

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Rainbows of Kindness”*



## Jottings from Jan

Please make corrections in your books. Change of address for Sister Julia Schavon Cordsen, 2227 Woodford St, Archer NE 68816. She is on the membership committee and Secretary of Arbor #200.

Address change for Brenda McGuire, GGCCM, 7518 Kentucky Ave, Odessa, TX 79764

Attention all Standing Committees: **October 22, 2022** 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.

It's the start of Autumn 2022. I'm not sure where the summer went, but it has been over 2 ½ years since the global COVID-19 pandemic changed our world – and certainly our Chapter meetings. Many of our Chapters didn't meet for months. Members may have lost loved ones, Chapter members,

neighbors, and co-workers. But thanks to Scientists and Healthcare Professionals, we now have treatments for COVID-19 and vaccines to prevent infections or lessen the severity of the disease. Our Chapters can meet again, and I encourage you to do so.

During the COVID hiatus, we may have forgotten the words from our Ritual for our Opening and Closing ceremonies and even the beautiful lectures of our Initiation. Proficiency and memorization require practice and work. But that work is very rewarding. I would encourage each of you to practice your parts. Worthy Matrons, please use the longer form of the Ritualistic Opening ceremony whenever possible. I know that it may have been a long time since your Chapter experienced a School of Instruction but let's also work on ensuring that our ceremonies follow our Book of Instructions.

On a different note, I want to share with you an opportunity. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. This summer, Supreme Assembly was celebrated in Oklahoma, the birthplace of Rainbow. The Supreme Temple is in McAllister, OK and is in dire need of repairs.

To honor the Rainbow centennial, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma donated \$100,000 to the repair fund. The Masons of Oklahoma also have challenged Rainbow members, volunteers, and friends internationally to raise another \$100,000 which they will match. If your Chapter is interested in participating in the challenge, please consider donating the funds from one of your coin marches, between September and December. You could even choose to donate one month to each of the three Masonic Youth organizations. If your Chapter elects to participate in some way in the Rainbow Challenge, please send the check to the Grand Chapter office before December 15 so it can be included in the Nebraska Grand Assembly check. If you want to donate individually to the challenge, please send your check made out to Nebraska Grand Assembly to Greg Mason, Treasurer, 9410 Colby Street, Lincoln, NE 68505 with a note indicating it is for the Supreme Temple Challenge.

“September Days are here, with Summer's best of weather and Autumn's best of cheer.” Helen Hunt Jackson. Star love – Laurie & Wayne



The Special Project for Dottie & David, Junior Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron was Javelan Inc.. At Grand Chapter a check was presented to Javelan for \$10,558.15 and on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Lodge Office Building, a check was presented for \$12,287.30. Well done Sisters and Brothers. Pictured left to right: Dottie Arent, PGM, Mike Kraus, Director Javelan, Patrice Monnier, First

Responders Foundation and David Wetrosky, PGP.

Congratulations are extended to Sister Betty Garwood, PGM and Past Supreme Inspector upon her election as Supreme Faith, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Sister Betty was elected at the 49th Biennial Session of the Supreme Assembly in Oklahoma City this past week. She was installed on Wednesday, August 3rd and begins her journey advancing through the line to ultimately serve as the Supreme Worthy Advisor in 2032. This election and Betty's term of office are the culmination of more than four decades of adult leadership to IORG. She began as an involved parent, Advisory Board Member, and Mother Advisor of Lynn

Broyhill Assembly #12 in South Sioux City. She was appointed as a Grand Deputy of Nebraska Grand Assembly, then a member of the Grand Executive Board. In 2006 she joined Supreme Assembly as Supreme Deputy in Nebraska and in 2014 was elected Supreme Inspector. She served as Supreme Patriotism in 2016 and Supreme Chaplain in 2022. We are filled with gratitude that Betty's gifts of love and service will bless IORG and our Rainbow Girls through this new leadership journey. We invite you to congratulate her and share your support for her term of office. Karan Birdsall, PGM & Supreme Deputy in NE, IORG

*September is Service Dog Awareness Month!*



## THE "KINDNESS" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER NEWS BY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

- Sept 5 Happy Labor Day
- 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 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 22 All-Committee meeting in Hastings
- Oct 22 Alpha Chapter #325, Soup Supper 4:00-6:00 pm in Bellevue

### Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions

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

- Oct 6-8.....South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre at Ramkota River Centre
- Oct 21-23.....Iowa Grand Chapter in Cedar Rapids at Cedar Rapids Marriott
- Nov 14-16.....Missouri Grand Chapter in Springfield at University Plaza Hotel

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