

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“To God Be The Glory”



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, 2024. 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.

We hope you are enjoying this wonderful holiday season with time to visit with family and friends and thanking God for the abundant blessings He has given to all of us!

We are thankful for the wonderful All-Committee Meeting we had the last weekend of October and for the safe travel mercies as we all traveled back home. It seemed like we had a

better attendance this year, and despite bad weather forecasts, we were able to forge ahead and accomplish a great deal of work on all our committees, as evidenced by the wonderful reports of our Committee Chairmen. Thank you to all who attended and to the members of Acacia Chapter #39 for their hospitality in providing a place for us to meet and a wonderful lunch and snacks.

By the time you receive this, we will have been blessed to be able to travel to Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri Grand Chapter Sessions. We have enjoyed fellowship with our Star Sisters and Brothers and renewed lots of friendships and made a few new ones along the way! We encourage all our members to continue to travel to other jurisdictions whenever you have a chance!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and pray that you will have lovely celebrations with family and friends. In this season of giving, remember those who may not have that opportunity and look for ways to share the joy of the season with them.

As we approach a New Year, we would encourage you to be thinking of ways you can better serve your Chapter and your community. Reach out to those who have not attended for a

while and invite them back. Also be mindful of those you know that would benefit from membership in Eastern Star and invite them to join. The “Think of Three” Membership Worksheet on our website, neoes.org, will help you come up with some ideas.

We look forward to attending the many Installations of Officers that will happen in January and to the School of Instruction for the District Grand Supervisors that will take place the 13th-15th of January at Home Chapter #189 in Plattsmouth. We hope that all of you will be able to attend your Chapter's School of Instruction when your Supervisor comes to visit. It is important to have a good attendance, as these ladies put a lot of work into their preparations to visit their assigned Chapters and do a marvelous job of insuring the uniformity of our ritualistic work! They look forward to meeting you and working with each of you one-on-one.

If your Chapter has prospective candidates that would like to be initiated at Grand Chapter in May, please let us know by contacting Sister Jan Thoman at the Grand Chapter Office.

Fraternally,
Linda Dubry, Worthy Grand Matron and Lucian Cecil Smith, Worthy Grand Patron

Thanks to all of the Chapters and Sisters and Brothers who sent cards for my 80th birthday. Thanks to all of you who attended the Surprise Birthday lunch-and thanks to my favorite husband, Wendell, and to Bev Donham, Beth Benson and to any who might have helped with keeping the surprise. I was blessed to have my

whole family there from Colorado and Washington DC. What a blessing to have family and friends like you! Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Silent Auction – It's time to start thinking about gathering items for the Silent Auction at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge February 1-2, 2024, Younes Center, Kearney, Nebraska. All items should

be there by Thursday Feb 1st. Contact Gene and Judy Wehrbein, 402-297-4808 or gwehrbein@outlook.com if you have questions. All proceeds for the Auction go directly to the our three Youth Groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow.



THE "GLORY" CALENDAR



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

Dec 25 .Merry Christmas

2024

Jan 13-15 School of Instruction in Plattsmouth

Jan 15 Annual Reports and per capita dues are due into the Grand Chapter Office

Feb 1-3 .Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Younes Conference Center

Mar 16 Electa Chapter #8, Lincoln will celebrate, 150th Charter Day celebration, 1:00 catered meal – ticket available from Beth Benson, Chapter Secretary, 2:30 dessert reception, open to everyone (no cost). 1635 L St, Lincoln

May 14-16 Grand Chapter

Oct 24-Nov 1 General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (For more information contact Sister Dottie Arent, PGM) Dottie would like to know how many are interested in going to GGC, so send her your name and contact information.

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