

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Trails of Faith"



Jottings from Jan

Final reminders concerning our

upcoming Session:

- ✓ Don't forget your dues receipt, credential or proxy, Past Matron, Past Patron, Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron Card.

REMINDER: to bring your "basket" or items you can donate to Grand Chapter. If you need ideas, don't hesitate to contact Margaret McCall, Chairperson. We want to make this a very successful project for the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands.



A Message concerning Scholarships

Your Chapter's scholarship recipients have no doubt been determined by now, so please remember to put an announcement in your local paper—include pictures of your recipients if you can. Those of you who have not done so—remember to send in your Notification of Award form and money to the Grand Chapter office so that the Grand Secretary can prepare your Scholarship Certificates

Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands (Special Project for 2016-2017)

They have offerings designed to help you learn how to live a healthy life with diabetes.

Words from our Trail Boss

**Friendship is the
sunshine in the nice
things people do.
Friendship is the
laughter in the good
times shared by two
Friendship is sweet
memories, like echoes
of a song.
Friendship is a feeling
that lasts your whole
life long.**

My Friends, Sisters and Brothers, I, THANK YOU, once again for the honor and privilege of serving the Nebraska Grand Chapter as your Worthy Grand Matron for this past year. It seems like only yesterday that we began this journey with the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family and here we are practically at the end of trail. Your attendance, your attention, your encouragement and your fraternal love has touched us all in so many ways. The Worthy Grand Patron explained that we need to be persistent in our invitations to prospective members and I say we need to let those who are

not members know about the great charitable works we do and the great friendships that grow through our membership in Eastern Star. BE PROUD of this great organization and what you have contributed to it. You have been a blessing to me and I will cherish the memory of this past year forever. Star Love and Happy Trails, Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron 2016-2017



**Don't forget
May 15th**

www.irs.gov/efile

If you have not filed you E-postcard online, do it NOW!

**Be sure your Chapter has
filed**



Check and make sure your passport is current. Fun bus trip planned by Bev Donham, P.G.M., to the International Peace Garden in August. Just let Bev know that you want to go along.

ESTARL Committee Request:

Nebraska's ESTARL Program is a successful and effective OES service that makes a difference by providing financial grants for persons perusing religious training/education. In an effort to get the word out about the OES ESTARL Grant Program, WGM Cheryl has approved the ESTARL Committee's request that every

Chapter identify and provide contact information for at least 5 churches or related programs in your geographical area that would be receptive to receiving ESTARL Grant information and applications. By accepting and responding to this request you provide a vehicle for the ESTARL Committee to spread the news of this tremendous

program and reach potential deserving applicants. Please forward the contact information to Grand Secretary Jan at the Grand Chapter Office. Your Chapters timely response to this request will save money by avoiding individual Chapter request mailings, which in turn allows more funds to be available for Grants.

ESTARL Committee



THE "TRAILS OF FAITH" CALENDAR



**(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)
PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE NEWS BY May 15**

May 9-11 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney

- May 21 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Joint reception for Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Lodge Officers at Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 202 S 20th St, Omaha
- May 30-6/3 Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- Jun 3 Shrine Bowl Parade and Game at 2:00 p.m.
- Jun 9-11 Rainbow Grand Assembly at Doane College in Crete
- Jun 14-17 Job's Daughters Grand Session in York
- Jul 14-16 DeMolay Conclave at Midland University in Fremont
- Jul 29 4-H Achievement Day at MESHHC, 11:00 am, 2415 N Main, Fremont
- Jul 29 Alpha #325, Pot luck and bottle auction, 4:00-6:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Aug 11-13 International Peace Gardens Pilgrimage
- Sept 23-24 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn in Kearney
- Sept 24 .Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner 1:30 p.m.

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Letter from the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron
- 2017 Visitation Schedule
- Sample Visitation Program
- Sample Visitation Invitation

~~~~DON'T FORGET!—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"**

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