

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"The Spirit of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

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



2013 Grand Chapter: The food at the Younes Conference Center banquets is outstanding.

Power Shopping at Grand Chapter May 14-16, 2013. Vendors will have Masonic Jewelry and gifts, formal attire, ladies shoes, jewelry, tux shirts, personalized garment bags and purses. The Silent Auction will again be available and of course chapter donations and individual donations will be appreciated. The money collected from the sale of auction items will go to the Special Project which supports the three Masonic Youth Groups (DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow).

*Attention All Grand Representatives:
There will be a hospitality room at the Younes Conference Center. The annual breakfast meeting will be held on May 15th. If you have not paid your 2013 dues, you can send payment to Shirley DeVasure, Secretary, 15303 Westchester Dr., Omaha, 68154-2061 or do so when you register for Grand Chapter. Looking forward to seeing you in Kearney. Star Love and Star Spirit,
Lorraine Rogers, President.*

WGM Judy and WGP Alvin invite you ALL ... from Chadron to Brownville, from Valentine to Franklin and everywhere in between ... to join them for the **STAR CELEBRATION!** in Kearney. See old friends! Shop! Sit on our Risers! Shop! Make new Friends! Shop! Sing in the Celebrate Choir! and enjoy the true spirit of our Eastern Star!!

Grand Chapter Reminders!!

- All 2012 and 2013 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be introduced on the Grand Chapter floor Wednesday morning ... please plan to be with us by representing your Chapter!
- The Honored Stations are our Chapter Chaplains and Marshals. All 2012 and 2013 Chaplains and Marshal will be introduced and honored on Wednesday morning.
- Deadline for joining the "Celebrate" Choir is **April 1st**. No matter what you are doing at Grand Chapter, you can be a part of our Choir.
- **April 30th** is the deadline to send in the documentation of your involvement with our Youth Groups. Those Chapters participating will receive the "Shining Star" Award. Send to Karen Bugbee, PO Box 24, Taylor, NE 68879 or email kjbjbugbee@hotmail.com.
- Have you donated to a Luminary? Luminaries will be on display at Grand Chapter with your name and the person/group (member or non-member) you are remembering. Send donation to Grand Chapter and the information will be forwarded to Betty Kirkpatrick. Donations can be made in any amount and proceeds will be divided among all of our Projects.
- Volunteer Man-Hour and Financial Contributions Report Forms are due **April 1st**.

- Check out our website for all information and forms for Grand Chapter.

Alvin Benemerito, Worthy Grand Patron:

How many of us volunteer to clean our churches? Help at soup kitchens? Be mentors for our Masonic Youth or any other youth organizations such as 4H or scouting? Serve as chaperons at Masonic Band Camp? How many of us visit or provide entertainment for the shut ins, long-term care facilities or hospitals? How many of us bake cookies or make ice cream for scholarships? How many of us have volunteered at Child ID Programs? Or served at funerals? Or drive a neighbor or a veteran to a medical appointment?

Some members state that we just do all these good works because it is the right thing to do ... and not really count or put it to paper. We are trying to prove to our prospective members and to the rest of the world that we, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, have given our time and money for the betterment of our communities. And, maybe even **prove to ourselves** that our beloved Order of the Eastern Star is very much relevant in this present day and age.

I know you all care, all I am asking is your time. Time to fill up a very simple and self explanatory Volunteer Report Form that can be printed for submission. Or, better yet submitted on line. Go to neoes.org. We all claim that the Order of the Eastern Star is Charitable. I believe you. But what I am asking is the proof.

Save the Date for OES Five State! July 26-28, 2013. Join OES Sisters & Brothers from Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska for a fun weekend at Embassy Suites in Omaha. Friday banquet will be at the Durham Museum. You will hear more about the plans very soon.



You are invited to join the "Celebrate" Choir at Grand Chapter. Contact the Grand Chapter office for the form or

download it from the website (www.neoes.org) The form should be sent to Judy Wehrbein, WGM by April 1, 2013. All

that is needed to participate is a desire to sing. Come join the fun and let the Spirit of the Star Ring Out.

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 APRIL NEWS BY MARCH 15

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| March 3 | Breakfast at AkSarBen No. 277, 83 rd & Maple, 8-1 p.m., \$7.00 for adults, 3.00 for children, serving pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs, biscuits & gravy, coffee |
| March 9 | Zing Bling Party hosted by Adah No. 92, 84 th St & Centennial Road, Omaha, 1-4 pm |
| March 9 | Home Chapter No. 189, 513 Main St, Plattsmouth, Soup & Pie from 5-7:00 pm, \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children 10 and under. Chili, chicken & noodle soup & homemade pies |
| March 23 | Tri-State Event with CO & WY, Fort Collins, CO, Masonic Temple, 225 W. Oak St, Dinner and Dance 4:00 pm, \$15 per person (RSVP by 3-10-13), Quality Inn & Suites and ask for Eastern Star Rates. For more information contact Grand Chapter. |
| March 24 | Trinity No. 299 Soup, Sandwich, Salad Luncheon, 11-2 pm, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Donations \$8.00 & Children under 10 \$4.00 |
| April 1 | Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships |
| April 4-6 | Grand York Rite in Kearney at Holiday Inn |
| April 27 | Trinity No. 299 Salad luncheon and Style show, 11:30 am, 2424 S 135 th Ave, Omaha, Donations \$8.00, Fashions by Christopher and CJ Banks |
| April 29 | Card party, salad luncheon, AkSarBen No. 277, \$6.00 donation. Northwest Hills Church 9334 Fort St., Reservations Lois Gapen 402-572-6792 or Isobel Taylor 402-493-2854 |
| April 30 | Deadline for Educational Loan Applications |
| May 1 | Deadline for Scholarships |
| May 14-16 | GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER |
| May 28-June 1 | Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney |
| June 1 | Shrine Bowl in Kearney |
| June 14-16 | Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete |
| June 19-22 | Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in North Platte |

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.
- ❖ New Rob Morris Membership form for 2012-2015



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