

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“To God Be The Glory”*



## Jottings from

**Jan** Thank you to each and everyone that had a part in helping make Grand Chapter happen and for making it a success. It was wonderful having out of state guests once again.. What a joy to be able to share all the open meetings of Grand Chapter on our facebook page and allow all those people that couldn't attend the session in person, to be able to watch. The Younes staff as always did a wonderful job

### MEET YOUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON: LINDA DUBRY

Sister Linda was born into a Masonic Family with her father being an active Master Mason and Past Master of El Paso Lodge #13 and member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine in Colorado Springs, CO. He was also a Past Patron of Glen Eyrie Chapter #8 of the Order of Eastern Star. She started her Masonic Family life as a Rainbow Girl in Pikes Peak Assembly #8, and her mother joined Eastern Star to be able to attend the Rainbow meetings with her. Upon reaching her Majority in Rainbow in 1971, she joined Glen Eyrie Chapter, being given the obligation by her father who was Worthy Patron at that time. Linda's paternal grandfather was a Master Mason, and her paternal grandmother was a member of Eastern Star and a Daughter of the Nile. Linda graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish in 1974. She went on to

teach Spanish and English for 32 years in Colorado and Nebraska, retiring at the age of 60.

Linda married Dennis Dubry in 1977 and they have 3 children, Melinda Burbach (Mason), Ashley Harimon (Shane), and Doug Dubry (Cherie). Linda has 5 grandchildren: Mrs. Kenzie Wamboldt (Jacob), Kodie Harimon (20), Ian Burbach (18), Kammie Harimon (17), and Logan Burbach (16). She has 1 great-granddaughter, Adley Wamboldt who will be 9 months old on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis and Linda owned the grocery store in Thedford for several years, eventually adding a grind-and-mix animal feed business and owning a farrow-to-finish hog farm. When Dennis went back to Chadron to get his master's degree in education, he went back to teaching for a couple of years before taking an Elementary Principal's job in Bayard, Nebraska.

After moving to Thedford, Nebraska when she married Dennis, Linda demitted from her chapter in Colorado and affiliated with Sunshine Chapter #261 there. She was elected to her first office, Associate Conductress a month later. She served as Worthy Matron in 1984 with Dennis's uncle Dave Miller serving as her Worthy Patron. While in Thedford, she served as Associate Conductress (twice), Conductress (twice), Associate Matron (twice), Organist, and Esther.

When Linda's family moved to Bayard in 1993, she became a dual member of Signal Hill Chapter #182, which eventually consolidated with Bridgeport Chapter #260. She served as Organist of both of those

Chapters for several years. Then in 2006, she was elected to serve as Worthy Matron of Bridgeport and would serve as Worthy Matron a total of 11 times after that, before the Chapter consolidated with Dome Rock Chapter #215 in Scottsbluff, where she served as Organist.

After moving to North Platte in 2018, Linda became a plural member of Signet Chapter #55. She currently serves as Esther there and serves as Associate Matron and Organist at Sunshine Chapter in Thedford.

Linda served as a Grand Representative of Texas in Nebraska from 1987-1989, Grand Organist in 2008-2009, Grand Electa in 2013-2014, District Grand Supervisor 2014-2021, Companion to the Grand Chaplain in 2016-2017, Grand Warder in 2018-2019, Associate Grand Conductress in 2019-2021, Grand Conductress in 2021-2022, and Associate Grand Matron in 2022-2023.- She became a 50-year member in April of 2021.

### MEET YOUR WORTHY GRAND PATRON: L. CECIL SMITH

I was born and raised in my hometown of Deming, New Mexico. I spent 18 years there, graduating from Deming High School. After graduating, I travelled to Morelia, Michoacan Mexico where I lived and went to school as an exchange student for 9 months.

Afterwards I moved Albuquerque, New Mexico where I met Nicole Pippin who later became Nicole Smith. After marriage, Nicole and I continued to live in Albuquerque before I joined the US Air Force.

Upon joining the Air Force, Nicole and I spent the next 20 years living in various locations and raising a family. During these years our family grew to include our son, John and daughter, Rebecca. We lived in Upper Michigan, New Mexico, Spain, and our last stop in Nebraska arriving in 2000. While in the Air Force I worked as an Engineering Assistant culminating in 20 years at the rank of MSgt.

Our son and daughter added to our family with their spouses Andi and Shay and 5 grandchildren, Levi, Amos, Leonora, Owen and Lucian, ranging in ages from 2- 7. They all live, work, and go to school in the Omaha area. Royal, our 2yr old Golden Doodle, is a registered therapy dog and has been working in the local school system with some visits to the Masonic Home. Nicole's parents and sister also live close by in Plattsmouth. The rest of my extended family, to include my parents, sister, brother, nieces and nephew live in New Mexico, Kansas, and Arkansas. Road trips are the norm in our family.

I am currently working for the Air Force as a Civil Servant as a Project Manager in the Facilities office. Dr. Smith (Nicole) works for the Bellevue School District and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Nicole and I attend church in Springfield, Nebraska at Springfield Baptist Church. Our faith is very important to us as church was always a welcoming place wherever God placed us.

I am a 3rd generation Mason, belonging to Plattsmouth Lodge #6 and Home Chapter #189 in Plattsmouth. I am also a member of Plattsmouth York Rite Bodies, National Sojourners Omaha Chapter #19, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, Tangier Shrine and many other Masonic appendant bodies.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading the paper and spending time outdoors.

I am supporter of Freemasonry because of how it has positively affected my life and the values it teaches. Also, Freemasonry is

important to me because of the wonderful people who I have been able to meet and can now call my friends.

I look forward to working with Worthy Grand Matron Linda and the "To God Be the Glory" officers. With a humble heart I thank you for letting me be part of this Grand Chapter.

**Aim: To promote stronger ties among our Masonic Organizations by encouraging our Chapters to communicate with the officers and members of the various Masonic Bodies in their area and inviting them to join us in activities to attract new members. Working together and giving each other support in our various activities, we can encourage positive growth in our organizations.**



## THE "GLORY" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY NEWS BY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

- Jun 3 Shrine Bowl Parade and Shrine Bowl Game in Kearney
- Jun 4 Reception honoring the 2023-2024 Grand Officers, 2:00-4:00 pm, NE Masonic Home, 1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth
- Jun 9-11 Rainbow Grand Assembly
- Jun 9-11 5-State Gathering in South Sioux City
- Jun 13-17 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel in Kearney at Holiday Inn
- Jul 21-22 DeMolay Conclave in Grand Island at Ramada Convention Center
- Aug 10-14 Bus trip to International Peace Gardens
- Aug 12-13 International Peace Garden Pilgrimage

**Enclosed with this OES News:**

