

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Let There Be Light”

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Jottings from Jan

A Note Concerning 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 gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations, but **don't forget to indicate which project you are sending funds for.** Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 1st. (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



Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please note: the deadline for submitting resolutions to come before the 2012 General Grand Chapter Assembly is March 5, 2012. (8 months prior to opening of the 47th General Assembly)
All resolutions are to be submitted in writing to: Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, 1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549



ATTENTION ALL SINGERS:

General Grand Chapter will be held in Ft.Worth, Texas in 2012. Jerry Neuenschwander is the General Grand Chapter Choir Director and he wants you to start making plans to join the choir at General Grand. He would like to know if you are interested and he will begin sending information about rehearsals and there is a songbook for each choir member and it will be sent to you so you can begin practicing. Please contact him and let him know if your interested and send your name, voice part (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) and contact information. Jerry said one of the best parts of singing in the choir might be that you have a reserved seat at every session..Near the front and you will have fun! Contact information is: J. W. Neuenschwander, POB 105, Brandera, TX 78003 or ggchoir2012@gmail.com

About the 2012 General Grand Chapter Assembly

At the Area Visitations members have had the opportunity to sign up to receive information on the 2012 trip to the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly to be held Nov 1- Nov. 9 in Fort Worth, Texas. If you missed signing up to receive the information on the trip to General Grand Chapter you can call the Grand Chapter office and give us your name, address, phone number and an email address.

Tentative schedule is: the informal opening will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, 11-5, with the formal opening beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the convention center. Business sessions will be held on Tuesday through Thursday, with Installation of Officers for the 2012-2015 Triennium beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening.

Margaret McCall – Chairperson of the Auction and Raffle Committee
Grand Chapter will be here before we know it and it is time to be planning for the auction and basket auction. It is so much fun to see how creative our Chapters can be. Please contact Margaret if you would like to help with the immediate sales table by making crafts.

General Grand Chapter Projects

It is important for the membership to understand that **money raised for “General Grand Chapter Projects” stays in the state of Nebraska**. For example, Funds for Cancer and Heart go to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for their research. Proceeds from the sale of the General Grand Chapter pins stays in Nebraska. Funds raised for the Service Dog project will go to provide service dogs for people in Nebraska. Be a part of a miracle by supporting this special project. Do continue to support these projects for the good of our whole state.

The Chapel of Peace Quotes:

“Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.”
George Washington

“The only thing we have to fear...is fear itself.” **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

“Faith is greater than any bomb. Faith is the most potent weapon ever devised. Do not lose faith in mankind, and in the purposes of the Creator. Do not lose faith in the future. Much is being done to promote brotherhood, understanding, and peace.” **David E. Lilienthal**

THE OES "LIGHT" CALENDAR



- Oct 1..... Grand Representatives fall meeting in Kearney
- Oct.1-2 4th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn, Kearney
- Oct 2..... Trinity #299 Steak Fry, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Donations of \$10.00, 2424 S 135th Ave in Omaha
- Oct 9..... Holly Chapter No. 233 in Benkelman celebrating 100th Anniversary from 2:00-4:00 MT at the Masonic Temple, 621 Chief St.
- Oct 9..... Adah Chapter #52 Pancake breakfast 8:00-1:00p.m., 84th & Centennial, Papillion, Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00 (12 and under) Serving eggs, sausage, pancakes, French toast, juice, coffee.
- Oct 10..... Happy Columbus Day
- Oct 15..... Luna Chapter #169 & Rainbow Assembly #38 Sit down Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:30, 202 & Hopper St in Elkhorn. Take out also available.
- Oct 15..... Adah Chapter #52 2:00-4:00 Pampered Chef fundraiser, 84th & Centennial, Papillion
- Oct 16..... Home Chapter #189 Chili soup and pie supper 5:00-7:00 p.m. \$6.00 adults, 513 Main St in Plattsmouth, Call Mary Ann Stevens 402-331-4461, tickets will also be sold at the door.
- Oct. 22..... Narcissus No.269 Annual Turkey Dinner, 4:30-7:00, adults \$9.00, children \$4.00, 5903 Maple in Omaha.
- Oct 29 & 30 ... AkSarBen Chapter #277 Haunted house 5:00-8:00 2823 N 83rd St, Omaha
- Oct 31..... Happy Halloween
- Nov 20..... Pancake Breakfast Trinity Chapter #299, 8:00-1:00, 2424 S 135th Ave in Omaha

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2012" DATES

- Feb 2-4..... Grand Lodge in Kearney
- May 10-12 GRAND CHAPTER IN LINCOLN AT PERSHING CENTER
- May 30-Jun 2. Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp
- Jun 2 Shrine Bowl Parade and Game
- Jun 9-10 Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete
- Jun 27-30 Job's Grand Bethel in North Platte
- Nov 1-9..... General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly at Fort Worth, Texas

Enclosed with this OES News—————

- 1) Yes, election month is just around the corner and Chapter Secretaries will find the blue "After Election Report" enclosed with this News. Please be sure to return it within three business days after your election.
- 2) Please read the Fall Ingathering letter to your Chapter. If you wish your money to reach the Homes by the Thanksgiving Holiday it should be sent to the Grand Chapter office in October. The "Fall Ingathering" is a long standing tradition in our Grand Chapter—what a blessing to us that we have had these two homes to support over the years.