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"Enduring Hope"



Jottings from Jan

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Filled with faith, hope, and love....

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

A new Grand Chapter year has begun and the "Enduring Hope" Grand Family to be know as the Quasars, Super Novae, and Guardians of the Galaxy were thrilled to meet and share fellowship with you at the Grand Chapter Installation, Vision 20/20 Reception following Installation, and the beautiful reception at the Scottish Rite in Lincoln on June 2nd hosted by Temple Chapter #271. We appreciate having been greeted by so many members and friends. We hope you all enjoyed our time together.

Nebraska Eastern Star was well represented at the Masonic All-Star Band Camp and the Shrine Bowl Parade. Thank you to all who supported, encouraged, and participated. We were delighted to be included in the parade with our STAR DOGS float and pleased to have shared "elevator cards" and Pet ID cards with hundreds of parade attendees. We are "paws up" for sharing awareness of our Order and our service through the Star Dogs.

We are excited to begin this epic star-filled journey and have been pleased to attend and participate in Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete and Grand Bethel in Kearney. Our youth and their organizations are so important and we appreciate every opportunity to support them. We also have been grateful to attend a Rainbow Grand Officers' Visitation in Weeping Water and congratulate Grand Electa Tina Mogensen, participate in the "Dogs for a Cause" event at Tuxedo Park in Crete, and visit each and every Chapter and your dynamic events during the month of June. We are eager to meet you one-on-one and face-to-face in our Chapters all across Nebraska and have enjoyed our First Constellation in Valentine with Thedford, Ainsworth and the Valentine members. Our opportunity to share the

Star Dogs at the Cherry Hill Retirement Center and with their residents was a special treat! Thank you!

July will find us in Ogallala serving at their car derby and gathering to congratulate Carrie Knapp at her reception, supporting Christmas in July with our Omaha area Chapters, attending Demolay Conclave and the Plattsmouth Home picnic, serving at the Otoe County Fair in a CHIP Event, and taking part in Milford Days (watch for the Star Dogs float in their parade). Thank you to all our Chapters for their great dog presentations and the special meetings we are invited to attend.

We hope to see many more of you as we engage in Constellations, gatherings and service opportunities all across Nebraska! Thank you all for your ideas, energy and hard work, together we are sharing our story and the benefits of our Order.

Star love and with great expectations,
Karan, WGM and Bruce, WGP

Getting to know the 2019-2020 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, Dottie Arent:

Sister Dottie is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Interests include traveling, friends, family, and flower beds. She collects family history and memorabilia. Dottie & Keevin have one daughter (Christy) and two grandchildren.

Associate Grand Patron, David

Wetrosky: Brother David is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 in Nebraska City. Interests include college sports and stained glass. He collects coins and Panda Bear collectables. David & Marsha have three children (Alex, Audra, Ava). They have one dog called Nala.

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman PGM:

Sister Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice. Interests include dogs, photography, NE sports, spending time with friends. Collects photos, tea cups, coffee's, teas, fun post-its and note pads. Jan has two dogs (Nikki & Maddie).

Grand Treasurer, Karla Lawler:

Sister Karla is a plural member of Ogallala No. 142, Arbor Vitae No. 92 and Oshkosh

No. 264. Her interests include music, scrapbooking and quilting. She loves making things from felt. She collects old post cards. She has one son (Kurt) and one cat (Betty Davis).

Grand Conductress, Laurie Sieg:

Sister Laurie is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include quilting, machine & embroidery, gardening, mystery stories, Husker athletics and Rainbow girls. She collects fabric. She and Ken have one son, (JD) daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Associate Grand Conductress, Linda

Dubry: Sister Linda is a member at Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford, Dome Rock Chapter No. 215, Scottsbluff and Signet Chapter No.55, North Platte. Her interests are playing the clavinova, piano, organ, bowling, knitting and she collects butterfly jewelry. Linda & Dennis have three children (Mindy, Ashley, Doug) and five grandchildren.

