

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"Stars across the Prairie"*



## Jottings from Jan

Please make the following email changes in your Grand Office and Committee (green) booklet: Jurisprudence committee, Wanda Fisher [afisher133@gmail.com](mailto:afisher133@gmail.com) and Jill Ramsey [jillramsey@centurylink.net](mailto:jillramsey@centurylink.net). The annual reports were mailed to the Chapters in November. Don't forget that they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2014. Remember, you do not need a vote of the Chapter to disburse your check for per capita dues, as that amount is specified in the Grand Chapter Bylaws (Section 97, pg. 49), but if you prefer to make a motion for the payment, be sure to do it in December so as not to delay your report, which must be accompanied by the per capita funds.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR MASONIC YOUTH**

Here is a great opportunity to support our Masonic Youth: Judy and Gene Wehrbein, Chairpersons of the Silent Auction Committee of the Grand Lodge invite any Chapters or Individuals to donate items for the Silent Auction to benefit our youth groups from Nebraska. The auction will be held during Grand Lodge at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney on Thursday and Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Call Judy or Gene at 402-298-8192 if you have questions.

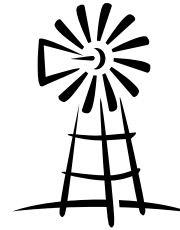


*Reminder when using the Eastern Star Logos: You will want to use the correct logo on your invitations and programs. For subordinate chapters - only the plain star is to be used. (no circle or lines connecting the points).*



Let us show the Fidelity of Adah, the Constancy of Ruth, the Loyalty of Esther, the Faith of Martha, and the Love of Electa with the Love of Him whose Star we follow in all we strive to do. In so doing, our beautiful Order will prosper and grow.

It's time to check your passports!! A bus trip North of the border is in the planning stages. The pilgrimage to the International Peace Garden; August 7th through 11th, 2014. If interested in travelling and spending some time with OES Sisters and Brothers from across the land, contact Billie Mattern, GGCCM @ [billieraym@hotmail.com](mailto:billieraym@hotmail.com) or at 402-455-0472. Watch the OES news for more details.



Holiday Greetings, Here it is December. I can't believe how time flies when you are having fun. I have really enjoyed watching the Grand Officers in their many travels since May and here it is almost Christmas time.

From my vantage point, the Grand Family has been pretty quiet since the end of October and all of their travels. I know that all of the chapters held their election of officers for the 2014 year. I am sure the membership appreciates those who do hold offices in their chapters. Now the planning begins for another year. I hope that you will all promote **ENTHUSIASM** and get some of the members back to chapter. Did you ask them to be an officer? Who knows, maybe they are just waiting to be asked. What a great comraderie the OES members have across the state. Everyone enjoys visiting and seeing each other and the preparation for Installations is a great time to ask your neighbors to help.

The District Grand Supervisors, Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons will be receiving their information for Supervisors School to be held in Omaha on January 18 – 20, 2014. I know that the Worthy Grand Matron hopes to see all of you at school. I have heard that in those three days there is a "WEALTH" of knowledge given to our District Grand Supervisors as they prepare for their visits to the Chapters. On a side note, I had better be prepared for a "windy" time in Omaha with all of those folks meeting and greeting one another! ☺

As you prepare for the Christmas holidays, may you always remember the reason that we celebrate this holiday. I wish for you a very Merry Christmas and joyous New Year!



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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REMINDER

To Chapter Secretaries one of the goals of the Publicity Committee is to let others in our Masonic Family know about the activities of our Nebraska Chapters.

April Scott is the Publicity Liaison for sending articles to the Nebraska Mason and to The OES Journal. We would love to see your articles about your Chapter activities. The next deadline for submitting articles will be December 1 for the Nebraska Mason, and December 15, for the OES Journal. Please send articles and pictures by December 1st to April at April Scott, 5119 Underwood, Omaha, Ne 68132 [acs929@cox.net](mailto:acs929@cox.net) or [luna169oes@msn.com](mailto:luna169oes@msn.com)



Membership not only means those who make up our organization but it also refers to each individual's status in Eastern Star. Your Membership Committee is focusing on both of these aspects this year: growing our membership and helping our members to grow.

As we approach the holiday season and the New Year, we are issuing a challenge: Plan an event that not only

welcomes and encourages prospective members, but also invite your current members. Perhaps an event for the whole family or an evening with our Masonic family. Whatever event your Chapter plans, please take a moment to share with the Membership Committee. Send details and pictures. We'll share with the entire Nebraska Membership.

Please send your Membership Event information to Robyn Mason at [robynkt@gmail.com](mailto:robynkt@gmail.com) or 415 Laramie Trail, Lincoln NE 68521. We look forward to seeing all that has been going on in Nebraska OES. Merry Christmas from the Membership Committee.



**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 JANUARY NEWS BY DECEMBER 15**

Dec 14 Vesta #6, Holiday boutique 4:00-6:00pm, 5903 Maple St, Omaha

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2014" DATES**

Jan 15 Annual Reports are due

Feb 6-8 Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center

May 13-15 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

Sept 27-28 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

**INSTALLATIONS:**

Jan 11 .....Blue River #132, 1:30 pm, 115 B Street, Milford

Jan 11 .....Arbor Vitae #92, 2:00 pm, 350 E 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Fremont

Jan 12 .....Alpha #325, 3:00 pm, Bellevue Masonic Center, 1910 Franklin, Bellevue

Jan 16 .....Narcissus #269, 7:30 pm at Benson Masonic Temple, 5903 Maple St, Omaha

Jan 17 .....Ak-Sar-Ben #277, 7:00 pm, 2823 N 83<sup>rd</sup> St, Omaha

Jan 18 .....Papillion #114, 2:00 pm, 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Road, Papillion

**Enclosed with this OES News:**

- ❖ Letter from the Youth Committee
- ❖ Disaster Relief Fund letter from Sister Bobbi White, MWGM

**Introduction Cards:** If you will be planning to do introductions at Installation or any special meeting that you have, an updated set of Introduction Cards is available. Call the Grand Chapter office for a set.