

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"A Legacy of Service"



Jottings from Jan

Attention all Standing Committees: October 6, 2018 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.

Remember to send in for the General Grand Chapter Rob Morris Membership jewel/bars for 2015-2018. Please contact the Grand Chapter officer for a form or download from the General Grand Chapter website.

Calling All Committee Members:

All-Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6th at 9:00 a.m., at the Masonic Center in Hastings. If you serve on a committee for Grand Chapter please try to attend this meeting. Wonderful time to get to know the other committee members and to brain storm.



THANKS to all who have been contributing school supplies for the children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home. You may send monetary donations to the Grand Chapter office

On the Road Again...

Hello Sisters and Brothers,
Since I last visited with you, the Grand Family has been busy putting many miles on our cars and having fun doing it.

The month of August started off with three Area Visitations in Syracuse, Beatrice, and Seward. In Syracuse our Grand Organist, Sister Ruth Neeman was honored with a meet and greet reception prior to the Area Visitation. We are so fortunate to have Sister Ruth in our Grand Family.

The next weekend found some of the Grand Family members representing Nebraska at Wyoming Grand Chapter while some of us spent a delightful weekend at Mahoney Park with our Sisters and Brothers from Iowa. Our time together included doing the tourist thing, good food and fellowship, and a melodrama.

We were then off to the Area #10 and #11 Visitations in Thedford and Norfolk. We were fortunate to witness an Imhoff Award presentation for Beulah Chapter #40 in Norfolk. What a special treat that was.

We wrapped up the month of August by doing an exchange with our Sisters and Brothers from Kansas at the NE/KS Reunion. The Nebraska Grand Officers performed their ritualistic work in Hiawatha, Kansas on Friday evening, and the Kansas Grand Officers performed their ritualistic work in Nebraska City on Saturday afternoon. It is always fun to view how other Grand Jurisdictions do their work. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship.

It is hard to believe that we will soon be wrapping up our Area Visitations. We so enjoy our time with the members of

Nebraska Grand Chapter. Until next time, be well and travel safe.

Special Project for 2018-2019 Foodbank for the Heartland "BackPack Program"

During the 2016-2017 school year, 47 percent of the children who received packs lived in rural communities and 53 percent lived in the Omaha metro area.

What is your opinion regarding a change in Membership Eligibility? For the General Grand Chapter Session in Orlando this October, resolutions have been presented that if passed will offer an opportunity for Constitutional and Bylaws changes affecting membership eligibility. The proposed changes would allow females to join our Order without a Masonic connection in their family; instead a Master Mason in good standing would be required as a signer on their petition. As the Special Committee appointed by WGM Candy, we are seeking the opinions of our members which will be shared with our voting delegates. Delegates who will be casting votes can vote having heard the voice of our Grand Chapter membership, if you share your opinion. Please feel free to share your opinion directly with the committee or respond in your Chapter to the communication to be read at your September stated meeting. Responses are needed prior to October 15. Thank you for sharing your voice with our delegates.

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From OES Service and Therapy Dog Committee RE: Chapter Visits

The Service and Therapy Dog Committee would like to thank the chapters that have contacted us regarding a presentation visit from one of our 5 committee members, this fall. We have been overwhelmed by your response and thrilled by the excitement shown.

In order to get everyone wanting a visit scheduled, we are asking that you contact us before you set the date. Since there are only 5 of us, it takes some planning to make sure every chapter that wants a presentation visit is on our schedule. This can be done by contacting our chairperson, Beth Benson at bazil6@msn.com. She will make sure a committee member gets in touch with you regarding the visit.

Think about hosting a Friendship Night and inviting several nearby chapters to visit on your program night! How PAWS-ITIVELY awesome, to have friends share an evening of fellowship learning about our new project!!

THE "A LEGACY OF SERVICE" CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

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

- Sep 8 .Area 12, **Grand Island**, Aurora, Stromsburg, Central City, Phillips, Osceola
- Sep 8 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting, 11:00 registration, 12:00 buffet lunch, oven steak, vegetable, mashed potatoes, and gravy, salads, rolls, ice cream sundae bar, Masonic center, 2314 Central Avenue, rsvp to Lynda Kessler 214-455-7904
- Sept 8 .Martha Washington, Fish Fry, 4:30 -7:00, \$10.00, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw Drinks, also a bake sale, 4430 N 70th, Lincoln
- Sept 11 .Friendship #122, It's "Dogs for Dogs" night and they will be serving a light lunch including hot dogs at 6:00pm before the 7:30 meeting. Short presentation by the Service & Therapy Dog Committee. Free will offering will be taken to support the Project. Hooper Masonic Hall, 109 N Main
- Sep 14 .Area 13, Bellevue, **Papillion**, Adah, Vesta, Trinity, Narcissus, AkSarBen
- Sep 15 .Area 14, Hooper, **Fremont**, North Bend, Fort Calhoun, Herman, Tekamah, Elkhorn
- Sept 30 Alpha #325, Vendor Bazaar, 2:00-4:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Oct 7 Martha Washington, Roast Beef dinner 11:00-1:00
- Oct 7 Trinity #299, Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00, West Omaha
- Oct 20 AkSarBen #277, German Dinner, 4:30-7:30
- Oct 27 Grand Lodge Masonic Unity Gala, Social time 5:30, dinner 6:00, Omaha Scottish Rite Center, RSVP required, \$25.00, register online <http://bit.ly/2018unitygala> (celebrating fraternal harmony)
- Oct 25-Nov 2 "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love" 49th Triennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida

Enclosed with this OES News:

Letter from WGM Concerning All-Committee Meeting
Service & Therapy Dog Logo

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**Visit us on the web at [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"**

**Send you event, date, time, cost, location to Kerri Straub, Webmaster at  
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