

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Let There Be Light”

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*Jottings from
Jan*

Enclosed with this OES News the secretaries will find the credentials with instructions for Grand Chapter.

Attention all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

Resolution deadlines for General Grand Chapter. **March 5, 2012** – Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. All Resolutions are to be signed and submitted in writing to: Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, 1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549.

Special Invitation:

To All 2011-2012 Associate Matrons and Esthers. (The Honor Stations for the Let There Be Light Grand Session) You are invited to Pershing Center, Lincoln, Nebraska on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. as we pay tribute to this year's Honor Stations. Come and be introduced and recognized for your service to our Order in these stations.

Y'all come along! There's still room on the bus - the one headed to Fort Worth, Texas November 1st - 9th for the 47th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter. What a great way to spend some time meeting, greeting and making new Eastern Star friends and learn more about the government of our Order at the same time. We would love to have you join us. Contact PGM, Billie Mattern or the Grand Chapter Office for more information. AND, to those that have already signed up, your down payment is due April 1st (no foolin'!)

EDUCATIONAL LOAN COMMITTEE

Jeanne Krenk – Chairperson

Did you know that there are 1,693 public post-secondary institutions in the United States and 2,583 private colleges and universities. The average price of college has grown much faster than the rate of inflation. According to the U. S. Department of Education, the cost of a college education has risen 268% since 1977 for a four-year public institution and 248% for a private college or university. In the year 2011-2012, 44% of post-secondary students in America are attending a four-year public college or university where the average tuition is at least \$9,000 a year. For the 28% that are attending private institutions, the average cost is \$36,000 a year. These costs do not include housing, food, books, supplies and miscellaneous expenses. It's not difficult to see that higher education costs can be a strain on many family budgets, especially during times of economic stress but our Eastern Star family can help! If each Chapter would take the time to inform your members and their families that there is an Eastern Star Educational Loan Fund, we could help many of our high school graduates to attain their dreams of a purposeful post-secondary education and assist them in building a better life for their tomorrows but it takes all of us working together to get the word out! The purpose of the Educational Loan Committee is to help provide student loans for Eastern Star members, their relatives and legal wards. These loans can provide assistance with expenses at the vocational, undergraduate and/or graduate levels. Here are some facts to help you get started:

- ❖ The applicant must be at least 18 years of age or a high school graduate.
- ❖ Applicants will be required to sign a note for the loan and will be asked to obtain a co-signer, preferably a parent or legal guardian.
- ❖ Loans are made for a period not to exceed 4 years and may be renewed when due, if necessary, or repaid by installment payments.
- ❖ Interest is charged at the rate of 4% per year, and the interest must be paid annually on the loan.
- ❖ The total amount that can be borrowed is \$17,600, for not more than 4 years.
- ❖ A student may borrow up to \$2,200 per semester for vocational education, undergraduate or postgraduate work.
- ❖ The amount loaned will be contingent upon the availability of funds and applications must be submitted each year.

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. (W. Churchill) Think about how many promising futures we can build through the Order of the Eastern Star! Information is available at the www.neoes.org website (applications are available on line) or you can obtain information from you Chapter Secretary!



Silent Auction at Grand Chapter to support Breast Cancer research and Heart Disease research. Remember your baskets and items for the silent auction. Be creative and support these very worthwhile projects.

P The PAGO banquet will be
A Wednesday May 9th at
G Grand Chapter. All Past
O Appointed Grand Officers
S are invited to come and
 welcome the “Love Comes
 Down on Angel Wings” Grand
 Officers to the PAGO Club.
 PAGO will also be furnishing
 cookies for the Distinguished
 Guests Registration. President
 Brenda McGuire is asking for
 volunteers to bring cookies and
 help serve refreshments in the
 Distinguished Guest Room on
 Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm.
 Please call Brenda at 308-345-
 7081 or email at
sqmcguire@swnebr.net



**To Past and Present
 Secretaries & Treasurers:**

Grand Chapter is coming.
 Did you know that there is a
 luncheon just for Secretaries and
 Treasurers? It is the Rose
 Association Luncheon on
 Wednesday, May 9th. The luncheon
 is open to all past and present
 Secretaries and Treasurers. The
 food is delicious—and it’s fun to get
 to know your counterparts from
 across the state. Sign up on your pre-
 registration form.

A true Friend.... Makes you want to
 be a better person.

*Just a reminder to please send
 any news articles about your
 Chapter, or Chapter members,
 that are published in your local
 newspaper and/or Masonic
 publication to the Publicity
 Committee of Grand Chapter.
 Articles will be included in the
 Grand Chapter Publicity
 scrapbook to be on display at
 Grand Chapter. Be sure to include
 the name of the publication and
 the publication date. Please send
 articles and information to Lorrie
 Bryant, 8021 Preserve Lane,
 Lincoln, NE 68516 by April 15,
 2012. THANK YOU!*

THE OES “LIGHT” CALENDAR

- March 17thHappy St. Patrick’s Day
- April 1stDeadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- April 8thHappy Easter
- April 12-14.....Grand York Rite Annual Grand Session @ New World Inn, Columbus
- April 30th Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- May 1st Deadline for Scholarships
- March 4thTrinity No. 299 Soup/Sandwich/Salad luncheon 11:00-2:00, \$8.00 adults & \$4.00 children
- 5/29-6/2.....Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Lincoln
- June 2Shrine Bowl Game
- June 8-10.....Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete
- June 27-30.....Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in North Platte
- May 8-10.....GRAND CHAPTER IN LINCOLN AT PERSHING CENTER



Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **Officers and Supplies Book**—which lists the officers and contact information for all of our Chapters as well as lots of other good contact information.
- ❖ **Secretaries will be receiving Grand Chapter Credentials for your Chapter.** Please follow the instructions that come with them carefully as it is very important that your chapter register these credentials and be represented at Grand Chapter.