

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Let There Be Light”

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Jottings from Jan

Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers. January is an exciting time in the life of our Chapters! It's a time of new beginnings and possibly new leadership. Let's remember to support those new officers.

Please send your “After Installation Report” and the receipts that have been signed for the Red Books and Secret Work within 3 business days after your Installation. It's a busy month for our Chapter Secretaries and we appreciate all of their hard work.

This month the OES NEWS is being sent to the 2012 Worthy Matrons and Secretaries. If you received the NEWS please share it with your Chapter even though you may not yet have been installed. Thanks!

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2011 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2012 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it right away you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.

Masonry In Action
by Michael Jones, Past Grand Master
(Courtesy of Nebraska Mason)

On October 28, 2011, Brother Jim Farmer accompanied a non-mason friend, Tommy Shumaker, reclaimed an enclosed trailer they left in David City, Nebraska on Monday, October 24th. But this time the trailer was full of Masonic and Eastern Star furniture and paraphernalia to replace that which was lost in a fire. Now for the story.....

Composite Lodge No. 81 of Rising City, Nebraska, consolidated with Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City on February 26, 2010. With that consolidation came a full complement of furniture and paraphernalia. Having recently been able to sell the Rising City lodge building, options were explored to determine the fate of the remainder of the belongings. Of two options presented, sell at auction or find a lodge in need, the latter option, originally presented by Brother Kent Clymer, PM, was the preference of Fidelity Lodge members. A call was placed to Grand Lodge Office Manager Michelle Fulmer who in turn made some phone calls to Grand Lodges in states that had recently been plagued with flooding and other natural disasters. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi gave Michelle contact information for Crystal Springs Lodge No. 452 of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Contact from Fidelity Lodge with Brother A.J. “Jim” Farmer, Lodge Secretary, and WB Jim Kitchens, Worshipful Master, resulted in many conversations and emails. Crystal Springs lodge had a total loss of its building and contents to a fire in 2010. With a declining membership and reduced revenues, they had discontinued their insurance coverage prior to the fire. Since the loss, however, revitalized interest, attendance and degree work resulted. New activity, financial commitments and member involvement has been rejuvenating the lodge. It was learned that Brother Farmer was traveling through Nebraska on his way to South Dakota on a hunting trip in late October. If possible, he would bring a trailer, assuming the items available would fit their needs. Photos of the Lodge and Star items were emailed to Brother Kitchens, who stated, “We can use it all.” It had been pre-determined that members of Fidelity Lodge would transport the items to Mississippi if Brother Farmer's plans changed. On Monday, October 24, Brother Farmer and Tony Shumaker stopped in David City pulling the trailer for transport of the items. Brother Farmer was shown the collection and agreed with Brother Kitchen's assessment and interest in accepting everything. On Tuesday evening, nine members of Fidelity Lodge, together with two sons of one of the members, loaded all of the items into the trailer so that when Brother Farmer returned on Friday all would be ready for his departure. On Saturday, October 29, Brother Farmer began the return trip to Crystal Springs, carrying “Nebraska” items that would furnish their lodge and help supply items to the Star Chapter when the lodge reconstruction was completed. Fidelity Lodge

No. 51 and Alma Chapter No. 20 were privileged to come to the aid of our Mississippi Brothers and Sisters. Likewise, our Mississippi Brothers and sisters expressed their deep gratitude in being the recipients of the items. **Masonry in Action – What a Model for the World!**

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR MASONIC YOUTH

Here is a great opportunity to support our Masonic Youth: Judy and Gene Wehrbein, Chairpersons of the Silent Auction Committee of the Grand Lodge invite any Chapters or Individuals to donate items for the Silent Auction to benefit our youth groups from Nebraska. The auction will be held during Grand Lodge at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney on Thursday and Friday February 2nd and 3rd, 2012. Call Judy or Gene at 402-298-8192 if you have questions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Chapel of Peace Quotes:

“So long as we love, we serve, so long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.” **Robert Louis Stevenson**

“Faith, hope and love, these three – and the greatest of these is Love.” **St. Paul, 1 Cor.13**

“Our Goal is not the victory of might, but the vindication of right; not peace at the expense of freedom, but both peace and freedom, here in this hemisphere and around the world. God willing that goal will be reached.” **John F. Kennedy**

Reminder: RSVP to Sister Billie Mattern, PGM 402-455-0472 billieraym@hotmail.com. as soon as possible if you would

like to ride the bus to General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. Please contact Sister Billie for more

information or the Grand Chapter Office.



THE OES "LIGHT" CALENDAR



Jan 1Happy New Year

Jan 14-16.....District Grand Supervisor School of Instruction held in Lincoln at the Scottish Rite

Jan 15.....Annual Reports due in the Grand Chapter Office

Feb 2-4Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Younes Conference Center in Kearney

May 8-10.....GRAND CHAPTER IN LINCOLN AT PERSHING CENTER



Installations:



Jan 7Martha Washington Chapter #153 at 10:00 a.m., 4430 N 70th St., Lincoln

Jan 8Capitol Chapter #320 at 2:00 p.m., 4641 Cooper St, Lincoln

Jan 8Violet Chapter #105 at 2:00 p.m., 209 West F, Wymore

Jan 14Columbia Chapter #275 at 2:00 p.m., 1542 N 65th St., Lincoln



Jan 14Arbor Vitae Chapter #92 at 4:00 p.m., 350 E 23rd, Fremont

Jan 15Mount Vernon Chapter #84 at 3:00 p.m., 211 N King, Plainview

Jan 19Narcissus Chapter #269 at 7:30 p.m., 5903 Maple St., Omaha

Jan 19Luna Chapter #169 following 7:30 p.m. stated meeting, 202 & Hopper, Elkhorn

Jan 20AkSarBen Chapter #277 at 7:30 p.m. 2424 S 135th Ave. Omaha

Jan 21Temple Chapter #271 at 2:00 p.m. 322 South Centennial Mall, Lincoln



Jan 21Home Chapter #189 at 2:00 p.m. 513 Main St. Plattsmouth

Jan 21Papillion Chapter #114 at 2:00 p.m. 84th & Centennial Rd, Papillion

Jan 21Electa Chapter #8 at 7:00 p.m., 1635 L St, Lincoln



Jan 21Vesta Chapter #6 at 6:30 p.m. 2823 N 83 St, Omaha

Jan 26Alpha Chapter #325 at 7:30 p.m., 1910 Franklin, Bellevue



Jan 27Fontenelle Chapter #249 at 7:30 p.m., 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha

Jan 28Trinity Chapter #299 at 2:00 p.m., 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha

Jan 29Myrtle Chapter #94 at 2:00 p.m., 2610 N 48th St., Lincoln

Jan 29Adah Chapter #52 at 2:00 p.m., 84th & Centennial, Papillion



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