

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Rainbows of Kindness”*



## Jottings from Jan

Secretaries please send in any change of contact information for your membership so the Grand Chapter can keep their information as current as possible.

*In all that you do, honor those who came before you, respect those who serve with you, and inspire those who come after you.*

It isn't a surprise to most of us that Nebraska Grand Chapter has experienced a decline in membership over the past several years. Because of that, a Chapter may not be able to have a quorum for meeting. Sometimes the lodge where they have met for years may no longer be available. A Chapter may have to make the difficult decision to consolidate.

What is Consolidation? The definition I found is one that I hope is what happens when a Chapter consolidates.

**“Consolidation: the action or process of making something stronger or more solid.”**

Since becoming WGM, I have experienced just one consolidation. In July, Columbia

Chapter #275 became part of Elect Chapter #8. Although it was difficult for the members of Columbia to experience the process of saying goodbye to their chapter, the Sisters and Brothers of Electa Chapter were very welcoming, and I know that the process will make Electa “...stronger and more solid”.

During the 2021-2022 Grand Chapter year, we experienced eight consolidations. I believe it is important for our membership to be aware of these consolidations so we can thank our chapters who welcomed the members from those consolidating chapters. But as important, we need to share our love with those Sisters and Brothers who are adapting to a new OES home.

Rarely does a move to a new Chapter involve only a 4-mile distance change, as the Columbia to Electa move did. Usually it takes planning, carpooling, dedication to our Order. But the loving, welcoming environment of the receiving Chapter can make a consolidation work to the benefit of all members. Here are the 2021-2022 Consolidations.

Irene Chapter #207, Guide Rock consolidated into Acacia Chapter #39, Hastings, 06/14/2021.

Franklin Chapter #213, Franklin consolidated into Tuscan Chapter #35, Kearney, 10/05/2021.

Adah Chapter #52, Omaha consolidated into Papillion Chapter No. 114, Papillion, 12/09/2021.

Imperial Chapter #279, Imperial consolidated into Ogallala Chapter #142, Ogallala, 12/14/2021.

Wausa Chapter # 159, Wausa consolidated into Mount Vernon Chapter #84, Plainview, 02/10/2022.

Guild Chapter #16, Pawnee City consolidated into Vesper Chapter # 9, Beatrice, 03/03/2022.

Capitol Chapter #320, Lincoln consolidated into Electa Chapter No. 8, Lincoln, 03/05/2022.

Aurora Chapter # 93, Aurora consolidated into Arbor Chapter No. 200, Central City, 04/26/2022.

Please keep these Chapters and the Sisters and Brothers in your prayers and In your hearts.

Star love – Laurie Sieg, WGM & Wayne Andreasen, WGP

## Masonic Youth Leaders for 2022-2023:

**RAINBOW:** Courtney Bockman, Grand Worthy Advisor.

**JOB'S:** Sarah Warwick, Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Emily Wood, Miss

Nebraska Job's Daughter.  
**Abby Njus**, Miss Nebraska  
Congeniality.

**DEMOLAY: Kolyn Beard**,  
State Master Councilor.

Remember Sisters &  
Brothers to support our  
Masonic Youth not only  
financially but with your  
presence at their activities.



**THE NEBRASKA  
FREEMASONS CHILD  
IDENTIFICATION  
PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!!!!**



This year's **CHIP event** at the  
**Nebraska State Fair** in Grand  
Island will be held will be held  
**Opening Weekend – Saturday,  
August 27 & Sunday, August  
28, 2022**, between the hours of  
10:00 am 8:00 pm on Saturday  
and 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on  
Sunday. **The State Fair board  
is giving us prime space in the  
4-H Building.** Your help is  
needed!

We need at least 90 volunteers  
to fill two days of morning shifts  
from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm and  
evening shifts from 2:30 pm to  
8:00 pm on Saturday and  
morning shifts of 11:00 am to  
3:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 7:00  
pm on Sunday. **You will  
receive a free pass for gate  
admission if volunteering for**

**a full shift.**

Please alert each and every  
member of your Lodges,  
Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Scottish  
Rite and York Rite Bodies,  
Youth groups, family and  
friends.

Volunteers should  
visit <https://bit.ly/2022statefairCHIP>  
OR contact Stephen Kennedy  
([kennedyorchard@gmail.com](mailto:kennedyorchard@gmail.com) or  
402-274-7521).

Please help us make this a huge  
success. The exposure this  
event gives Masonry and the  
CHIP program is HUGE. If you  
have any questions, please don't  
hesitate to contact Stephen.  
Thanks for your help!



## THE "KINDNESS" CALENDAR

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWS BY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

- Aug 6 . Visitation in Plainview beginning 10:30 at the Methodist Church, 103 W Woodland
- Aug 26-27 Iowa/Nebraska Fun exchange in Council Bluffs
- Aug 27-28 NE State Fair Chip Event at Grand Island Fair Grounds. **(Volunteers Needed)**
- Oct 2 Trinity Chapter #299 Steak Fry 4:00-7:00
- Oct 7-9 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn in Kearney
- Oct 22 All-Committee meeting

### **Enclosed with this OES News:**

- 🐾 Nebraska / Iowa Fun Exchange in Council Bluffs
- 🐾 Letter from Jon Thompson, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
- 🐾 Report of Jurisprudence concerning Grand Chapter Resolutions
- 🐾 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament

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