

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"God Bless the U.S.A."



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 no fee for this dispensation.

Updates are now being made to the ritual assistance list. If you would like to help out another chapter, just email or call the office and we will add you to the list. We need to know which office/offices you would like to do and how far you are willing to travel. Thanks! Enclosed is a form for your convenience. Please also let us know if you need to be removed from the previous list.

Another Successful Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. A total of 4000 pounds of food donated for the War on Hunger. Congratulations to the Grand Family for donating 477 pounds. The speakers were excellent and a fun time was had by all in attendance. In one of the break out sessions the youth listed benefits of being in a Masonic Youth Organization. Here are a few of the things that were listed: Personal growth, network, scholarships, social skills, service, memories, resume, community, food, fun, meetings, confidence, friendships and public speaking. Thanks to every chapter and all the individuals that donated and helped in any way with the conference.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Thank you very much to all those who attended our visitations. We started in Gering, NE on June 23rd and completed the last one on September 30th in Omaha.

During the month of October some of the Grand Family members traveled to Grand Chapters in South Dakota, Missouri, and Iowa. It's always interesting to see how others do their work.

The All-Committee meeting was held on October 28th in Hastings and many good ideas came from this get together. Our thanks to Acacia Chapter #39, Hastings for their assistance with this event.

November is a time for Thanksgiving thoughts; the kind of thoughts that we should have all year long. For it is the folks with thankful hearts whose lives are filled with joy. We should take time for kindness to those we hold most dear, and extend a helping hand to others through the year. Let's set aside some quiet time and share it with a friend. Friendships bring a special joy and pleasure without end. So may the blessings of this day that I would ask for you, now fill you with Thanksgiving Peace that lasts the whole year through!

November 11 is Veterans Day. If you know a veteran, thank them for their service.

Anita Sohm, WGM

November is a time of Thanksgiving so enjoy the Five Finger Prayer:

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly come's our little finger – the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Why our pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



Bring your Mickey Mouse ears, your cowboy hat and join the "Hummers in Harmony" General Grand Chapter Choir at the 49th Triennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida on October 25 – November 2, 2018. You can download your form at www.easternstar.org.





THE "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A." CALENDAR



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

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER NEWS BY NOVEMBER 15

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| Nov 5 | Trinity Chapter #299, Biscuits & Gravy/Casserole Breakfast, \$8.00, 9:00-1:00, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha |
| Nov 11 | Happy Veterans Day |
| Nov 11 | Martha Washington #153, Creamed chicken or homemade bunzas, \$7.00, 4:30-7:00, 4430 N 70 th St, Lincoln |
| Nov 11 | Bethel 27 potato bar & silent auction to benefit HIKE Fund Inc., 5:00-7:00pm, \$7.00, 322 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, tickets contact Dehnia Bullerdiek, 402-540-1785 |
| Nov 19 | Rainbow Grand Cross hosted by Elkhorn-Waterloo Assembly, 5:00 Masonic Family Thanksgiving dinner, meat furnished by assembly, pot luck. 3:00 Grand Cross Ceremony for those individuals that are Grand Cross recipients. RSVP to Amanda Klope 402-680-8031, 20295 Hopper St, Elkhorn |
| Nov 23 | Happy Thanksgiving |
| Dec 12 | Happy Hanukkah |
| Dec 25 | Merry Christmas |

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| Jan 13-15 | School of Instruction in Bellevue |
| Feb 1-3 | Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney |
| May 8-10 | Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney |

Reminders _____

- 1) November is "Election Month". Best of luck to all Chapters on a successful election.
- 2) 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, 2018 and must include all membership information from Jan 1, thru Dec. 31, 2017.

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Christmas letter from the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers. Secretaries, please read this letter to your members. Remember your monetary gifts for the Homes must be sent to the Grand Chapter (checks made to the Grand Chapter) by November 28th to be sure the gifts get to the Homes in time for Christmas!
- Ritual Assistance Form

~~~~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"**

**Become a friend on Facebook at Nebraska Eastern Star**

**Call the Grand Chapter Office at 402-937-7056 or 844-309-6855**