

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Stars across the Prairie"



Jottings from Jan

Attention all Standing Committees: October 19, 2013 you will have a committee meeting at the Masonic Center in Kearney (2314 Central Ave). This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute and be an active member of your respective committees. Please call the Grand Chapter office to RSVP.

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
9/28	Fremont	9/29	North Platte
9/29	Omaha	10/5	McCook

Join the Grand Family in the walk to End Alzheimer's disease on September 29th at Turner Park, 3220 Farnam St. in Omaha. Registration begins at 10:30 and the walk at noon. Join in the fun! If you are unable to walk and would like to pledge someone remember to send your donation form and money into the Grand Chapter office and the money will be sent into the Alzheimer's Association in one check.



THANKS to all who have contributed school supplies to the children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

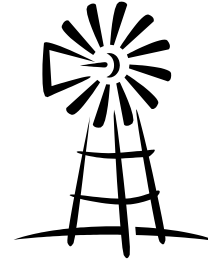
It's not too late to contribute—you may send monetary donations to the Grand Chapter office

A Note about Initiation at Grand Chapter

Sister Beverly, our Worthy Grand Matron would like to let everyone know that there is still room on the list for those who would like to be initiated at the 2014 Grand Chapter Session. If you have a possible candidate please notify Sister Beverly or call the Grand Chapter office as soon as possible.

"Rob Morris Membership Jewel 2012-2015 Triennium"

Once again this triennium General Grand Chapter will be awarding the Rob Morris Membership Jewel to those individuals that earn 300 points. If you have already received a jewel then you can receive a date bar to attach to the pin.



Where has this summer gone? All I know is that the "Stars across the Prairie" Grand Family has been VERY busy.

In Memoriam:

Ray W. McRoberts 1922-2013

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron 1985-1988 & Past Grand Patron 1970-1971 of Arizona Grand Chapter. At Rest on August 2, 2013. His Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox, in her acceptance speech at their Installation described her Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ray McRoberts, as follows: "Your gentleness of manner, devotion to a just cause and humility in great service are virtues fitting you for your responsibilities. May our service together be a credit to our Order." Brother Ray enjoyed his family and was a good friend to many. We are saddened by the loss of our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other intellectual abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 50 to 80 percent of dementia cases.

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. But Alzheimer's is not just a disease of old age. Up to 5 percent of people with the disease have early onset Alzheimer's (also known as younger-onset), which often appears when someone is in their 40s or 50s.

NEWS FLASH!! Did you hear what our Worthy Grand Matron did? At the 4-H Achievement Day, there was one of those inflatable slides for the young ones to enjoy. One of our nice OES ladies challenged the Grand Lodge Officers and the OES Grand Officers to slide. Grand Master Tom took his turn AND THEN--- WGM Bev very bravely went up and **SLID DOWN!!!** There are pictures on the OES website for proof of her slide. Because none of her Grand Officers would do it, the WGM has been charging them \$10 for Alzheimer's. So far, she has more than \$160 for the special project. Way to go girl!

Twelve Nebraska members enjoyed Wyoming Grand Chapter and then back across the state to enjoy the Iowa/Nebraska Fun day. I don't want to say that Nebraska lost the "baseball" game but if there were only two teams playing and we brought home the 2nd place trophy, what would that indicate?

September brings the last of the Area Visitations and the Alzheimer's Walks. Be sure and check the walks in your area and pledge for someone to walk or you get pledges and walk. It will be for a great cause. I have just been "spinning" with excitement to see all of money pledged and collected for the walks. Hope to see you there! Until next month, I'll just be busy keeping my eye on those Grand Officer's cars going across the state! Windy



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 OCTOBER NEWS BY SEPTEMBER 15

- Sept 8 Phillips #204, Fried chicken dinner fundraiser from 4:30-7:00 at Phillips Memorial Hall in Phillips, \$10 for adults & \$5 for children 5-11, RSVP to Ruth Batie 402-845-6512. Prefer not to sale tickets at the door
- Sept 9 12th 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 12 Alpha Chapter #325, Metro Area Visitation, 1910 Franklin St, Bellevue, 7:30 pm
- Sept 14 Martha Washington #153, Fish Fry \$9.00, 4:30-7:00, 4430 N. 70th St, Lincoln
- Sept 22 Alpha Chapter #325, Third Annual PartyLite Party 2-4 pm, Bellevue Lodge
- Sept 27 Area 17 Visitation in Omaha, 6:30 registration, 7:00pm dinner, Scottish Rite Center, 202 S 20th St., \$15 to RSVP to Margaret McCall 402-651-3337
- Sept 28 Fremont Walk to End Alzheimer's, Midland University Campus, check in 9:00, walk 10:00
- Sept 28 Vesta #6 fundraiser dinner, 4:00-7:00pm, 5903 Maple, Omaha
- Sept 28-29 Job's Daughters Fall Workshop at Hastings Masonic Center
- Sept 29 Walk to end Alzheimer's at Turner Park in Omaha, 10:30 registration & 12:00 Walk
- Oct 6 Trinity #299 Steak Fry 4:00-7:00pm \$12.00, Hamburger meals for kids are \$5.00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha, RSVP to Mike Donham 402-558-9032,
- Oct 12 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting 11:00 at Ramada Inn, Kearney
- Oct 12 Rainbow Mini Grand, Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Parents, Advisory Board members and friends of Rainbow are welcome, registration at 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- Oct 13 Fontenelle #249, Fall Buffet, 11:00-2:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 19 Narcissus #269 Turkey Dinner, 4:30-7:30, 5903 Maple St, Omaha
- Oct 20 Alpha #325 Harvest dinner 4:00-7:00, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue
- Oct 27 AkSarBen #277, German Dinner 11:00-2:00, ShiOma Masonic Center, 2823 N 83rd, Omaha

**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:

- ❖ Rob Morris Membership Program Information
- ❖ Letter to standing committees

Visit us on the web at neoes.org. See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"

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