Grand Chaplain, Bill Raymond:

Brother Bill is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue. His interests include singing, street rodding, bowling, reading and traveling. He collects tools for his garage, old cars/street rods .Bill and Marna have five children and 14 grandchildren.

Grand Marshal, Kirk Brown:

Brother Kirk is a member of Arbor Vitae No. 92, Fremont. His interest is Green Bay Packers and watching sporting events. He collects Dept 56 Snow Villages. Kirk & Mollie have two sons Spencer (Casey) and Ross.

Grand Organist, Sharon McArdle:

Sister Sharon is a member of Trinity Chapter #299 in Omaha. She is a registered nurse. Sharon and husband Dave enjoy golfing. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Grand Adah, Shannon Roberts:

Sister Shannon is a member of Signet Chapter #55 in North Platte. Interests include crafts, making cards, painting, and spending time with family. She collects Cherished Teddies and candles. She and Dustin have a daughter, Maci.

Grand Ruth, Lori Nerud:

Sister Lori is a member of Sunflower Chapter No. 214 in Mitchell, Her intersts include Job's

Daughters and vattending auctions. She collects Western Crocks. She has two children, Dylan (deceased) and Rachel.

Grand Esther, Carrie Knapp: Sister Carrie is a member of Ogallala No. 142 in Ogallala. She is a new accounts representative Pinnacle Bank. Interests include scuba diving, traveling and reading. She collects shoes and purses.

Grand Martha, Dyana Burton: Sister Dyana is a member of Columbia No. 275 in Lincoln. She is a supervisory Immigration Services Officer. Her interests include Netflix, music, travel, and kids activities. She is the mother of 4 children. They have two dogs, Keiko and Chloe.

Grand Electa, Tina Mogensen: Sister Tina is a member of Elizabeth Chapter No. 250 of Weeping Water. She is a dental assistant. Her interests include DIY crafts and cake decorating. She and Michael have 4 children.

Grand Warder, Sheli Rice: Sister Sheli is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325. She is an accountant. Her interests include travel, family tree/history, ethnic foods and she collects magnets from places she has traveled and snowbabies.

She and Bryan have twins, Katheryn and Daniel, They have a dog called Abby.

Grand Sentinel, Cecil Smith: Brother Cecil is a member of Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth. He is an engineering technician His interests include hunting and fishing and reading. He collects archery equipment. He and Nicole have two children and four grandchildren.

As you can read elsewhere in this mailing, the **Service and Therapy Dog Committee** had a successful first year as a Standing Committee for Nebraska Grand Chapter during the “A Legacy of Service” year. We are looking forward to another pawsitively exciting and productive year with the “Enduring Hope” Grand Family. There are resources now available to your Chapter on the Nebraska OES website under the Committee section. You may download logos to use for

promoting events for the Service and Therapy Dog project and complete a form to request a presentation by the committee (<http://www.neoes.org/service-and-therapy-dogs.html>). The committee looks forward to serving Nebraska Chapters this year and promoting the value of service and therapy dogs.



**Special Project for 2019-2020:
Paws up**

THE “ENDURING HOPE” CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 10

- Jul 12-14 DeMolay Conclave, Hastings
- Jul 13 Christmas in July Vendor event, 9:00-3:00, Papillion Masonic Center, 101 W Centennial Road, Vendors \$25.00 a table
- Jul 26-28 Five-State Gathering, Sioux Falls, SD
- Jul 28 Trinity #299, Corn Feed, 11:00-1:00, 2424 S 135th Avenue, Omaha
- Aug 10 4-H Achievement Day at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 11:00am
- Sep 9 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, North Bend Golf Course
- Sep 15 Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner 2:00
- Sept 26-27, 2020 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney
- Oct 6 Trinity #299, OES Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Update on Resolutions
- NE-KS Exchange
- Dog letter

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