

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Let Your Light Shine”



**Jottings from
Jan: Enclosed
with this OES
News please find**

**all of the scholarship
information and forms.
Please provide the
scholarship recipients
address and telephone
number on the form that is
returned to the Grand
Chapter office.**

Welcome February! While it is the shortest month of the year and may seem to fly by quickly, it signals the transition from winter to spring; though in Nebraska we might not really “feel” that transition until late April! The days are growing longer and it seems it is just a bit lighter at the beginning and end of each day. We welcome this light with the hope of warmth and renewal. Congratulations to all our Chapters, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and officers who have been installed and are prepared for a new year ahead. As you make plans for your year’s events please keep in mind our Standing

Committees and the resources, information and services they provide for our Chapters and members: Benevolence, Educational Loan Fund, ESTARL, Fraternal Relations, Jurisprudence, Membership, Publicity, Scholarship, Service & Therapy Dogs and Youth. Contact the Grand Chapter office, or refer to your booklet of Grand Chapter Committees to contact a committee chair to tap into their FREE resources and support for our Chapters and Members.

Supervisors’ School has been accomplished. Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to Alpha Chapter #325 for preparing and hosting. Thank you to our District Grand Supervisors who are now prepared and anxious to visit and share with their Chapters. Each Chapter and member will be blessed by the schools they lead and the encouragement they share. District Grand Supervisors are reaching out now to each Chapter to set up, plan and carry out this important work.

As we approach closer to Grand Chapter in May, please consider your level of

participation. We invite our Chapters and members to donate a basket or item for the Silent Auction. We invite you to join in with the ‘Shine Your Light Singers’ in the OES Choir. We invite you to serve as an Assistant Grand Warder or Assistant Grand Sentinel. We welcome Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to participate in formations and recognition of their Jurisdictions and Chapters. We welcome our Fifty, FiftyPlus and Seventy-Five Year members for special recognition. And we certainly invite **YOU** to join us May 13 – 15, 2025 in Kearney.

With Star Light and Love
Sheli & Keith

As Grand Chaplain, I oversee the Memorial Hour at Grand Chapter. During this Memorial Hour, we acknowledge and pay tribute to all our members who have passed on to their celestial home. To help me in this, I need to have the name and Chapter affiliation of our departed sisters and brothers sent to me. The year covered for the Memorial Hour

tribute is April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Please send this information to me by April 10, 2025 to mmb1114@windstream.net or mail to 6945 N 98th St, Lincoln NE 68507. Thank you for all you do for our Order. Please remember that you will still need to report the deaths to the Grand Chapter Office. Micheal Buchardt, Grand Chaplain

Note to All Past Appointed Grand Officers

The 2025 Grand Chapter registration materials will soon be arriving in your mailbox and to your Chapter Secretary. As a Past Appointed Grand Officer (PAGO) you are entitled and encouraged to attend the PAGO banquet at the Grand Chapter session. We hope you will attend, and also pay the \$2.00 dues that are collected with your Grand Chapter registration. The majority of the dues collected each year are then donated to a designated group within our

Masonic Family. For example, last year, equal funds were donated to the three Masonic Youth Groups. The more PAGO who pay their dues, the more we can contribute. Your PAGO officers for this year are Carrie Knapp, President, Kristy Nerud, Vice President, and Lorrie Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer. Feel free to contact any of us with questions.



THE "SHINE, SHARE, INVITE" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH NEWS BY FEBRUARY 10TH

- Feb 6-8 Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Younes Conference Center
- Feb 17 Presidents Day
- Mar 1 ESTARL applications due
- Mar 7-9 Trinity Chapter #299 Carry Out Soup Fundraiser, pre-order by February 24th. Orders to Maril Hauber trinity299oesevents@yahoo.com
- Apr 1 Educational Loan applications due
- Apr 1 Scholarships due
- May 13-15 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney**
- May 28 Memorial Day
- Oct 3-5 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- 🐾 The information and forms for the 2025-2026 Scholarship Program
- 🐾 Letters from the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 🐾 "Shining Our Light Singers" invitation

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