

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

*“Let There Be Light”*

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## *Jottings from Jan*

Remember to publicize the good things that are happening in your Chapters. I hope all of the Chapters that gave scholarships put an article in their local paper. What about all of the Chapters that gave a Masonic All-Star Marching band scholarship. We have so many things to be proud of and yet we are still the best kept secret in town. Let the world know what Eastern Star is about!

## Getting to know our WGM & WGP



**Carol Lynn Hudkins**, the 2011-2012 Worthy Grand Matron, was born in North Platte, Nebraska, and raised on a farm north of Greenwood, Nebraska. She has two younger brothers, Randy Seefeld of Lincoln, and Phil Seefeld, who is now deceased. She rode her horse, “Topper”, to a one room school north of Greenwood, and graduated from Waverly High School. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, majoring in Journalism. Carol married her high school sweetheart, Larry Hudkins, in 1964, and they currently raise cattle, corn, soybeans, and alfalfa near Malcolm, Nebraska. The couple has two grown daughters - Janet and Steve Olander, living in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kathy and Henrik Christensen, living in northern Denmark- and five grandchildren. . In 1980 Larry and Carol were named the Nebraska Honor Farm Family by the University of Nebraska and the Lincoln Journal/Star. Carol has served as President of the Malcolm School Board, Secretary of the Lancaster County Extension Board, and has held other school, church and community elected responsibilities and was a 4-H

leader. She worked as a medical transcriptionist at the Veterans’ Hospital in Lincoln for six years. In 1992, Carol was elected to the Nebraska State Legislature, where she was a member for sixteen years and was on the Transportation, Judiciary, Natural Resource and other committees. She was Rules Committee Chairman for a number of years.

Carol joined The International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Assembly #19 at Ashland, Nebraska, where she served as Worthy Advisor. She was initiated into Eastern Star at Nebraska Grand

Chapter in 1963. Her parents are both 50 year members and her mother served as a District Grand Supervisor. Carol was Worthy Matron for Greenwood Chapter #303 and when Greenwood consolidated with Matthews Chapter #242 in Ashland, she transferred her membership to Blue River Chapter #132 in Milford. She has served as all five Star Points, Worthy Matron in Milford twice and was appointed as Grand Representative to Georgia and was twice a Grand Page, once for PGP Jim Boshart.

Carol was in the “Picture Special Moments” Grand Family as Grand Esther under WGM Jan Thoman and WGP Tregan Albers and was a District Grand Supervisor for four years. She was appointed Grand Warder by WGM Betty Garwood and WGP Dave Thienel and then elected to the other offices in the Grand Line. In her spare time Carol enjoys reading and snow skiing and Larry and Carol like to travel. They have visited over 45 countries, starting with Russia in 1975 and have been in all 50 states and all seven continents. Now they are content to stay closer to home but if an opportunity comes along to see a country they have not yet visited, their passports are current.



## **Carl Plants, Worthy Grand Patron:**

I was born at a very young age in Pierre, SD. Shortly thereafter we moved to Omaha and at the age of about 10 we moved to Loup City in central Nebraska. I graduated from high school there and then went on to spend two years at Kearney State College and then two more at UNL.

Professionally, I started working for Mail Advertising in 1970 in the Computer Room, moved into applications Programming in 1972 and became their systems group in 1974 eventually becoming manager of that team in Lincoln. I stayed there through several corporate changes until 1999 and in 2000 I started working for the State of Nebraska as a Lead Systems Programmer supporting the Mainframe Operating Systems.

As to my Masonic background, we did not have any references while growing up. I joined Lancaster Lodge #54 here in Lincoln in 1986, and progressed through the chairs and served as Master in 1993. I joined Eastern Star that same year, 1986, and have had several offices in Temple Chapter #271, serving as Worthy Patron in 1988, 1993 and 2006. I had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler in 2000-2001 and in 2001 received an appointment as Deputy Custodian, a function I am continuing to pursue. I am a member in Scottish Rite here in Lincoln having served as Master of Kadosh and last year as Venerable Master. I am also a member the York Rite Bodies here in Lincoln and last year served as High Priest and Illustrious Master for our local Chapter and Council respectively. I am also a member of Sesostris Shrine here and have been an active member of the Ritualistic Divan and the Proficient Past Masters units of that body. The last three years have been a tremendous honor and I hope to continue to serve our Order and

other branches of Masonry for many years to come.



F.R.O.G. – “Forever Rely on God”

The Grand Lodge office is looking for volunteers to help at the State Fair CHIP event September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Michelle at 402-475-4640

## Enclosed with this OES News

- ❖ **Grand Officer and Committees Book for 2011-2012** Contact information for the new Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter appointees and all Grand Chapter committees. Contact the Grand Chapter office if you want additional copies.

*Visiting Grand Chapters in other jurisdictions: It is so much fun to see how other states do things compared to Nebraska. If you are interested in traveling to other states to visit their Grand Chapters all you have to do is contact the Grand Chapter Office and we will send you the registration information. Always remember to travel with your dues card and you can visit any other Grand Chapter or subordinate chapter in other jurisdictions. (See Landmark #12)*



## THE OES “LIGHT” CALENDAR

**Notice:** We are encouraging you to send a calendar of your Chapter’s events to Gwen Hurst-Anderson: pengwensrule@gmail.com. She will see that your events will be included on the web-site’s Masonic Calendar. That calendar can be viewed by all members of our Masonic Family, so will provide more visibility for your Chapter’s events that this newsletter. We hope you will take advantage of that calendar. It’s easy, just email Gwen with the date, time, location, cost etc.!

July 15-17 .....DeMolay For Boys Conclave in Lincoln at downtown Holiday Inn

July 31 ..... Registration deadline for Triennial Pilgrimage

August 5-7 .....5 State Gathering in Overland Park, Kansas

August 12-14. Triennial Pilgrimage to the International Peace Garden 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

August 14 ..... 4-H Achievement Day at the Children’s Home in Fremont

Aug 22 ..... 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament in North Bend. Proceeds support The Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Nebraska Masonic Foundation

Sept. 16-17.... Nebraska/Kansas Exchange in McCook and Atwood

Oct.1-2 ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney

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**We are here to help you in any way we can!**