

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Enduring Hope”



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.

Greetings to one and all! Our prayers surround you as you engage in your new year! February brought the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Congratulations to Grand Master Bob Moninger and his lady Pam on a successful year and session. Congratulations to Grand Master Ron Stites, his lady Tami, and all the new officers and families of the Grand Lodge. Our Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters are blessed by our relationships with our Grand Lodge and our Blue Lodges all across Nebraska. It was our privilege to have Eastern Star featured at this Annual Communication.

The Ladies Luncheon's theme and program was dedicated to our Service and Therapy Dogs. Koda from the Children's Home in Fremont received gifts of treats and toys and comfort items from all present. The program included a video message of Koda's arrival and influence with our Home. Sisters Susie Baker and Nan Rix shared Charlie and Louie and their messages of service through their dogs. Friday afternoon's breakout sessions included our presentations by our Service and Therapy Dog committee and the message of Paws Up. Our participation at Grand Lodge was greatly appreciated and by the conclusion of dinner Friday night, more than a dozen petitions for Eastern Star had been requested and presented to Masonic Brothers and some of their Ladies! This serves as an excellent encouragement and a reminder for EACH OF OUR CHAPTERS..... reach out to the Blue Lodge members in your

communities! Share our story! Share our dogs! INVITE THEM TO JOIN EASTERN STAR! At Friday night's Membership Banquet, Grand Master Bob Moninger invited me to announce the commission of Dennis Rix as Grand Representative of the District of Columbia in Nebraska. What a joy to share with our Masonic Brothers another visual reminder that we are family! Bruce and I send our best wishes to each chapter and each member! May you continue to reach out in love, with truth and kindness as we share charity and loving kindness! Star Love and with expectations,
Karan and Bruce

Reminders from the Service and Therapy Dog Committee

The Service and Therapy Dog Committee continues to actively work to raise funds to support service and therapy dog programs in Nebraska. There are two simple ways ALL Nebraska Eastern Star members can participate through activities at Grand Chapter this May. However, members who participate do not need to be present to win.

First, purchase a ticket for the drawing to win a beautiful quilt and pillow created by Betty Kirby, PGM. Your Chapter Service and Therapy Dog representative or Worthy Matron has tickets to sell for \$2.00 each.

Second, enter your pets in the Pawsitively Fun Pet Photo Contest at Grand Chapter. Send your 4 x 6 photos with a \$10.00 donation (entry fee) to Lorrie Bryant, 8021 Preserve Ln. Lincoln, NE 68516 by April 25. Additional information was included in the January OES News.

Thank you in advance for supporting the important work of the Nebraska OES Service and Therapy Dog Committee and our Star Dogs.

Nebraska Grand Chapter has funds to loan for vocational, undergraduate, or post graduate education. To qualify for a loan, you must be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, or be related to a current or former member, in good standing, of a Eastern Star Chapter of the State of Nebraska.

All Nebraska Eastern Star members and their qualified relatives are encouraged to consider an Educational Loan from Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. The Applications are available online at www.neoes.org, under the heading of Members/Reports Forms, or call Nebraska Grand Chapter Office at 402.937-7056. The complete application must be mailed to the Grand Chapter office on later than April 1st of each year.

Attention 50 year and plus members:
The Board of Trustee's met at Grand Lodge and voted to make the 50-year luncheon complimentary to everyone in attendance. So please mark the registration forms that you plan to attend and put "comp" in the amount column!

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2019 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2020 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it right away you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.



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 APRIL NEWS BY MARCH 10



- Mar 1 ESTARL deadline
- Apr 1 Educational Loan deadline
- Apr 1 Masonic Youth Scholarships deadline
- May 1 Chapter scholarships deadline
- May 12-14 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney**
- Jul 27-Aug1 Job's Daughters International Supreme Session and 100th Anniversary in Omaha
- Sept 10 Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour, Departs Sept.10 and includes 7- night cruise
- Sept 26-27 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Choir flyer
- Letter from Karan, Worthy Grand Matron
- Credentials for the secretaries

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

Visit us on the web at [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"

Send you event, date, time, cost, location to Kerri Straub, Webmaster at [kstraub73@gmail.com](mailto:kstraub73@gmail.com)