

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Rainbows of Kindness”



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 ivory 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.

Please make changes to your Committee booklets:

Benevolence – Add Margaret Nelson, 1018 S 13th Ave #104, Blair NE 68008, 402-669-3256
margnelson45@icloud.com

Service & Therapy Dogs – Jennifer Dierks, 801 W Garfield, Lincoln NE 68522

Membership – Julia Schavon Cordsen, 2127 Woodford St, Archer 68816

What a Blessing it has been to visit our Chapters this year. It has been since 2019 that a Grand Family was able to complete a visitation season without being disrupted by COVID-19. Worthy Grand Patron Wayne and I are thrilled to meet with so many of our members and visit our Chapters.

In June, the Rainbows of Kindness Grand Family members were pleased to support the young women of two Nebraska's Masonic Youth groups. It was a thrill to help Nebraska Rainbow Girls celebrate their 75th annual Grand Assembly, especially since I am a Past Grand Worthy Advisor. A week later, we were honored to attend Grand Bethel and bring greetings to the Nebraska's Job's Daughters and their leaders. What wonderful future Eastern Star members we met!

We attended our first visitation at Arbor Chapter #200, in Central City celebrating with burgers and brats. Later that day we traveled to Acacia Chapter #39 in Hastings for a visitation and reception celebrating Grand Martha Marcia Donley and belatedly celebrating Past Grand Organist Barb Crowe.

The Omaha Area Chapters hosted the Grand Family members for a visitation and reception for Grand Electa Debbie Parks at one of the Omaha Home for Boys campuses. We are proud to have Worthy Patron Allen Straub from Narcissus Chapter #269 serving as Chairman of the Board at the Home.

Humboldt Chapter #200 hosted a Grand Family visitation for the first time in many years. We were also able to visit the incredibly beautiful Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Gardens. I recommend it to you as a place of peace and reflection. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the visitation that evening hosted by Blue River and Utica Chapters at the Seward Community Center due to my Grand Companion Ken's open-heart surgery. But I know it was an enjoyable event.

We started July with the Lincoln – Ceresco Area visitation which included a delicious lunch and attending the annual Salt Dogs baseball game. WGP Wayne threw out the 1st pitch. Unfortunately, I missed the pitch and the game to spend the evening with Brother Ken.

In addition to visiting our Chapters, our Grand Family, WGP Wayne and I renewed the tradition of exchanges with other Jurisdictions, this year with Kansas and Iowa. The Kansas-Nebraska Reunion was different format this year. We met the entire weekend in Kearney instead of traveling between both states which allowed for more fellowship time. Thank you to WM Rita Lindvall and WP Bruce Raddatz, PGP of Tuscan Chapter #35 and their members for hosting the event. We had an amazing time watching the Grand Officers from both states exemplify the Degrees, ate wonderful meals, and enjoyed great conversations, and, of course in typical Nebraska fashion, we had a tornado warning. We ended that weekend celebrating the 125th anniversary of Papillion Chapter #114. Who knew that our Worthy Grand Patron and some Worthy Patrons would be willing to join in the fun of a water balloon throwing fundraiser!

The next weekend was both the 5-State event and DeMolay Conclave. WGP Wayne PGM Sue and several others attended the 5-State in Hannibal, MO and I went to Conclave with other Grand Family members. We all had a wonderful weekend.

August began with a special visitation to WGP Wayne's home Chapter for a visitation and reception for Grand Organist Wanda Retzlaff, who served in that position for PGM Sue Andreasen when she was

Worthy Grand Matron. Following the visitation our Grand Family was honored to initiate a young woman into our Order.

The next week, a large contingent of Nebraska Eastern Star members accompanied PGP Dave Wetrosky on the long-planned Alaska cruise. Cruisers including Grand Family members WGP Wayne and PGM Sue, Associate Grand Matron Linda and her husband Dennis, Grand Organist Wanda and her husband Gale, Grand Sentinel Dennis and his wife Nan, and several PGMs, PGPs and a group from Kansas Grand Chapter. We understand it was a wonderful trip. While they were sailing, the rest of us attended a visitation hosted by Ruth Chapter #119 in North Bend and celebrated Grand Ruth Caryn Zietlow.

Our NE/IA Exchange was a fun weekend hosted by Council Bluffs Chapter #441. The weekend included a pizza and movie night, a visit to the Union Pacific museum, games, worship service and great fellowship.

September included a great trip to western Nebraska to share a visitation with the Grand Officers

from Wyoming. Wyoming WGM Wendy Lewandowski is a member of Sunflower Chapter #214 in Mitchell. We traveled to North Platte for visitation and a reception for Grand Warder Andy Stewart, PGM Cheryl Beckius, member of the GGC International Headquarters Committee, and PGM Brenda McGuire, member of the GGC ESTARL Committee who now lives in Texas.

As September ends, we travel to Bethany Chapter #113 for a visitation and reception for Grand Chaplain Mike Hitchcock. We end our travels where our year started - in Kearney for the annual Grand Representatives meeting and lunch.

What an amazing time it has been. And how fast the time has gone by. WGP Wayne and I and our Grand Companions Bro. Ken and PGM Sue feel incredibly blessed to have been able to visit with our members from so many different Chapters. What a Joy it has been after being isolated and separated for so many months. Star love, Laurie & Wayne

**Masonic-Eastern Star Home for
Children Needs Your Help!**

The Children's Home is re-opening more cottages and will be receiving 13 children this month on campus!

When children arrive at the Home, often they come with very little in the way of basic items such as toiletries, warm clothes and other items that they need to settle into our community and feel welcome.

We have created a Welcome Kit that each child is given upon arrival that consists of a duffel bag filled with those basic items they need to get off to a good start.

You can purchase items for the Welcome Kits by going here:
<https://amzn.to/3CTLdRG>

An entire Welcome Kit can be purchased for \$300 dollars. Go here to donate an entire Kit:

<http://meshc.org/giving.html>

Thank you for your support!

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THE "KINDNESS" CALENDAR

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

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| Oct 2 | Trinity Chapter #299 Steak Fry 4:00-7:00 in Omaha |
| Oct 7-9 | Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn in Kearney |
| Oct 8 | Martha Washington #153, Cream Chicken or Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, plus sides, \$12.00, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, Eat in or to go |
| Oct 11 | Social Order of Beauceant, Omaha Assembly #91, Salad Luncheon @11:30, card party from 10-3 pm, Papillion Masonic Center, \$8.00 donation, reserve table call Bev Pickering 402-681-5088, door prizes |
| Oct 15 | Papillion Chapter #114, Vendor Fair 9:00-3:00 pm |
| Oct 22 | All-Committee meeting in Hastings |
| Oct 22 | Alpha Chapter #325, Soup Supper 4:00-6:00 pm in Bellevue |

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