

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Let Your Light Shine”



Jottings from Jan: Reminder that November is “election month”.

Remember to send in the blue after election report after your election. If bad weather or some other circumstance prevents your Chapter from holding it's election in November, the Secretary will need to request a “Dispensation to elect out of time” from the Grand Secretary (402-937-7056). There is not a fee for this dispensation.

“No shade, no shine, no butterflies [no fireflies!], no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds!
November!”
–Thomas Hood

While Thomas Hood reminds us of all the things November does not have...one of the many things it does have is Thanksgiving! We give thanks and gratitude for the many blessings which surround and enfold us. Reach out to your Sisters and

Brothers, a phone call, a text, a card, an email, a hug at a Chapter meeting or Friendship night, attending your local Kensington or lunch or card club...let them know of your gratitude for them and I assure you, they will reciprocate in kind.

We began the month in Pierre with our South Dakota Sisters and Brothers at their “The Wonder of God’s Hand” Grand Chapter sessions. We received a warm welcome and plenty of hospitality during our stay! The following weekend we joined the past and present Grand Representatives for their Fall Meeting in Kearny with a delightful lunch provided by Tuscan Chapter #35. October 19th was a full day of work and fellowship at the All-Committee Meeting in Hastings. A big welcome was extended to the Fraternal Relations Committee on their inaugural meeting as a Standing Committee of the Grand Chapter! Thank you to Acacia Chapter #39 for hosting and handling all the arrangements making it a productive and enjoyable day.

By the time many of you read this a BIG RED delegation of Nebraska Sisters and Brothers will have returned from the General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, SC. While we cannot predict what events we will most enjoy and remember, we are certain good work will be accomplished AND a good time will be had by all! Thank you to the many Nebraska hands who coordinated travel, meals, housing, transportation and any number of kindnesses, moments of fellowship and snacks we certainly enjoyed on this journey!

November brings with it travel to Des Moines for Iowa’s Grand Chapter Sessions immediately followed by Missouri’s Grand Chapter Sessions in Springfield. Please join us as the Grand Families of Kansas and Nebraska initiate new members at the Kansas Nebraska Exchange Reunion 2.0, Friday – Saturday November 22nd – 23rd in Bellevue.

We send prayers for your Thanksgiving Holiday. May the presence of family, friends, and blessings surround you. Thank you for **shining** through every act of service. Thank you for every experience, joy or sorrow, **shared**. Thank you for every **invitation**. Thank you for

continuing to **build** on our foundation of loving kindness.

Star Light & Love - Sheli, WGM and Keith, WGP

Special Projects for 2024-2025:
OES Star Dogs of Nebraska Inc.
Masonic Youth Foundation of NE Inc.

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT:
Sister Shellie Smith,
joined the Grand Chapter office on October 1st. Her email address is:
Shellienebraskaoes@gmail.com



THE "SHINE, SHARE, INVITE" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER NEWS BY NOVEMBER 10TH

- Nov 10 .Martha Washington #153, Lincoln, quarterly dinner 11:00 – 1:00, Soups, Pulled pork sandwiches, pie, \$12.00, RSVP to Sue Hedges 402-672-8603, No tickets at the door
- Nov 11 .Veterans Day
- Nov 17 .Rainbow Grand Assembly Grand Cross, host Lincoln Assembly #6
- Nov 22-23 NE/KS Exchange & Réunion in Bellevue, NE
- Nov 28 .Thanksgiving

Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

- Nov 7-10Iowa Grand Chapter in Holiday Inn in Des Moines
- Nov 10-13 ...Missouri Grand Chapter in Springfield at University Plaza Hotel

Enclosed with this OES News:

- 🐾 Christmas letter from our WGM & WGP
- 🐾 ESTARL Brochure's

Reminder:

- 🐾 **The year for our Subordinate Chapters is fast coming to a close. Annual Report forms will be mailed to Chapter Secretaries in mid-November—they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2025 and must include all membership information from Jan 1, thru Dec. 31, 2024.**

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