

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

*“The Spirit of the Star”*

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## *Jottings from Jan*

If you have a preference as to your copy of the 2012 Proceedings being in book form or as a CD, please let us know.

A new “Grand Officers and Standing Committees” booklet will be available soon—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>

## Thank You’s

Thank you to everyone that participated in the the basket auction by donating baskets and for purchasing baskets. Thanks also for all the donations of miscellaneous items and for those that shopped to support the special projects. Because of your generosity **\$4289.50** was raised for Heart Disease Research and Breast Cancer Research.

*As long as the spirit of life lasts, youth is still with us.*

## Getting to know our WGM & WGP

Our Worthy Grand Matron, **Judy Wehrbein**, is a member of Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth and served as Worthy Matron in 1998. She also served as Grand Guardian of Job’s Daughters International in 2005-2006. Judy and her husband, Gene, live on Gene’s family farm where they raise cattle, corn and soybeans. Judy is an active helper on the farm and is also the Church Secretary, 4-H Leader and both Gene and Judy remain active with Job’s Daughters. They have two children, Troy Wehrbein and daughter-in-law Erin and children Lauren (8) and Lane (2) live nearby and their daughter Kim Ceballos and children Khobi (12) and Kaitlyn (8) live in Lincoln.

Worthy Grand Patron, **Alvin Benemerito**, is a Past Patron of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth, Nebraska. He is a Past Master of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine. Alvin is a Physical Therapist and his wife Shanda is an Occupational Therapist and they have a Physical Therapy Clinic at the Rock County Hospital in Bassett, Nebraska. They have two boys AJ, 9 years old and Dylan who is 6 years old. Alvin is the author of The Lodge of Military Tribute, a Masonic Military Memorial Service, which has now been adopted as a Ceremony by the National Sojourners.

WGM Judy and WGP Alvin extend an invitation to everyone to join in the **CELEBRATION** of the *“Spirit of the Star”* Grand Year. It will be held all over the State of Nebraska and it will take place anywhere you find Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers. This Celebration is scheduled to begin IMMEDIATELY and the hope is that it will NEVER end!! Don’t miss out!! The more who join in, the bigger the party will be and more will be sure to join.

Can you just image what our Celebration can create?



## WGM/WGP Special Project

*Our Youth Groups: Our ABC’s - International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (A for Assemblies), Job’s Caughters (B for Bethels) and DeMolay International (C for Chapters)*

May the Spirit of our Star continue to guide you, comfort you and warm you in its glow!

## Save the Date:

August 4th is the date.  
Electa Chapter at 1635 L Street in  
Lincoln is the location.  
Yummy lunch will satisfy the  
pallet.  
An afternoon of Spirited Star  
fellowship and fun is guaranteed.



Come, meet and mingle with  
friends and enjoy the Ceremony  
of Initiation by the Kansas Grand  
Officers.

Watch for more information in  
the OES News!

NE/IA Fun Weekend on August  
17-19 at the Lied Lodge and

Conference Center in Nebraska  
City. Fun begins on Friday night  
with meal and get-acquainted  
time, Saturday morning breakfast  
and then free time during the  
day to enjoy the city with dinner  
together in the evening, and  
Sunday morning breakfast and  
worship.



## 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 JULY NEWS BY JUNE 15**

June 8-10	Rainbow Grand Assembly at Doane College in Crete
June 14	Happy Fathers Day
June 16	Reception for WGM & WGP, all Grand Officers and Ashley Murphy, Miss NE Job's Daughter 2-4 at Ainsworth Masonic Temple, Call 402-3878-2169 for more information
June 28-30	Jobs Daughters Grand Session, Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte
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 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Achievement Day at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
11/1-11/9	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:

- ❖ Letter from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- ❖ Grand Officer & Companion List

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