

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Oceans of Possibilities, Anchored in Faith”*



## Jottings from

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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 ivory 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 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.

Fall is here again, for some it is an enjoyable reprieve from the heat and work of summer, especially after they have finished their harvesting of gardens or

fields. For others it can be a busy time of preparation for the winter season with all of its hardships but also enjoyments to come. It is a great time to reach out to your home bound members to see if they require any assistance in this preparation. It is also a good time to bring out the s'mores again. 😊.

This fall is finding us scrambling to plan and replan activities again. Our schedules have been revamped several times and some of our gatherings much adjusted. We have had to cancel the fall Grand Representatives meeting and the Masonic Youth Leadership in person meeting. There is some possibility of a virtual gathering of our Youth so please keep watching for details. It is also a good idea to watch for updates on the Nebraska Grand Chapter Facebook page. Although we try to keep abreast of the pandemic situation, we ask that each chapter and member pay attention to what is going on in your area or those where you intend to go to keep yourselves and those around you safe. The

plans for the All-Committee Meeting have been altered a little as well to omit any refreshments or meals so please keep that in mind in your plans to attend. As you are looking at planning events for your chapters, please keep in mind that we can still get together, we just have to wear our masks and therefore not eat or drink together unless we can be socially distanced and preferably outside. Let us pray for a nice long Indian Summer. Please watch for information on getting your booster shots and take advantage of these when you are eligible.

We know that this has been a difficult stretch for many of our chapters and we empathize with you all. If your chapter is having difficulty, please contact the WGM, WGP or the Grand Secretary so we can assist you with your needs and plans.

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School Supplies Needed at the MESHHC. Cash donations will help provide school clothing, and school supplies!

October is Pastor appreciation month and October 10<sup>th</sup> is clergy appreciation day. Remember to thank your pastor and let them know that they are appreciated. It's also a good time to tell them about ESTARL and ask them if they know someone that ESTARL would benefit. You could start the conversation by telling them that ESTARL is an acronym for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. In

short., it is a program providing financial grants to students preparing for a religious vocation or faith leaders continuing their education. To obtain an application form or additional information, contact the Grand Secretary office.

Two ways to give to ESTARL.

**Landeryou Fund:** your donation goes directly into grants for the upcoming year.

**Yount Endowment Fund:** your donation is invested, and income from the investments is used to fund ESTARL grants.

**The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>!** The Grand Chapter of NE must receive the official completed application form (hard copy, complete with signature) and all supporting documents by March 1.



## THE "OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES" CALENDAR

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



- Oct 9 Martha Washington #153 Drive-up Cream Chicken Dinner or Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, \$8.00 per person, 4470 N 70<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln
- Oct 10 Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct 23 All Committee Meeting at the Masonic Center in Hastings
- Nov 7 .Martha Washington annual Roast Beef Dinner will be drive-up, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm, \$12.00 per person, Reservations required-call Sue Hedges 402-672-8603
- Nov 14 .Nebraska Rainbow for Girls Fall Grand Cross of Honor Ceremony & Banquet 1:00 pm
- Nov 25 .Thanksgiving
- Dec 25 .Merry Christmas

### **Enclosed with this OES News:**

- 🐾 November will be election month and the chapter secretary will find the "Blue After election report". Please remember to return it within three business days after the election
- 🐾 Please read the Fall Ingathering letter to your members

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