

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Enduring Hope”



Jottings from Jan

The annual reports were mailed to the Chapters in early November. Don't forget that they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2021. Remember, you do not need a vote of the Chapter to disburse your check for per capita dues, as that amount is specified in the Grand Chapter Bylaws, but if you prefer to make a motion for the payment, be sure to do it in December so as not to delay your report, which must be accompanied by the per capita funds.

Many Chapters suspend for non-payment of dues as of December 31st. You may still have time to make a personal contact with those members and encourage them to pay – or at least to request a Demit. We work so hard to get new members; we should work equally hard to keep them.

March 1, 2021: Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. (8 months prior to the Opening of the 50th Assembly of the General Grand Chapter)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the face of challenges we continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as we make the decisions that surround us are in our roles. Our Order and each member are beautiful, significant and worthy of greatness. It continues to be our privilege to serve you!

The months of the presence of Covid-19 continue to be around us. THANK YOU for your faithfulness! THANK YOU for your patience to stay strong, stay safe, stay well, stay in touch, and stay in good spirits! Please continue to give those gifts and graces to each other.

You have demonstrated great resilience and restraint. Each month you have faithfully communicated with your members, heard their needs and concerns, and your chapters have met accordingly. We are honored by your dedication and engagement! You have proven that in a geographically large and varied state, you are willing to take responsibility for the welfare of your members. Our chapters and communities do not look alike or have the same needs. Thank you for respecting our permission to determine for yourselves what is best for you. We can have confidence that you will continue to respond with the same attentiveness as you way the risks around you and the benefits for your chapter.

It is our assumption elections have been completed and reported to our Grand Secretary Sister Jan. Next on our chapters' calendars will be Installations. Unfortunately, January is too far away for us to know for sure what the Covid-19 presence and conditions will be like around us but we need to start planning. Included in this mailing is a communication with considerations as you plan and prepare.

You still have time to do some Christmas shopping. Please consider sharing OES! Our GGC committee member Judy has inventory readily available. Our Service and Therapy Dog committee has great new items as well. Contact
Lorrie Bryant

(lebryant714@gmail.com or phone: (402-432-5530). Also to benefit the dogs, there are a few items left of our PAWS UP special project sales table. A handful of polo shirts, t-shirts, notecards, pens and pins, car magnets, and COOKBOOKS are still available. You can contact the WGM or Sue Kittinger (vlksue@windstream.net or phone:(402-440-1465) for those items.

May the anticipation in Advent bring you hope. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and assurance. May the preparation to move from 2020 into 2021 encourage your very being. Star love, gratitude, and with great expectations, Karan and Bruce

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is time to begin planning to attend General Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City, Utah, from October 29-November 5, 2021. As your Travel Guide, it is my duty to get our members safely to and from Salt Lake City. At this time, I am looking into both bus and air travel but need to have some idea of how many of you are planning to attend General Grand Chapter.

I know the pandemic puts us all in limbo, but lets stay positive and look to the future. If you would like to attend General Grand Chapter and would like me to put you on my information list, please contact me at (402) 669-9406 or Vhsmartin50@aol.com. I would also appreciate knowing if you would prefer going by plane or bus.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. In loving service,
Candy Martin, PGM

Silent Auction CANCELED!!

The Silent Auction held in conjunction with the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in February has been canceled, due to the pandemic. We have appreciated your support over the years and look forward to next year when we will be able to again join together for this event.
*Gene & Judy Wehrbein,
Silent Auction Chairs*

Are YOU thinking about Christmas gift giving??....well, I have some GREAT gift ideas for

the dog lovers on your list!
Rhinestone bone pin - \$10.00, Magnetic Service Dog decal - \$5.00. Don't forget to buy yourself something to put under the tree or to leave inside your Christmas sock! If you need anything just call or send me an email at 402-298-8192 or jwehrbein@jagwireless.net to make arrangements for delivery. (Remember ALL money from the sale of these items stays in Nebraska to support our own

Service and Therapy Dog Committee.)
Early Christmas blessings from *Judy Wehrbein*, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Service Dogs

Doggie Humor:

Four dogs and five kids were under an umbrella? Why did nobody get wet?
Because it wasn't raining.



THE "ENDURING HOPE" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWS BY DECEMBER 10TH

Dec 25 .Merry Christmas

2021

Jan 1 Virtual Social Celebration at 6:00 pm

Jan 15 Annual reports are due into the Grand Chapter office

Feb 4-6 .Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney


Mar 1 ESTARL Application deadline

Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline

Apr 1 Masonic Youth \$1000 scholarships deadline

Apr 15-17 Grand York Rite at the Holiday Inn 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 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- Considerations for Planning 2021 Installations & Executive Order
- Letter from Service & Therapy committee
- 1/1/21 Event

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