

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"Stars across the Prairie"*



## Jottings from Jan

Please make two changes in your "Grand Officers and Standing Committees" booklet that you received last month. Grand Electa Sister Joyce Royal telephone number is 402-269-5010. Sister Jerrie Wilcox, GGCCM email address has changed to [jerrie\\_wilcox@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrie_wilcox@yahoo.com)

Inserts for the 2009 rituals are now available at the Grand Chapter office. Please note the Secretaries of each Chapter will receive the form and please return the forms to the Grand Chapter office. General Grand Chapter thinks the new rituals will be available to purchase in September. At this time I do not know the cost of the new rituals.



Can you believe that it is time again for me to catch my breath and send you some greetings? Whew! WGM Bev and WGP Jim have really been moving around the state accompanied by several of the Grand Officers. They literally have covered the state from East to West and back again.

If you thought that I was 'windy', you should have heard all of the "buzz" in Omaha when the Sisters and Brothers from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota joined Nebraska for the 5-State OES get-together. Nebraska did a great job hosting the annual event this year. A big thank you to Past Grand Matrons Betty Garwood, Dee Schuetz, Billie Mattern and Judy Wehrbein for their work in planning and assisting everyone for the wonderful weekend.

August appears to bring lots more "windy" times with all of the planned activities. Plan to join the Grand Family on several occasions. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will be in Ainsworth for a reception for Grand Ruth, Peggy

Hitchcock at 9:00 AM and then travel to Valentine for the Area 9 Visitation and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Minnehaha Chapter in Valentine. Area 10 visitation will be in South Sioux City on August 9th, followed the next day with the 4-H Achievement Day at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. That afternoon will be a reception for Grand Martha, Andi Carpenter at the Home at 4:00 PM and the evening Area 11 Visitation in Fremont. Sunday morning will be a reception for Grand Chaplain, Kirk Brown in Fremont and then off to Plattsmouth for the Cornerstone Laying for the new addition at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home.

Several of the Grand Officers will journey to Casper, Wyoming for Wyoming Grand Chapter from August 14 - 16<sup>th</sup>, then back east for the Iowa/Nebraska Fun Exchange in Council Bluffs, IA on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

The last planned activity for August will be the Kansas/Nebraska Initiation Exchange. Trinity Chapter in Omaha will host the Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> event with the Kansas Grand Officers performing the initiation for two new members for Trinity Chapter. The following evening, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Nebraska Grand Officers will perform the Initiatory work at a Chapter in Merriam, Kansas. What a fun weekend it should be!

I thought that my wheel did a lot of spinning but as I watch all of the activities of my OES friends and their wheels going round and round, sure makes me glad for a gentle breeze day when I can just lazily turn. "Windy"

**Invitations:** You are cordially invited to attend a banquet and reception for Sister Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Matron on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 5:00 pm in Charleston, WV. Price is \$30.00 and reservations should be sent to Jean Thomson, GGCCM, 1043 First Ave., Montgomery, WV 25136. 304-442-2296

Reception for Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler in Seattle Washington. September 18 thru 22, 2014. If you are planning to attend and would like more information please provide your name, phone number and email by October 1, 2013 to Kathy Neubecker, Chairman at 425-293-1603 or [coreforwashington@hotmail.com](mailto:coreforwashington@hotmail.com)



### Masonic Youth Leaders for 2013-2014:

**RAINBOW:** Shelby Lynne Walsh, Grand Worthy Advisor from South Sioux City.

**JOBS:** Rachel Duckett, Grand Bethel Honored Queen from Lincoln.  
**Taylor Knipp**, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter from Papillion.

**Alyssa Vance**, Miss Nebraska Congeniality from Omaha.

**DEMOLAY:** Adam Medley, State Master Councilor.

Congratulations to our Masonic youth on very successful sessions. A special thank you goes out to all of our adults that work with these wonderful young people.

Mary Ann Townsend, Alzheimers  
Project Chairman

**10 REQUESTS FROM AN  
ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT**

Please be patient with me, I am the  
helpless victim of a brain disease.  
Talk to me, even though I cannot  
always answer.

Be kind to me, each day of my life is  
a desperate struggle.

Consider my feelings, they are still  
very much alive within me.

Treat me with dignity and respect, as  
I would have gladly treated you.

Remember my past, for I was once a  
healthy vibrant person.

Remember my present, for I am still  
living.

Remember my future, though it may  
seem bleak to you.

Pray for me, for I am a person who  
lingers in the mists of time and  
eternity.

Love me, and the gifts of love you  
give will be a blessing forever.

Anonymous

Donation forms are available on the  
neoes website. Print it, fill it out and  
mail along with your donation to our  
Grand Secretary. For the Team  
Name, please use Eastern Star and/or  
Bev Donham.

Thank you for your support!

*In all that you do, honor those  
who came before you, respect  
those who serve with you, and  
inspire those who come after you.*

**2013 Alzheimers Walks**

8/15	Lexington	9/12	Broken Bow
9/15	Lincoln	9/18	Norfolk
9/19	Kearney	9/22	Columbus
9/26	Hastings	9/28	Beatrice
9/29	North Platte	9/29	Omaha
10/5	McCook		



**THE "PRAIRIE" CALENDAR**



**(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)**

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWS BY AUGUST 15**

- Aug 10 4-H Achievement Day at Children's Home in Fremont, Noon free BBQ, 1:30 Childrens Program
- Aug 11 Laying of the Cornerstone for the "New Addition" & Open House at Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Chris Abbott 402-297-7302
- Aug 17 Iowa/NE Exchange in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Fun casual weekend, \$5 registration fee
- Aug 23-24 NE/KS Exchange at Trinity in Omaha and Rose Dale Lodge in Kansas. **Please note to send your Kansas reservations to Pat Stripling Brown, 6049 Melrose Lane, Shawnee, KS 66203-3089 or 816-835-2871 (Please note address correction)**
- Aug 23-25 CHIP Event at the NE State Fair held in the 4-H Building near the Kids Zone 9:00am – 9:00pm
- Sept 9 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament 10:30 at North Bend Golf Course, \$125 per person, including cart and dinner. Open to public, women and youth. Call Michelle at Grand Lodge 800-558-8029
- Sept 29 Walk to end Alzheimer's at Turner Park in Omaha, 10:30 registration & 12:00 Walk

**Save the date of *September 27-28, 2014* for the 2014 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn!**

**Enclosed with this OES News:**

- ❖ Secretaries will find 2014 dues receipts in this mailing
- ❖ Secretaries will find the page for ritual inserts

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**Become a friend on Facebook at Nebraska Eastern Star**

**Call the Grand Chapter Office: 402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320**

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