

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"God Bless the U.S.A."*



## Jottings from Jan

When you RSVP by August 12th for the NE/KS exchange, Sister Marna Raymonds address should be 13612 S 39<sup>th</sup> Circle.

**Important Date for General Grand Chapter established by the 2015-2018 Jurisprudence Committee Chairman and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary: February 28, 2018 (8 months prior to the Opening of the 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly of GGC – Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.**

### News From The Trustees

We are very pleased with the new sign that we share with the Grand Lodge, at our new location! Work is progressing on improving the Wi-Fi system for our office.

We approved a request of the Benevolence Committee for \$3000 to assist in the purchase of a needed prosthesis for a member. If someone has a request for assistance, there is a form on our website to complete and return to the Grand Office. The Benevolence Committee will investigate the request before submitting it to the Trustees

Grand Chapter expenses were reviewed and approval was given to purchase new flowers for the flower baskets. Approved the purchase of a new screen for use at School of Instruction and at other times when needed.

### **OPERATION HOMEFRONT**

We were honored to judge at Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete and also in York for the Job's Daughters Grand

Session. It was also a pleasure to be at both installations: Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow and for Job's Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Kiley Simmons, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Kristen Sanford, Miss Nebraska Congeniality, Jill Melvin, Grand Guardian, and Paul Kenyon, Associate Grand Guardian. The next week we traveled to Scottsbluff for our first visitation and to Hyannis the next day for Area #2. It was great to see our OES Sisters and Brothers from the Western part of the State. It was wonderful to see 8 Past Grand Organists in Hyannis. What a great turnout! We had great visits and thoroughly enjoyed traveling the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway. Beautiful country!

The next week we traveled to McCook for Area #3 visitation and the next day to North Platte for Area #4. Lots of miles and lots of smiles, so wonderful to see those we don't see very often and make new friends. We were pleased to have a soon-to-be-new member at our North Platte visitation. As we have traveled the State I have issued a challenge to all chapters to contact every member on their roster, see how they are doing, make sure you have their address, phone number, and email address (if they have one) correct in your Chapter records. Also who the Secretary should contact in case they cannot reach the member. Ask them if they need a ride to your meetings or perhaps they might be willing to assist with a fundraiser. I'm asking that you call each member. If that's not possible, then perhaps send them a postcard or newsletter. Those chapters completing this task need to notify the Worthy Grand Matron by April 15, 2018 with how they accomplished this and how many members they contacted and they will be recognized and presented with a certificate at Grand Chapter.

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

This year's **CHIP event** at the **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island will be held **Opening Weekend, Saturday, August 26 & Sunday August 27, 2017** between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm both days.

We need at least 90 volunteers to fill two days of morning shifts from 9:00am to 3:30pm and evening shifts from 2:30pm to 9:00pm. **You will receive a free pass for gate admission if volunteering for a full shift.** Volunteers should contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office to sign up on the schedule. ([michelle@gline.org](mailto:michelle@gline.org) or 402-475-4640).

### **Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project:**

The Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's project for 2017-18 is the Nebraska based Wounded Warriors Family Support Program, which aids veterans and their families in healing wounds that medicine cannot. This nonprofit 501C(3) charity began in 2003 and is not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project. They have a four-star rating on Charity Navigator; 84% of their total expenses are spent on programs and services to their beneficiaries. The Wounded Warriors Family Support Program aims to enhance the quality of life for wounded veterans by providing freedom and independence in their everyday lives. Their belief is that "mobility is freedom" and that a combat-wounded veteran, given the right vehicle for mobility, will have the freedom to live a productive and quality life with his or her family. All funds raised by the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star will remain in Nebraska.

### **The Masonic Youth Leadership Conference**

is this coming **September 23-24** in Kearney. You can support our youth at this event by checking out the flyer for the Food Pantry Challenge and helping your Assembly, Bethel or Chapter by providing food donations. You can also support the Conference with your giving. Just go to the Grand Lodge website at [gline.org](http://gline.org) for information. Your charitable contribution will be greatly

appreciated!!! Don't forget to spread the word to youth that you may know ... as this is open to our Masonic

youth, as well as friends of our Masonic family. Deadline for registering is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

(For more information contact Gene and Judy Wehrbein at 402-298-8192 or gwehrbein@jagwireless.net.)

## *Resolutions at Grand Chapter Session*

1. 04-16 Failed
2. 06-16 Adopted. In no case shall more than two officers of the Grand Chapter, elected or appointed, be chosen from the same Chapter.
3. 01-17 Adopted. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress and Secretary shall sign a receipt for the book given to them, and, at the expiration of their term of office, return said book(s) to the Secretary of the Chapter, or on demand from the Grand chapter, return it to the office of the Grand Secretary.
4. Amendment to 02-17 Adopted. "Upon motion and approval by the members, a corresponding honorary title may be conferred, for meritorious service, upon a Grand Chapter officer who is retiring. Rights carried with the honorary title include recognition and appropriate honors, but the title entails no duties of the office."
5. 03-17 Adopted. Every Chapter must purchase and have at least one copy of the latest edition of the Ritual in the Chapter room.



### **THE "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A." 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 15**

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| Aug 5      | Reception at 11:00 for Cindy Pedersen, Grand Esther, Kathy Meink, Grand Martha and Joan Alexander, Grand Electa at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa   |
| Aug 6      | Narcissus #269 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary , 10:00 am communion service, 10:30 – 12:00 fellowship and food, Cooper Farm Picnic Pavilion, rsvp to Sue Terry 402-214-1118  |
| Aug 11-13  | International Peace Gardens Pilgrimage   |
| Aug 12     | Martha Washington #153 Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00, all you can eat fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and drinks, \$10.00, 4430 N 70 <sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln   |
| Aug 28     | AkSarBen #277, OES Card party, 10:00 – 3:00, Northwest Hills Church  |
| Sept 9     | Martha Washington #153 Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00, all you can eat fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and drinks, \$10.00, 4430 N 70 <sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln   |
| Sept 11    | Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Golf Tournament in North Bend, \$125 per person, including cart & dinner, supports 1) NE Masonic Home 2) Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 3) NE Masonic Foundation, families welcome |
| Sept 15-17 | Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota Tri-State Exchange  |
| Sept 23-24 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn in Kearney  |
| Sept 24    | Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner 1:30 p.m.   |
| Oct 8      | Trinity #299 Steak Dinner 4:00-7:00, 2424 S 135 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Omaha   |
| Oct 15     | AkSarBen #277 German Dinner 11:00-2:00, 2823 N. 83 <sup>rd</sup> , Omaha   |
| Oct 19-22  | Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona at the Meadows Event and Conference Center   |
| Oct 22     | Alpha #325, Soup & chili dinner, 4:00 – 6:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue   |

~~~~DON'T FORGET!—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"**