

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"The Spirit of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

Final reminders concerning our upcoming Session:

- ✓ Don't forget your dues receipt, credential or proxy, Past Matron, Past Patron, Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron Card as applies.
- ✓ Remember your hugs and smiles and be ready for a fun session



We'll look forward to seeing you in Kearney, NE at the Younes Conference Center for the 2013 Grand Chapter.



REMEMBER: Each Chapter must file the 990-N form on line at www.irs.gov/file. The May 15th deadline for filing is fast approaching. We have to remember to file this on line every year. It must be filed electronically and failure to file will cause the Chapter to lose its tax exempt status.

REMINDER: to bring your "basket" or items you can donate to Grand Chapter. If you need ideas, don't hesitate to contact Margaret McCall, Chairperson. We want to make this a very successful project for our Youth!

Congratulations to Sister Mable Ragan who received the Imhoff Award from Harmony Chapter #13, Columbus. Mable is the oldest Nebraskan marking her 112th birthday on February 1st. Mable is considered a "super centenarian" (those age 110 or older). As of March 25, 2013 Mable was the 27th oldest in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group based in Los Angeles, CA. Mable lives at the Good Samaritan Society Wolf Home in Albion. Mabel is a dedicated member of Eastern Star, an inspiration to the other members and regularly attended meetings as long as her health permitted.

Photos at Grand Chapter:

The photos at Grand Chapter will be taken by Baer Photography in Kearney. Please look at the Picture Schedule and plan to have your picture taken with your appropriate group. Please be on time as the photo session will need to stay on time. The pictures will be taken at the Younes Conference Center in a Ruby conference room. The photos will be posted at Grand Chapter just as it has been done in the past at Pershing Center. You will be able to order photos at that time. There will be a shipping fee of \$6.00 and the cost of the pictures will be as follows: 4x5=\$14.75, 5x7=\$15.95, 8x10=\$17.00. Please note that The "Celebrate" Choir will have their picture taken at 2:10 on Tuesday also. At 2:20 our photographer has offered to take individual photos of anyone that would like to purchase them.



We join together with our "*Spirit of the Star*" Grand Family to CELEBRATE You ALL for the love and support that you have showered upon us this past year and the dedication that you continue to have for our beautiful Order. Our Congratulations to the "*Stars Across the Prairie*" 2013-2014 Grand Family. May they be protected in their travels and richly blessed!

When we began this year, we invited everyone to join us for a Celebration ... well this part of the Celebration is quickly coming to a close ... but the true Celebration should never ever end. It's up to each and every one of us to make the spirit and enthusiasm of our Emblematic Star last a lifetime ... never let it fade and never let it die. Remember to ALWAYS Celebrate ALL that we have and all that we can become!!

May the Spirit of our Star continue to comfort you, guide you, and warm you in its glow!

*Judy Wehrbein, WGM
Alvin Benemerito, WGP*




*Support the ABC's:
Rainbow Assemblies
Job's Daughters Bethels
DeMolay Chapters*

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 JUNE NEWS BY MAY 15



- May 14-16 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- May 19 Fontenelle No. 249, 100th Anniversary, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha, 2:00-4:00
- May 28-6/1 Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- June 1 Shrine Bowl Parade and Shrine Bowl in Kearney 
- June 2 Reception honoring Grand Officers of NE Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Officers, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., 2424 South 135th Ave, Omaha
- June 14-16 Rainbow Grand Assembly in Crete
- June 19-22 Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in North Platte
- June 23 Elizabeth Chapter No. 250, 100th Anniversary, Weeping Water
- July 26-28 Five State Friendship Exchange in Omaha, Embassy Suites, 555 S. 10th, RSVP to Dee Schuetz, PGM, 18406 Peterson Road, Plattsmouth, 68048, schuetz01@windstream.net
- Aug 10 4-H Achievement Day at Children's Home in Fremont
- Aug 11 Corner Stone Laying & Open House at Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug 23-24 NE/KS Exchange at Trinity in Omaha and Rose Dale Lodge in Kansas

Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

- June 10-12..... North Dakota Grand Chapter in Fargo
- Aug 14-16 Wyoming Grand Chapter in Casper
- Sept 18-21 Colorado Grand Chapter, Double Tree Hotel in Denver
- Oct 10-12..... South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre
- Oct 13-16..... Missouri Grand Chapter
- Oct 20-23 Oklahoma Grand Chapter in Guthrie
- Oct 24-26..... Iowa Grand Chapter in Cedar Rapids

Notice: We are encouraging you to send a calendar of your Chapter's events to Gwen Hurst-Anderson: pengwensrule@gmail.com. She will see that your events will be included on the web-site's Masonic Calendar. That calendar can be viewed by all members of our Masonic Family, so will provide more visibility for your Chapter's events that this newsletter. We hope you will take advantage of that calendar. It's easy, just email Gwen with the date, time, location, cost etc.!

Call the Grand Chapter Office: 402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320
We are here to help you in any way we can!