

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Rainbows of Kindness”



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, 2023. 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.



Fraternal Relations Committee wants to remind you to take your passports to all the installations that you attend.

In addition to the wonderful story, we remember about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, Christmas brings many other memories to us. Maybe we remember the significance of a Christmas ornament. Maybe it's the first ornament our child made in Sunday School or maybe it's one that hung on our family's tree when you were a child yourself. I think that is why it takes me so long to unpack the boxes of ornaments.

The memory could be triggered by a smell: the fragrance of cookies baking, the essential oils we put in a warmer, or the smell of the fir tree we put up or wreath we hang. These memories are happy memories, nostalgic ones, even ones that make us giggle.

This year we may have Sisters and Brothers, family, neighbors, and friends whose Christmas memories may trigger sadness. They may be alone at Christmas,

perhaps even for the first time. They may not have family members coming to share the Holidays with them.

As I suggested in our Christmas letter, this is the perfect time to share your kindness and joy with others. It doesn't take much to make a huge impact on the Christmas joy of others. Offer to drive them to your church's Christmas concert or the Christmas Eve service. Drop off a plate of your favorite cookies. Or even invite them to share a Holiday meal with you. Any of these suggestions would make a wonderful Christmas memory for them – and for you.

May the Holidays bring you happy memories, peace, and joy.

In Star Love – WGM Laurie and WGP Wayne

Enclosed with this OES News: International Peace garden – Save the date

NOTICE! The deadline for resolutions for consideration at Grand Chapter in 2023 is **February 8, 2023.** Resolutions must be *received*, not postmarked, but *RECEIVED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS THAT DAY!* All resolutions are reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee to be sure they are in proper form, AND if something needs to be fixed, *we will help to do that.* Resolutions may be filed at *any time*, as in today if you wish. Don't wait until the last minute. Greetings from your Jurisprudence Committee. This committee is defined in your Red Book Section 26 Standing Committees pages 21-22. The Committee wants

to let you know that you should not be fearful of making needed Chapter By-law changes, presenting resolutions for consideration at Grand Chapter, and/or asking questions. Jurisprudence is not rocket science or a mysterious place that only Past Grands dare to tread. If *you or your Chapter* need help with any of these situations, **ask**, and your Committee will assist you! We look forward to your participation in your Grand Chapter business.

Betty Garwood PGM,
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The **Twentieth Annual "Silent Auction"** for our Masonic Youth will be held during the Annual Communication, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, February 2-3, 2023. We are asking for support from all our Nebraska Masonic Organizations in donating items. Bring items with you to Grand Lodge, have someone bring them to Kearney for you, bring them to the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln by January 20th, or call us and we will make arrangements to get them from you. There are no specific guidelines to the type of items needed. All money raised will be divided among DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters. We look forward to seeing you in Kearney with your donations!!!
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THE "KINDNESS" CALENDAR



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

Dec 25	.Merry Christmas
Jan 1	Happy New Year
Jan 15	Annual Reports and per capita dues are due into the Grand Chapter Office
Jan 14-16	School of Instruction for District Grand Supervisors in Lincoln
Jan 21	Installation at Electa Chapter #8, Lincoln at 3:00 pm
Jan 28	Installation at Trinity Chapter #299, Omaha at 7:00 pm
Jan 28	Installation at Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue
Jan 29	Installation at Papillion Chapter #114 in Papillion
Feb 2-4	.Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Kearney
May 9-11	Grand Chapter at Younes in Kearney

The Annual Report packets were mailed to Chapter Secretaries in November. Don't forget that the completed report and a check for dues and fees is due in the Grand Chapter office by January 15. After installation reports are due 3 business days after the Installation; receipts for Secret Work and Red Books are due immediately following the installation of the officers to whom they are entrusted. If you are not able to install all of your elected officers in January you will need to call the Grand Secretary for a dispensation to install them "out of time."

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