

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“The Spirit of the Star”



Jottings from Jan

A new “Grand Officers and Standing Committees” booklet is enclosed with this OES news letter. It is a handy reference of contact information for those serving our Grand Chapter. If you’d like your own personal copy, call the office (402-727-8644).

Don’t forget you can download Newsletters in color and find lots of information on our Web-site: <http://neoes.org>

Getting to know the 2012-2013 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, Beverly Donham:

Sister Bev is a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299 in Omaha. Interests include Grandchildren, IORG, and Daughters of the Nile. Collects snowmen and Peggy Karr Plates.

Associate Grand Patron, Jim Dusch:

Brother Jim is a member of Tuscan Chapter No. 35 in Kearney. Interests include cat fishing and raising nightcrawlers. Collects beer mugs.

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman GGCCM:

Sister Jan is a member of Violet Chapter No. 105 in Wymore. Interests include OES, pictures, having tea & coffee with friends. Collects tea cups, inspirational books, fun post-its and note pads.

Grand Treasurer, Pam Boshart:

Sister Pam is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include traveling, reading,

bird feeding and watching and word search and numbrix puzzles. Pam is trying not to collect things.

Grand Conductress, Sharlene Coulter:

Sister Sharlene is a member of Herman Chapter No. 216 in Herman. Interests include reading, playing the piano, and traveling. Collects jewelry and music.

Associate Grand Conductress, Brenda McGuire:

Sister Brenda is a member of Eureka Chapter No. 86 in McCook. Interests include Bible studies, reading and traveling. Collects frogs and chickens.

Grand Chaplain, David Wetrosky:

Brother David is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 in Nebraska City. Interests include stained glass, woodworking, all sports (particularly Iowa State Cyclones). Collects panda plates and figurines.

Grand Marshal, Deloyt Young:

Brother Deloyt is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. Interests include UP memorabilia, fishing, hunting, family and Nebraska history. Deloyt said he needs to quit collecting.

Grand Organist, Kimberly Ouderkirk:

Sister Kimberly is a member of Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 60 in Chadron. Interests include horses, music, golf, sewing, knitting, crochet, and tatting. Collects horses.

Grand Adah, Cynthia

Timmermier: Sister Cynthia is a member of Luna Chapter No. 169 in Elkhorn. Interests include gardening, reading, piano, and natural resource conservation. Collects clear glass baskets.

Grand Ruth, Wanda Retzlaff:

Sister Wanda is a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Plainview. Interests include music, camping, being Gale’s backseat driver on the motorcycle. Collects snowmen and music.

Grand Esther, Sheli Rice:

Sister Sheli is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Interests include travel, wine and reading. Collects Dept 56 snowbabies figurines.

Grand Martha, Tracey Hefner:

Sister Tracey is a member of Arbor Chapter No. 200 in Central City. Interests include reading, volunteering, sewing, watching volleyball. Collects snow globes.

Grand Electa, Toby Varvais:

Sister Toby is a member of Laura Chapter No. 301 in South Sioux City. Interests include reading, bowling, time with children and grandchildren, Church and Star. Collects memories in pictures and music boxes.

Grand Warder, Cheryl Beckius:

Sister Cheryl is a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in Ogallala. Interests include reading, sewing, crocheting, gardening, cooking and baking. Collects willow tree figurines and western décor.

Grand Sentinel, Delbert Rogers:

Brother Delbert is a member of Franklin Chapter No. 213 in Franklin and Republican Chapter No. 304 in Republican City. Interests include Church, Eastern Star, Masons, and hunting. Collects nothing special.



THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!!!!

A **CHIP event** will be held at the 2012 **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island on **Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26** between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm.

We need **100 volunteers** to fill morning shifts from 9:00am to 3:30pm and evening shifts from 2:30pm to 9:00pm. You will receive a free pass for gate admission.

Please alert each and every member of your Lodges, Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, Youth groups, family and friends.

Volunteers should contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office to sign up on the schedule. (michelle@glne.org or 800-558-8029).

Please help us make this a huge success. The exposure this event gives Masonry and the CHIP program is HUGE.

Please note that this is the first weekend of the Fair. We are steering clear of the Labor Day weekend this year in hopes of getting more volunteers. Like last year, the event will be in the Fonner Concourse. It is an indoor building, but no air conditioning. However, the breeze through the area is generally comfortable.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle. Thanks for your 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 AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 15

July 4	Happy Independence Day	
July 21	DeMolay Conclave at Howard Johnson in Grand Island	
July 27-29	5-State Friendship Exchange in Branson, Missouri	
Aug 12 th	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	
Nov 1-9	General Grand Chapter in Forth Worth, Texas	

Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

August 15-18	Wyoming Grand Chapter in Casper	
September 19-22	Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver	
October 4-6	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	

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **Grand Officer & Committee Booklet**
- ❖ **Invitation to NE/KS Exchange on August 4th**
- ❖ **Invitation to NE/IA Fun Weekend in Nebraska City on August 17-19**

Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320
We are here to help you in any way we can!