

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Stars across the Prairie"



Jottings from Jan

A few reminders for
Grand Chapter:

(1) Make your housing
arrangements. Call one of the
hotels listed on the housing
information sheet.

(2) Mail in your Pre-registration
form and your check to the PO
Box listed on the form. The
Deadline for pre-registration
is April 19, 2014.

(3) Don't forget: Credentials,
Dues Receipts, Past Matron or
Past Patron Card, Past Grand
Matron, Past Grand Patron
Certificates.

(4) Bring your baskets, craft or
other item to participate in the
Silent Auction/Raffle

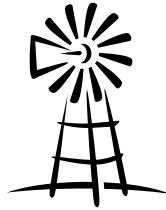


The Grand Secretary wants all secretaries to shop at the silent auction. Jan will have a basket for all your secretary needs. If you have plenty of supplies already then purchase the basket for a friend or donate a basket of your own. Let's support Alzheimer's Research!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Deadline for returning Notification of Award forms and money for the 2014-2015 Scholarship Program is May 1, 2014.

Check out www.neoes.org for the latest changes and information on the website. It is a great source for information. Thanks to Kerri Straub, webmaster. The website has forms you can download and all of the issues of the OES news just to name a few things.



Happy Spring! I do believe that "spring has sprung" – I have seen robins and the tulips are starting to peep through the ground. It has been a long cold winter but I am anxious to have some warmer days and some nice gentle rains.

There are a few District Grand Supervisors that will be completing their schools in April because of schedules and some re-scheduled due to the weather. I know that they look forward to seeing you.

It doesn't seem like that in one month, my time for getting to visit you with my "Windy" articles is coming to an end. It has been a pleasure for me to work with the Grand Family this year and watch them travel around the State. As you read this April issue of the OES NEWS, it will be only a few more weeks until Grand Chapter. I know that WGM Bev and WGP Jim are looking forward to greeting all of the Nebraska OES members in Kearney at the "Stars across the Prairie" Session in Kearney on May 13-15, 2014. Please plan to attend and help them celebrate the end of their journey.

Speaking of Grand Chapter, remember that they would love to have you join in the Choir even if only for a short time. Brother Jim Carlton and Sister Roxie Beaton have chosen some fun songs for all to sing. Look for them and join in singing. Hopefully you have sent your reply to WGM Bev.

Reservations for Grand Chapter are due April 19th, hope you are registered. Just go for a day and enjoy the friendships of the OES members from across the State. Remember the **ENTHUSIASM** that WGM Bev talked about, here is my quote for you today:

"A person can succeed at almost anything for which they have unlimited enthusiasm."
----Charles M. Schwab

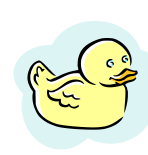
Have a nice spring and enjoy the Easter season, see you next month. "Windy"

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, I HOPE?

Just a little note from "Jimmie Little Blue Stem" and his two fellow travelers, Brucie and Little Denny, I hope, as does "Jimmie" that you all plant your Little or Big Blue Stem seeds this Spring when all danger of frost is over, like whoever will figure that out. Jimmie Blue Stem has plans to remove many finned critters from Nebraska water this coming Summer and will have to do this alone as Brucie the Buffalo has relocated to Ted Turner's ranch in the Sand Hills, Little Denny the prairie dog, after more surgery to remove .22 bullets as well as shot gun pellets from his torso has moved to the Army Arsenal preserve outside of Denver where he has over 2 million relatives. Thank you for a wonderful 5 years, Jim Dusch, W.G.P.

To All Past and Present Grand Representatives:

I would like to remind you of our annual "Sunrise Breakfast" at Grand Chapter on Wednesday, May 14th. You can register for this on the Grand Chapter Registration Form. You can pay your dues on that form also. If you want to bring something for the "goodie bags", that are available, take them to the Hospitality Room on Tuesday morning. Come and enjoy the fellowship. We are in need of table host/hostesses. Please let Shirley DeVasure know – 402-333-5962 or TrinityOES@cs.com, Hope to see you there



Past and Present Grand Ducks

You are invited to the Grand Duck Luncheon on Monday, May 12th at 11:30 a.m. at Ruby Tuesdays. Please RSVP to Herb Coulter by April 15th at 402-426-4371.

Attention: If you are making a lap robe for the Masonic Home from the quilt squares signed at the visitations please contact Sister Bev Donham, WGM 402-558-9032 as soon as possible.



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 MAY NEWS BY APRIL 15

- April 1 Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- April 1 Deadline for Educational Loan Applications
- April 3-5 Grand York Rite at Holiday Inn in Kearney
- April 5 Narcissus #269, Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-7:00pm, 5903 Maple St, Omaha
- April 5 Trinity #299, Style Show and Salad Luncheon 11:00-2:00, \$8.00 donation, 2424 S. 135th
- April 17 Queen Esther #1, Salad luncheon, 11:30-1:30pm, \$6.00, 1104 Central Ave, Nebraska City
- April 28 Ak Sar Ben #28, Spring Card Party 10:00-2:00, 9334 Fort St, Omaha
- May 1 Deadline for scholarships
- May 13-15 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- June 3-7 20th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- June 7 Shrine parade & 2:00 p.m. Shrine game
- June 13-15 Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly at Doane in Crete
- June 24-28 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- July 11-13 DeMolay Conclave in Lincoln
- July 25-27 Join OES Sisters & Brothers for a fun weekend in South Dakota with Iowa, Kansas and Missouri
- July 27-30 Rainbow Supreme Assembly in Baltimore, MD
- Aug 9 4-H Achievement Day at the Children's Home
- Aug 8-10 General Grand Chapter International Peace Garden Triennial Pilgrimage
- Sept 27-28 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

Reminder: Remember to send information on your Chapter's events to Gwen Hurst: pengwensrule@gmail.com and she will enter your events on the website's Masonic Calendar and Facebook if you would like. Remember to include the following information: who's invited, event, date, time, location, cost, rsvp deadline and contact information

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **One copy of the resolutions that will be presented at Grand Chapter. Discuss them at your Chapter meeting so your representatives will know your opinions.**

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