

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"A Legacy of Service"



Jottings from Jan

Secretaries please find the credentials with instructions for Grand Chapter. Please follow the instructions very carefully as it is very important that your chapter register these credentials and be represented at Grand Chapter.

Attention Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Grand Representatives, and those wishing to serve as Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels: Please do not forget to respond to the post cards or letters concerning your participation at Grand Chapter in May. We are so looking forward to having you with us. We need your names and Chapter numbers by April 1 so they may be printed in the program. My contact numbers can be found on the cards and letters.

I hope that I hear from many of you.

In Star love,

Candy Martin, WGM

Special Project for 2018-2019

Foodbank for the Heartland

"BackPack Program"

One in five children in Nebraska and western Iowa is food insecure and may not have regular access to the food they need.

On the Road Again.....

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

When I last visited with you, I asked you to keep your fingers crossed that the nice weather we were experiencing would continue. Well, I guess our members in the central and western part of the state had more fingers crossed because it was much nicer out west than here in the eastern part of the state. It could be worse. We could have lots more snow on the ground.

February found the Grand Family recovering from all the January installations. Family members not only attended their own Chapter's installations, but many graciously assisted with installations throughout the state. I am very proud of my Grand Family who are so willing to travel many miles to be of service to another Chapter.

Several Family members attended Grand Lodge Communications in Kearney January 31st through February 3rd. It is always a pleasure to support our Brothers in their activities. There was a variety of wonderful music as entertainment at the banquets on Thursday and Friday evening and the Ladies Luncheon on Friday afternoon.

I hope that the next time I visit with you, Mother Nature will have decided that is time for spring.

In the meantime, remember every day is one more day closer to spring.

Be well and travel safe,

Candy, Worthy Grand Matron

Helping Hand Award

Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters,

Last year at our installation at Grand Chapter, Brother Terry and I said that we wanted to recognize that member or those members from our subordinate Chapters who are deserving of our "Helping Hand" Award.

At this time, we would like to have you submit the name or names of those individuals in your Chapter who best represents our theme "A Legacy of Service" this year. We know that every one of our members are special, but if you can think of someone who stands out for going above and beyond in serving others, and who you feel is deserving of this recognition, please contact me by April 1, 2019. We would like to recognize these individuals at Grand Chapter in May.

Please include the name, Chapter name and number, and a **brief** explanation of why this person is being recommended for this recognition.

My contact information is vhsmartin50@aol.com or 1-402-669-9406.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Candy Martin, WGM

The intent of the Benevolence Committee is to recommend one-time financial assistance as may be

requested by a member of the Order or a family member who may be in need. The maximum amount that can be given for any single request is \$3,000. Examples of needs which are not limited to are: rent, car repairs, food, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, disaster relief or medical expenses. If there is a need, please let the

Benevolence Committee know or contact the Grand Secretary. Our Grand Chapter is truly blessed to have the means to help provide for the welfare of our members.

Andi Carpenter
Chairman Benevolence Committee

MESHHC- Children's Home is in need of an oboe and an alto sax. If you have been looking for a good home for your instrument please call Norman Sodomka at 308-382-1108.

OES Service and Therapy Dog Project

Greetings from the OES Service and Therapy Dog Project Committee! We are so excited to share with you the exciting fund raising opportunity that was "gifted" to us when Sister Jean Logsdon, a plural member of Crete, Ogallala and Signet Chapter of North Platte, donated a beautiful handmade quilt. Chapters wishing to sell quilt raffle tickets will email their request for tickets to Sister Cathy Wagner at cjwgse@gmail.com

- Email to include the following information
 - Quantity of tickets desired to sell
 - Name, mailing address and phone number of person to whom the tickets will be mailed.
 - Individuals requesting tickets should include their Chapter Name and Number
- All raffle tickets will be combined into one drawing bucket. Drawing to be held on May 16, 2019 at Grand Chapter

If you have any questions concerning the Service & Therapy Dog Project Committee Quilt Raffle or if any Chapter is interested in a presentation, they are taking reservations for the 2019 year - please email Committee Chair – Beth Benson at bazi16@msn.com or via phone at 402-310-0416.

THE "A LEGACY OF SERVICE" CALENDAR

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

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

- Mar 1 ESTARL deadline
- Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline
- Apr 1 Masonic Youth \$1000 scholarships deadline
- Apr 4-6 Grand York Rite, New World Inn, Columbus
- Apr 26-27 Nebraska/South Dakota exchange
- May 1 Chapter scholarships deadline
- May 14-16 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney**
- Sept 26-27, 2020 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Credentials for the Secretaries
- Nebraska/South Dakota Exchange Invitation
- Choir flyer

~~~~ YOU CAN POST YOUR EVENTS ON THE NEBRASKA OES WEB-SITE CALENDAR~~~~

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