciated.

2. Contact Betty Kirby, PGM if you need more tickets for the quilt drawing which will be held at Grand Chapter this year. (bkirby9137@gmail.com or 402-421-2502.

3. The Service & Therapy Dog Committee will have a presence at Grand Chapter this year. We will have notecards, dog collars and leashes, patches, lapel pins, and notebook covers to sell and/or order. You can see photos of some of the items on the Nebraska OES website <https://www.neoes.org> under the What's New category on the opening page. If you'd like to place an order before Grand Chapter, contact Lorrie Bryant using

the contact information provided above.

Thank you for your help and support!

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2020 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2021 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it right away you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.



THE "ENDURING HOPE" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MAY NEWS BY APRIL 10TH

- Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline
- Apr 1 Masonic Youth \$1000 scholarships deadline
- Apr 10 Drive-up dinners, Cream Chicken dinner or Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, 4:30-7:00, \$8.00, Martha Washington #153, drive up and honk at 4430 N 70th St, Lincoln
- Apr 15-17 Grand York Rite at the Holiday Inn in Kearney
- May 11-13 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Jun 10-13 Grand Assembly at Doane University in Crete
- Jun 15-19 Job's Daughters Grand Session at Holiday Inn in Kearney
- 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 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Resolutions, Standing Rules, Jurisprudence report
- Letter from Marianne Shenefelt, RWGS & Henry Martin, RWGS
- Silent auction flyer

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