

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Let Your Light Shine”



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 cream 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 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.

Changes in your Officer & Supply Books: 1. Peggy Hitchcock land line is 402-387-2291. 2. Bill & Tam Engler zip code should be 68136

“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!” – Humbert Wolfe

Fall is upon us! Changes of the season are present all around us, from temperatures and sports to coffee choices...like Pumpkin Spice! We hope this message finds you in good health and happiness. I always look forward to the turn of the season, cool mornings and evenings and splendid fall sunsets. While we know our friendly fireflies in nature will be burrowed away soon for the winter, your Let Your Light Shine Grand Family continues to travel visiting Chapters and sharing time with our members in Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa.

Shortly after Labor Day we arrived in Plainview for our 7th Area Visitation and to celebrate Sister Ann (Grand Martha) at a reception preceding our fellowship with Beulah, Mount Vernon, Wayne and Laura Chapters. The very next day we spent an enjoyable afternoon in Lincoln at a reception to celebrate Brothers Mike (Grand Chaplain) and Greg (Grand Sentinel). It was such a fun reception and many thanks to their Chapters for hosting. Next stop on the travels was Hastings for our last Area Visitation with a reception honoring Sister Marcia (Grand Warder) followed by fellowship and sharing with Hebron, Acacia, Andrew, Rob Morris, Arbor and Phillips Chapters.

Thank you to all the Chapters hosting and attending the Area Visitations this summer. Thank you for spending your valuable

time, sharing in fellowship and a meal; sharing events about your Chapters with our members, visitors and Grand Family. We truly enjoyed each unique Visitation and take to heart all that you shared with us.

We headed to Denver to celebrate with our Colorado Sisters and Brothers at their “Be the Light of Kindness” Grand Chapter sessions. We received a warm welcome and plenty of hospitality during our stay! A “quick” drive back east to Omaha provided the opportunity to attend the 100th Anniversary event of Omaha Chapter #19 of National Sojourners. At the end of September our Iowa Brothers and Sisters hosted us in amazing style at a Fun Weekend in Le Mars, IA, the Ice Cream capitol of the World! We learned that a balanced diet is an ice cream cone in each hand!

October will find us attending Grand sessions in South Dakota and joining the Grand Representatives at their Fall Meeting in Kearney. We look forward to seeing all our committee members the 19th of October when we gather for the All Committee Meeting at the Hastings Masonic Center. A BIG RED delegation is preparing for the General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly October 24-November 1st. Looking forward to SHINING our Nebraska Light in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Fast approaching is November with additional travels to neighboring jurisdiction' Grand sessions AND a reschedule of the postponed Kansas Nebraska Reunion! Yes! We hope you can join us in Bellevue November 22 – 23rd for the Kansas Nebraska Exchange & Reunion 2.0 as we initiate new members.

Invite OES to be a blessing in your life, and SHARE that blessing with all you meet; shining as only you can SHINE.

With Star Light & Love - Sheli, WGM and Keith, WGP

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT:

Welcome to Sister Shellie Smith, PM of Martha Washington #153! Shellie joined the Grand Chapter office on October 1st.

Dear Sisters and Brothers;
Andy & I would like to thank all the lovely people who open their homes to help us cut the cost of the eastern visitations. We truly appreciate the accommodations but also the strong friendships we have built. The free breakfasts

are truly worth it especially blueberry bread pudding. I am beginning to like dogs too. Eastern Star people are the best. Please know that for whatever reason if you are out west our doors will be open and ready for guests.

Sincerely Andy Stewart Grand Conductress and Karla Lawler Gr Treasurer



THE "SHINE, SHARE, INVITE" CALENDAR



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

- October 12 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting at Kearney Masonic Center at 12:00
- Oct 24-Nov 1 General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The "Worldwide Family of God Marches Together" Assembly at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Information can be found on General Grand Chapters website.
- Nov 11 .Veterans Day
- Nov 17 .Rainbow Grand Assembly Grand Cross, host Lincoln Assembly #6
- Nov 22-23 NE/KS Exchange & Reunion in Bellevue, NE
- Nov 28 .Thanksgiving

Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

- Nov 7-10.....Iowa Grand Chapter in Holiday Inn in Des Moines
- Nov 10-13.....Missouri Grand Chapter in Springfield at University Plaza Hotel

Enclosed with this OES News:

- 🐾 November is election month and the blue after election report needs to be returned three business days after the election
- 🐾 Fall Ingathering letter from our WGM & WGP
- 🐾 Letter from Service & Therapy Dog Committee
- 🐾 NE/KS Exchange & Reunion

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