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“To God Be The Glory”



Jottings from

Jan Attention all
Standing

Committees: October

28 2023 you will have a committee meeting at the Masonic Center in Hastings (411 N Hastings). This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute and be an active member of your respective committees. Please call the Grand Chapter office to RSVP. More information will be coming out soon.

BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE
CHILDRENS HOME: STILL
NEEDING TOWELS, SHEETS,
AND MECHANICAL PENCILS.
FUNDS TO REPLENISH THE
CLOTHING FUND! THANK YOU!

Masonic Youth Leaders for 2023-2024:

RAINBOW: *Katheryn Rice, Grand Worthy Advisor.*

JOB'S: *Grayce Dutcher, Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Rem Watts, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter. Jenna Helter, Miss Nebraska Congeniality.*

DEMOLAY: *Caleb Malousek, State Master Councilor. Isaac Barchus, State Senior Councilor. Tom Parker, State Junior Councilor. Sisters, Brothers and friends Remember to support our Masonic Youth not only financially but with your presence at their activities.*

In the last issue, the Flutterbies had landed in Bellevue for their second Area Visitation. While there, they feasted on sliders, chips, a variety of scrumptious salads, and desserts. We learned a great deal about the other Masonic appendant bodies, and enjoyed a few piano duets performed by Grand Organist, Sister Caryn Zietlow and Grand Treasurer, Sister Karla Lawler. Brother Fritz McMullin gave a moving tribute to the flag. From there, we flew back out to Scottsbluff, where we met on August 10-12 with several of the Colorado Grand Officers and the members of Dome Rock Chapter #215 for a banquet with an intriguing fashion show, a sing-along, and fellowship. On Tuesday evening we landed in Bayard for a meeting of Dome Rock Chapter with more fellowship and fun and enjoyed some fancy desserts after the meeting. Sister Linda headed back home that night so she could travel to Fremont the next morning for the Children's Home Board meeting. She was excited to learn of the next big construction project to be done at the home: a new Tech Center. The 15th of July found us in Lincoln, enjoying our Area Visitation hosted by the Lincoln, Ceresco, Weeping Water, Utica, Crete, and Milford Chapters, with 94 in attendance. We were delighted to have 3 of our DeMolay leaders: Grady Wells, Executive Director; Kolyn Beard, State Master

Councilor; and Ethan White, Past State Master Councilor in attendance. We also were thrilled to have Katrina Jurek, Worthy Grand Associate Advisor; Gabrielle Kermode, Miss Nebraska Rainbow, and Rochelle Folsom, Grand Confidential Observer with us. We dined on Raisin' Canes' Chicken fingers, Texas toast, and a variety of salads and desserts made by the host chapters. After the visitation, the Flutterbies made their way upstairs to Temple Chapter's Chapter room where they practiced the initiatory ceremony before heading to Haymarket Park for the Salt Dogs game against the Milwaukee Milkmen. The game was postponed for a brief rain delay, but that didn't hamper the Flutterbies and Caterpillars from grabbing some nectar behind the stands to bolster their strength for the evening game. As soon as the rain subsided and the tarps were removed from the field, Brother Cecil threw out a beautiful first pitch and then quickly joined a group of our members to perform a beautiful 4-part harmony version of the National Anthem. Although the Salt Dogs lost their game, we all enjoyed ourselves. The next weekend we flew back west to Grand Island, where we found ourselves surrounded by all kinds of beautiful butterflies and kites at our Area Visitation there. The 68 members present dined on pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, relishes, and ice cream and cookies for dessert. That evening, we had the pleasure of attending the DeMolay Conclave banquet,

where we watched as Caleb Malousek was installed as State Master Councilor and Abbie Pickle became the State DeMolay Sweetheart. August 29th, we made our way through a rainstorm to the Scottish Rite building in downtown Omaha for our Area 6 Visitation, hosted by the Omaha, Papillion, Elkhorn, Plattsmouth, Ft. Calhoun, North Bend, and Fremont Chapters. We enjoyed hearing speakers from each of the Masonic Bodies and were delighted to have 3 Past Grand Masters in our midst along with several members from each of the Masonic organizations present for a total attendance of 87. The following Tuesday, August 1, with heavy hearts, we traveled to Lincoln to attend the Eastern Star Funeral Service for Brother Ken Sieg, Companion to the Jr. Past Grand Matron, Sister Laurie. Our hearts were uplifted by the beautiful music performed by Sister Jessica Hitchcock and

PGM Sister Karan Birdsall. Sisters Beverly Donham, PGM, Susan Andreasen PGM, Jan Thoman PGM, Peggy Hitchcock, Marcia Donley, Beth Benson and Brothers Wayne Andreasen PGP and Mike Hitchcock performed the moving Funeral Ceremony. A beautiful slide show of pictures of Ken and Laurie's life together with their family gave a wonderful testament of their love. We will all miss you, Brother Ken, but we know you are watching over this Grand Chapter! In the next few weeks, we look forward to a bit longer flight to the International Peace Gardens on the Canadian/ US border to meet up with the General Grand Officers, as well as attending a reception for our Grand Martha, Robyn Mason and Grand Esther, Tiffany Westerholt on August 19th in Lincoln; and then on to Hayes, Kansas on the 25th and 26th for the Kansas/Nebraska Reunion. We

hope you will join us there as we perform our initiatory work. September 5th, we will be in North Bend for the Installation and Reception of our Grand Marshal, Brother Dennis Rix. The Grand Representatives will hold their Fall Meeting in Kearney at Tuscan Chapter on the 9th of September, and Colorado Grand Chapter will take place the 21st-23rd. Our final Area 7 Visitation will be held on September 30th in North Platte with the infamous Black Book Party afterward. (Please join us next month to read the highlights of those fun events!) Star Love, Linda Dubry, Worthy Grand Matron and Lucian Cecil Smith, Worthy Grand Patron

September is Service Dog Awareness Month!



THE "GLORY" CALENDAR



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

- Sep 4 .Labor Day
- Sep 9 .Grand Representative's Fall Meeting in Kearney at Masonic Temple, Registration at 11:00 and lunch at noon. \$18.00, RSVP to Shannon Roberts by September 2nd.
- Sep 10 .Martha Washington #153, quarterly dinner 11:00 – 1:30, Meatloaf, Potatoes & gravy, veggie, salad, assorted fruit crisps, \$12.00. RSVP to Sue Hedges, 402-672-8603
- Oct 8 Trinity Chapter #299, Steak Fry, 4:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 9 Columbus Day
- Nov 11 .Veterans Day
- Nov 12 .Rainbow Girls Fall Grand Cross Bread-Breaking

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