

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Enduring Hope”



Jottings from Jan

A Note About Holiday Giving: With the

season of giving now at hand, please be very careful to designate what your gifts are for - The Grand Chapter office is now receiving gifts for School Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club, Thanksgiving Ingathering and Christmas giving for both homes as well as many other projects. Using the gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations. Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 1st so you need to have it in to the Grand Chapter Office by October 31st. (The Grand Chapter office makes every effort to notify the Home of all gifts received by that deadline.) In order for Thanksgiving gifts to reach the homes by the Thanksgiving holiday they must be received by October 31st and for Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.



Greetings to our Sisters and Brothers across Nebraska! Fall is upon us. Changes of the season, changes of temperatures and humidity, and changes of routine and sports seasons are ours to enjoy! We hope this message finds you happy in your work, engaged in learning and serving, surrounded by warm and genuine relationships, and filled with paws-itivity! Throughout September your Enduring Hope Grand Family has been visiting Chapters,

sharing the significance and presence of Eastern Star and enjoying time with our members in Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado. Our Iowa Sisters and Brothers hosted us in grand style at our exchange in Council Bluffs. We are delighted to welcome a new Nebraska Sister! Congratulations and welcome to Alpha Chapter #325. Our Sisters and Brothers of Colorado hosted a dynamic “Spirits in Harmony” Grand session and we were honored to attend. Congratulations to Signet Chapter #55 for a successful Labor Day weekend event honoring and thanking the first responders from the North Platte area. Our State Patrol, sheriff, police, and fire departments also eagerly welcomed our willingness to serve through service and therapy dogs. We appreciate their desire to share awareness of Eastern Star and our willingness to serve their needs. Congratulations and thank you to Mount Vernon Chapter #84 Plainview, Symphony Chapter #300 O’Neill, Wausa Chapter #159, Miriam Chapter #175 Laurel, Laura Chapter #301 South Sioux City, Wayne Chapter #194, Stanton Chapter #146, Beulah Chapter #40 Norfolk for your Constellations! It was our privilege to serve with you and reach out into your communities. From assisting

with the food pantry, to flipping pancakes and taking part in the Norfolk Octoberfest parade we were delighted to join with you. Thank you to Dave Wetrosky, AGP and Dennis Dubry, Companion to our AGC for facilitating our participation in the Apple Jack Festival Parade in Nebraska City. We appreciate Nebraska’s largest parade crowd seeing our Star Dogs and growing in awareness of Eastern Star! THANK YOU! We were pleased to take part in the Fall Grand Representatives event in Kearney and then on to the Caring Club event for our Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. Fellowship and celebration of our successes through our Order are always a joy. October will find us at neighboring jurisdictions’ Grand sessions and continuing to join with our Nebraska Chapters in their area Constellations. Check out the calendar and join us as we will be with our Plattsmouth, Papillion, Bellevue, Brownville, Humboldt, Pawnee City, Scottsbluff, Mitchell, Kimball, Hyannis, and Gordon chapters. We look forward to a trip to TRUNK or TREAT in Palmyra too! Thank you for all of your preparation, planning, and every invitation. There is no greater joy than sharing with our members. The last week of September

or the first week of October may well have brought to Tim and I the appearance and welcoming of our first grandchild! We thank you all for your love, prayers, and best wishes as we have patiently awaited the arrival. We pray as well that your lives are blessed and filled with joy. We remind you to please report to our Grand Secretary the names and contact information of your initiates and please return your form for receiving your own silicone phone card case to carry our elevator cards and share the great awareness of Eastern Star. There are few things in life more powerful than a positive push, genuine smile, a word of optimism for these are the

path to encouraging and nurturing hope. May enduring hope surround and empower you each day! With Great Expectations, Karan and Bruce

for this project. (<http://www.neoes.org/service-and-therapy-dogs.html>). As Chapters prepare for elections and Installations of new officers, it is a perfect time to get us on your calendars. We look forward to hearing from you and scheduling a presentation that fits your schedule and meets your Chapter's needs.

We hope you are all having a pawsitively great start to Fall! The Nebraska Grand Chapter Service and Therapy Dog Committee had a busy summer and is now gearing up for the Fall and Winter seasons. We are eager to share information about service and therapy dogs and the great things happening in Nebraska Eastern Star related to the work of these dogs. We wanted to remind Chapters that we are available for visits and presentations. Simply contact us through the committee page of the Nebraska OES website to make a request or to access graphics to use for your Chapter promotions



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 NOVEMBER NEWS BY OCTOBER 10

- Oct 6 Trinity #299, OES Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00 pm, \$15.00 donation, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 13 Clergy Appreciation Day
- Nov 3 Trinity #299, Pancake breakfast, 9:00-1:00, \$8.00 donation, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Nov 17 AkSarBen #277, German dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm

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- Jul 27-Aug Job's Daughters International Supreme Session and 100th Anniversary in Omaha
- Sept 10 Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour, It departs Sept.10 and includes 7- night cruise
- Sept 26-27 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Thanksgiving letter
- Secretaries please find the blue "After Election Report" to be completed and returned to the Grand Chapter office within three business days after election
- ESTARL brochures

~~~~ 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)