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“The Spirit of the Star”



Jottings from Jan

If you are interested in having the OES news sent to you by email each month, please send me your email address. If you are currently on the list please let me know that you want to continue receiving it and send in your current email address.

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! Let's all celebrate Nebraska Eastern Star.

If you are attending General Grand Chapter and not riding the bus – please contact Jerrie Wilcox, PGM if you would like to attend the Big Red Dinner.

TRINITY CHAPTER # 299
COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! We can begin delivery on June 22. This is a beautiful book with 650 recipes. More than 80 contributors from several Nebraska OES chapters as well as other Masonic organizations, friends and family are represented. The cookbooks are just \$15 each, including tax. They would make lovely gifts! You can order by contacting WM Sharon Eller at 402-201-6516 or email her at sharonmc2000@hotmail.com Checks should be made out to Trinity Chapter #299. If mailing your order and/or check, please mail to Sharon Eller, 2006 S 143rd St, Omaha, NE 68144.

Special Thank You! A bequest was given from the estate of Betty Vlasnik to the Grand Chapter. Sister Betty was a 67 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Betty was a member of Electa Chapter #8 in Lincoln and dual member with Ideal Chapter #181 which consolidated with Elizabeth Chapter #250 in Weeping Water. Betty was a very dedicated member of our order and loved to visit other Chapter's. She served as Worthy Matron three times.

Masonic Youth Leaders for 2012-2013:

RAINBOW: Samantha “Sami” Voshell, Grand Worthy Advisor from Omaha. Sister Sami is a member of Fontenelle Chapter No. 249 in Omaha.

JOBS: Kaylee Jenkins, Grand Bethel Honored Queen from Sidney.

Jazmine Jirsak, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter from Fremont.

Julia Williams, Miss Nebraska Congeniality from Lexington.

DEMOLAY: Luke Castner, State Master Councilor.

Congratulations to our Masonic youth on very successful sessions. A special thank you goes out to all of our adults that work with these wonderful young people.



Remember to turn in your volunteer man-hours & financial contributions report form. You can go online and turn them in after each event www.neoes.org.

11th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament

on Saturday, September 8th at the North Bend golf course. Cost is \$125 per person, including cart and dinner. Join the Grand Master for a day of golf and help support these Masonic Charities: 1. The Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, 2. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont 3. Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Any questions call Michelle at the Grand Lodge: 800-558-8029. The tournament is open to the public, including women and youth.

“Celebrate our Chapter’s”

Listed below are items to celebrate shared by our Chapter's at the Grand Officer visitations:

1. High school scholarships
2. Picnics with the Masons
3. Picnics with our Masonic Youth
4. Initiations
5. Donating cookies and time to the blood mobile
6. Donating time to help at a CHIP event
7. Attend Job's, Rainbow and DeMolay meetings.
8. Donated a scholarship to the Masonic All-Star Marching Band.
9. Chaperoned at Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp
10. Friendship nights
11. Chapter anniversaries
12. Celebrate birthdays
13. Cookies & cards delivered to the nursing home
14. Clean the highway
15. Put out and take down flags at the cemetery.
16. Fund raiser to buy books for the public library.
17. Donated items to Home's for abused ladies and children
18. Food drive
19. Donations to the Childrens' Home in Fremont
20. Donations to the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth
21. Ice cream socials
22. Soup supper's
23. Items for back pack program
24. Christmas notes to residents at Care facility
25. Christmas Tree Lane for hospital
26. Support cancer fund
27. Support heart fund
28. Support canine assistance
29. Decorate forgotten graves
30. Deliver meals on wheels
31. Support ESTARL
32. Book drive
33. Purple ribbon club

In the true 'spirit' of our Star
I greet you!
Wow! What a great time I have had at our Area Visitations. Our new format has been well received and it has been wonderful hearing from all of our Chapters and keeping up-to-date on our youth activities. If you missed your own Visitation, I do encourage you to catch up by attending another.

WGP Alvin and I have enjoyed the special time we have had to spend with our Youth Groups (the ABCs) this summer at Grand Assembly in Crete with our Rainbow girls, at Grand Session in North Platte with Job's Daughters and with the DeMolay at Conclave in Grand Island. Being with these outstanding young people gives us assurance

that our future will be in good hands. Each day I am reminded about all that we have to CELEBRATE in our Masonic Family. I hope that you too take a moment in your daily lives and in your own Chapter meetings to celebrate all that we have. Our lives are truly blessed!

In Star spirit
Judy Wehrbein, WGM



*Support the ABC's:
Rainbow Assemblies
Job's Daughters Bethels
DeMolay Chapters*

CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

For the inclusion into The Nebraska Mason and The Eastern Star Journal publications, please send articles/pictures of any form to April Scott (acs929@cox.net) or Meredith me10245@windstream.net. There are publicity article samples and ideas in the Grand Chapter website (www.neoes.org) and click on "Publicity samples box") you can use for the write-up of your articles (be sure to include your chapter name, location and date of the event and secretary's name). Also please send your local newspaper articles of any form except chapter meeting minutes to Merrie Edwards, 7816 Stonewall Court, Lincoln, NE 68506-4171 for the inclusion into the Publicity scrapbook. Questions, don't hesitate to ask Merrie. Thank you for your cooperation and help.



THE "CELEBRATE" CALENDAR



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

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWS BY AUGUST 15

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| August 4 | Initiation by the Nebraska Grand Officers at Electa Chapter in Lincoln |
| August 12th | 4-H Achievement Day at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Complimentary BBQ at Noon, 4-H Program at 1:30pm and tour the facilities after the program |
| August 15-18 | Wyoming Grand Chapter in Casper |
| August 17-19 | NE/IA fun weekend in Nebraska City |
| September 19-22 | Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver |
| September 23 | German Dinner at AkSarBen Chapter #277, 2823 N 83rd in Omaha, 11:00 – 1:00, \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children |
| September 30 | Steak Fry at Trinity #299, 2424 S 135th Ave in Omaha, 4:00 – 7:00, \$10.00 |
| October 11-13 | South Dakota Grand Chapter at Ramkota in Pierre |
| October 7-10 | Missouri Grand Chapter in Columbia |
| October 18-21 | Iowa Grand Chapter at Adventureland Theme Park in Altoona |
| November 1-9 | General Grand Chapter in Forth Worth, Texas |

Save the date of *September 27-28, 2014* for the 2014 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn!