

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"The Spirit of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

A Note Concerning Holiday Giving:

With the season of giving now at hand, please be very careful to designate what your gifts are for—The Grand Chapter office is now receiving gifts for School Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club, Thanksgiving Ingathering and Christmas giving for both homes as well as many other projects. Using the gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations, but **don't forget to indicate which project you are sending funds for.** Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 1st. (The Grand Chapter office makes every effort to notify the Home of all gifts received by that deadline.) In order for Thanksgiving gifts to reach the homes by the Thanksgiving holiday they must be received by October 31st, and for Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please make a correction on then law pages that were just sent out. On page 2 of the Election of Officers, on the third bullet sentence number 5, it should read the presiding officer says not president officer says. Thanks for making the correction in your books.



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.

A Message from the "Trail Boss"

Howdy Everyone!
As I am writing this message, we hit the trail in 50 days - YEE-HA!! Just a few final details for you before we begin our trek:

- If you are leaving a vehicle at one of our pickup locations, if you have not already done so, please request and send a Waiver form to Billie Mattern.

- WEAR BLUE TO THE BBQ!! If you are planning on attending the barbecue and/or rodeo, be sure to wear your BLUE OES shirt, the Worthy Grand Matron says so!

- The pickup locations and times on November 1st are as follows: West Omaha Masonic Center - 6:00 A.M.; George Washington Lodge in Lincoln - 7:30 A.M.; and Petro Travel Center in York - 8:30 A.M.

- Water, soda, and snacks will be provided on the bus. If you have any special requests (yes Jerrie, I know we need Pepsi!!), let me know soon.

- I have confirmation numbers for your hotel reservations which I will give to you on the bus. I am sure looking forward to lots of fun and fellowship on our "drive" and hope you are too. Contact me if you have any questions. See ya'll on November 1st.

The Trail Boss (Billie)

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Chapters on hosting such wonderful *Celebrations* at each of our 17 Area Visitations!! The "*Spirit of the Star*" Grand Family appreciated your warm hospitality and unending generosity. You always made us feel welcome, made us laugh, feed us well and we saw the true spirit of our Star everywhere we traveled. We learned so much from you and appreciate your willingness to share what is happening in your Chapter at each visit. Our youth also enlightened us on what they are doing and events for us to take part in. We hope that you were able to take back with you some great ideas to use in your own Chapter and ways to support our young people.

The Grand Family is anxious to celebrate your Chapter activities with you, so do let us know what is coming up and remember to include your events on the Masonic Calendar and Discussion Board.

In the Spirit of our Star ~
Judy Wehrbein, WGM
Alvin Benemerito, WGP



**2013 Grand Chapter:
Parking is free
(remember having to
plug those meters!) plus
it is so handy. There are
abundant parking
places.**

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 NOVEMBER NEWS BY OCTOBER 15

October 6	NE Grand Representatives Fall Meeting, Holiday Inn in Kearney, Registration 10:00 and buffet luncheon at noon. \$19.00 per plate. RSVP to Shirley DeVasure 402-333-5962
October 7-10	Missouri Grand Chapter in Columbia
October 11-13	South Dakota Grand Chapter at Ramkota in Pierre
October 13	Crete #104, Silent Bottle Auction at 6:00 p.m. with dinner provided, 1105 Main St.
October 13	Laura #301, Baked potato luncheon 11-2 at St Paul United Methodist Church, 20 th & A, South Sioux City
October 14	Mt. Vernon Chapter #84 in Plainview, Aebelskiver luncheon 11:30-1:00 at United Methodist Church, 103 West Woodland, freewill offering & proceeds to support OES Scholarships
October 14	Fontenelle #249, Baked Potato Dinner, 11-2:00, \$7.00 and children \$3.50, West Omaha Masonic Center, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha
October 14	Adah #52, Pancake Breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes, French toast, juice, coffee) 8-1 \$6.00 children under 12 for \$3.00, 84 th & Centennial Rd
October 18-21	Iowa Grand Chapter at Adventureland Theme Park in Altoona
October 20	Narcissus #269 Fall Harvest Dinner, Turkey & trimmings, \$9.00 4-7:30
October 21	Alpha #325 Harvest Dinner, 4-7:00, \$8.00 adults & \$4.00 ages 2-10, Turkey & trimmings, 1910 Franklin, Bellevue
November 1-9	General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas
November 6	Remember to exercise your right to VOTE
November 22	Happy Thanksgiving
December 25	Merry Christmas

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2013" DATES

Jan 31-Feb 2 . Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center

May 14-16 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

Enclosed with this OES News—————

- 1) Yes, election month is just around the corner and Chapter Secretaries will find the blue "After Election Report" enclosed with this News. Please be sure to return it within three business days after your election.
- 2) Please read the Fall Ingathering letter to your Chapter. If you wish your money to reach the Homes by the Thanksgiving Holiday it should be sent to the Grand Chapter office in October. The "Fall Ingathering" is a long standing tradition in our Grand Chapter—what a blessing to us that we have had these two homes to support over the years.