

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Enduring Hope”



Jottings from Jan

You have now received a new “Grand Officers and Standing Committees” booklet. Please make the correction for: Tina Mogensen, Grand Electa: mogs24vcummins@windstream.net, Bill Raymond, Grand Chaplain: 402-292-4488, Richard Myers (169) on membership: 402-250-1418 & rmyers2790@gmail.com, Nellie Frizzell on membership: 308-631-9450

Order your Rituals Now!

General Grand Chapter hopes to have large print spiral rituals delivered soon. Please place your orders with our office now. The small print bound rituals are still in production along with the xtra-large spiral rituals. The price of the new spiral large print rituals (white or navy) is \$25.00 plus tax.

We HOPE this newsletter and our message reach you while you are enjoying summer, family, friends, and maybe even a brief vacation! Happy August to each of you! The Enduring Hope Grand Family is on the road and enjoying fellowship, service and time with our Chapters and members. From Ogallala to Valentine and Papillion, Fremont, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Syracuse, Milford, and Hastings back to Lincoln we have enjoyed meetings, receptions, Constellations, fund raisers, community outreach events. We have met and shared time with faithful dedicated members and those yet to join our Order. Christmas in July in Omaha was a

huge success. THANK YOU! We have served burgers and doughnuts and are now preparing for the Star Dogs at the Salt Dogs baseball game and event in Lincoln (August 3) and then on to Hastings for the Kool Aid Days. We hope you can join us in Hastings for the Nebraska Kansas Exchange and Reunion on the 23rd as we will be initiating new members. WGP Bruce and I encourage each of you in every Chapter to enjoy as many events as possible and share the joy of our Order! **Allow OES to be a blessing in your life and share that blessing with those you meet.**

Today I am at the farm, doing some yard work and some cleaning. Opened the kitchen desk drawer (my mom's desk since the mid 1950's and hand built for her by my dad). I was simply reaching for an ink pen and there looking up at me in mom's handwriting I found these words “Three Things of Life”. They spoke volumes to me and I share here with you her words:

Three Things of Life

Three things in life that can never be lost: *Peace, Hope, Truth*

Three things in life that are the most valuable: *Love, Faith, Prayer*

Three things in life that are never certain: *Dreams, Successes, Fortune*

Three things in life that make a man or a woman: *Hard work, Sincerity, Commitment*

Three things in life that can destroy a man or a woman: *Lust, Pride, Anger*

Three things in life that are truly constant: *The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost*

Three things in life that once they are used, spent, gone, and won't come back: *Time, Words, Opportunity*

Sisters and Brothers, our prayers for you and our Grand Chapter are that we live with enduring hope through acts of love and guided by faith; and do something good.

Star love and with great expectations, Karan and Bruce



Travel with the NE Order of the Eastern Star on Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour: departs 9-10 and it includes 7-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's ms Westerdam, 4 night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage-handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary. Join the fun and see Anchorage, Talkeetna, Denali National Park, Seward, Glacier Bay National Park, Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Vancouver, Seattle, Alaska Inside Passage. Prices starting at \$1,598 and you must book by 8/2 Please contact Dottie Arent or David Wetrosky if you are interested. More information can be found on our website.

To all our Chapter Secretaries. As Grand Chaplain, I oversee the Memorial Hour at Grand Chapter. During this Memorial Hour, we acknowledge and pay tribute to all our members who have passed on to their celestial home. To help me in this, I am requesting your assistance. I would like to have the name and Chapter affiliation of our departed sisters or brothers sent to me at least quarterly, but upon the loss of a member would be preferable. The year covered for the Memorial Hour

tribute is 1 April 2019 through 31 March 2020. This information can be sent to me by email at wraymond@cox.net or snail mail at 13612 S. 39th Circle, Bellevue, NE 68123. Thank you for all you do for our Order.

Please remember that you will still need to report the deaths to the Grand Chapter Office.

Your Nebraska OES Service and Therapy Dog Committee has been keeping busy with presentations and planning for the year. Those of you on Facebook have likely seen posts of Chapter events related to service and therapy dogs. We want to thank Chapters for sponsoring events and then publicizing them on the

Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star Facebook page and in your local newspapers. If one of your Chapter events related to dogs is included in the local media, please send the article to Lorrie Bryant (lbryant714@aol.com or 8021 Preserve Ln. Lincoln, NE 68516) for inclusion at Grand Chapter next May.

Those members on Facebook have also likely noticed the new public Facebook page for Nebraska Star Dogs, which is administrated by Don Norman from the Publicity Committee. Anyone, not just Eastern Star members, can like and follow this page. What a great way to use social media to spread the word about this new OES

philanthropy. If a Chapter or Eastern Star member places a post on the private Nebraska OES Facebook page, it is implied that permission has been given by those pictured. This then allows the same information and photo(s) to be placed on the Nebraska Star Dogs public Facebook page. Photos and information can also be sent directly to Don Norman (donnorman72@gmail.com) for inclusion on the public Facebook page.

THE "ENDURING HOPE" CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

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

- Aug 3 Lincoln Saltdogs vs. Kansas City T-bones baseball 7:05 pm \$10.00 ticket (5.00 from each ticket benefits "Star Dogs")
- Aug 10 4-H Achievement Day at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 11:00 am
- Aug 23-24 KS-NE reunion in Hastings & Clay Center
- Aug 24-25 Chip event at State Fair, Grand Island, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- Sep 9 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, North Bend Golf Course 11:00 am-shotgun start, 10:00-regisration, dinner to follow after golf, \$125 per person, including cart & dinner, questions call Michelle at Grand Lodge
- Sep 15 Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner 2:00 pm
- Oct 6 Trinity #299, OES Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 17 AkSarBen #277, German dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm

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- Mar 7-14 2020-OES Service Dogs Cruise, Norwegian Cruise Line, Embark Port Canaveral in Orlando, ports of call at Great Stirrup Cay (Bahamas), Ocho Rios (Jamaica), George Town (Grand Cayman), Cozumel (Mexico) Call for more details. A portion of the proceeds will benefit GGC Service Dogs Fund.
- Jul 27-Aug Job's Daughters International Supreme Session and 100th Anniversary in Omaha
- Sept 10 Travel with the NE Order of the Eastern Star on Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour
- Sept 26-27 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- NE-IA Exchange

~~~~ 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)