

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> so you need to have it in to the Grand Chapter Office by October 31<sup>st</sup>. (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 31<sup>st</sup>** and for Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for **Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Greetings Sisters and Brothers across Nebraska,

As the temperatures change and fall advances we hope this message finds you healthy, safe and happy. Thank you to all Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and Secretaries that are faithfully communicating with me. I appreciate hearing how you are doing, if you are meeting, and all updates about projects and your members. THANK YOU!

The Dilly Dally Socials of summer gave us opportunities to call on

members and friends. It has been fun to see from all across our state the different low risk gatherings. Your creativity is inspiring. Thank you for all the photos and videos you have shared, giving us all the opportunity to join together. Keep watching our YOUTUBE channel and join each social.

We continue to encourage you to “Hang On” and take care of yourself so you can then reach out to others! Staying in touch with each other is so important. What an amazing response to our encouragement to “Hang On” with the sharing of Blessings Bags to our members and friends. At this time I estimate about 2000 bags have been or are ready to be distributed across Nebraska! To be able to encourage and bless others is one of our greatest acts of love and service. Hope you keep sharing the blessings and feeling the joy for yourself! And share your photos and messages of the bags you share.

During 2020 approximately thirty of our members will celebrate their 75th year of membership in Eastern Star. What an amazing milestone! Thank you to each chapter that is double checking their membership records and helping us to make sure we are accurate in recognizing each of these precious members. Please share these anniversaries, we all want to join in congratulating each of these members.

Thank you all again for your dedication and faithfulness to each other and to our Order. As we continue to journey through the challenges of our public health crisis,

how we love and encourage each other makes a huge difference in all of our lives. Together we can love, serve and adapt to the challenges around us. Thank you for your loving kindness. We continue to lift each of you in prayer. Stay healthy, safe, happy and CHOOSE JOY!

Karan and Bruce



Even with the restrictions of COVID-19, your Nebraska OES Service and Therapy Dog Committee has been busy planning for the year. This summer, we held two meetings, one via ZOOM, and a second with in-person and ZOOM attendance. We hope many of you have watched the YouTube video, which was published in June to provide information about the Committee’s work the past year and plans moving forward. There are other fun and informative videos with our Star Dogs for your viewing pleasure as well. Please check out these videos on the Eastern Star YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCTtOZAoID1SQ5yHo-Uex\\_7g](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTtOZAoID1SQ5yHo-Uex_7g)). You can also link directly to the YouTube Channel from the Nebraska OES web site ([www.neoes.org](http://www.neoes.org)). There are several categories of videos related to Nebraska Eastern Star. The dog videos are in the Star Dogs category. Maybe you want to share videos before or after a Chapter meeting or gathering if your location has an internet connection available.

As Chapters resume meetings and events, The Service and Therapy Dog Committee members want to remind you that we are available to attend and present information about service and

therapy dogs, and specifically the work of our special Star Dogs. To request a presentation or appearance, please fill out the form on the Nebraska OES web site ([www.neoes.org/service-and-therapy-dog-presentation-request.html](http://www.neoes.org/service-and-therapy-dog-presentation-request.html))

or contact Sister Lorrie Bryant ([lbryant714@gmail.com](mailto:lbryant714@gmail.com) or 402-432-5530). We look forward to hearing from you and sharing at your Chapter meeting or event, and even in your community.

The Committee still has t-shirts and notecards for sale. Please remember to keep selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt made by Sister Betty Kirby, PGM, and enter your pets in the Pawsitively Fun Pet Photo Contest for Grand Chapter 2021. All of these items

support the work of Service and Therapy Dogs in Nebraska. You may contact Sister Lorrie for information.

Please stay safe and healthy so we can all resume the important work of Eastern Star in Nebraska!

### Doggie Humor:

What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator? **A friend you can count on.**

What is a dog's favorite food? **Anything that is on your plate!**

Dressed the dog as a cat for Halloween. **Now he won't come when I call him!**

Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? **It's hardly ever for them.**



## THE "ENDURING HOPE" CALENDAR



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

Oct 11 Rainbow One-Day Grand Assembly 9:00 am, Lincoln Scottish Rite Center

Oct 31 Happy Halloween

Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving


Dec 25 .Merry Christmas

### 2021

Jan 1 Happy New Year

Feb 4-6 .Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney

May 11-13 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney

Aug 12  Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour on Holland America Line, details on our website or contact David Wetrosky at [dwetrosky@neb.rr.com](mailto:dwetrosky@neb.rr.com)

Oct 16-17 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney

Oct 29-Nov 5 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City, Utah

### Enclosed with this OES News:

- Blue after election reports for the Chapter Secretaries. Remember they must be returned with 3 business days after your election
- Executive Order
- Thanksgiving Letter from our WGM & WGP
- Save the date
- Letter from WGM and WGP with October Guidelines

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