

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Music of the Stars”



Jottings from Jan

A Note Concerning
Holiday Giving: With the season of
giving now at hand, please be very
careful to designate what your gifts
are for - The Grand Chapter office is
now receiving gifts for School
Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club,
Thanksgiving Ingathering and
Christmas giving for both homes as
well as many other projects. Using
the gray contribution form is the best
way to send your donations.
Remember the deadline for Purple
Ribbon Club is December 1st so you
need to have it in to the Grand
Chapter Office by October 31st. (The
Grand Chapter office makes every
effort to notify the Home of all gifts
received by that deadline.) In order for
Thanksgiving gifts to reach the
homes by the Thanksgiving
holiday they must be received by
October 31st, and for Christmas
giving to reach the Homes in time for
Christmas funds must be in the
office by November
30th. Thank you for
your cooperation.



IN APPRECIATION:

Sister Carole DeMoss, P.G.M.,
member of Alpha Chapter #325 in
Bellevue and Harmony Chapter #4 in
Honolulu, Hawaii. Sister Carole has
retired her position as Deputy to the
MWGM in Hawaii. Sister Carole has
served the General Grand Chapter
for the past 14 years. She has also
served as Secretary of Harmony
Chapter #4, Honolulu for 18 years.

Thank you Carole for your
dedication to the Order of the
Eastern Star and for your service to
the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

OES Express

Wow! What travels I've had with the Area #15 Visitation in Columbus and the last Visitation in Blair on September 13th. My train has been filled with so many members and Grand Officers attending the Visitations.

Ten Grand Officers and many other Nebraska members traveled to Colorado to attend the "Our Favorite Things" Grand Chapter Session. What fun it is to meet and greet old and new friends.

I'm on the rails again to pick up passengers to head to Kearney for the Masonic Youth Conference on September 27-28, 2014. Sounds like there will be great speakers and fun activities for the youth. Let me know if I can pick you up to attend.

On October 9, 2014 the OES Express will head north to South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre, South Dakota. I will be picking up passengers so come aboard. After returning home I'll be traveling to Missouri Grand Chapter in Columbia on October 13, 2014 and back to Nebraska for the Grand Representatives Meeting in Kearney on the 18th of October.

I really do need to get back to the train yard for maintenance but I'll keep traveling along until after Iowa Grand Chapter the end of October.

There are so many opportunities so just let me know if you want to come aboard.

Eligibility for Membership

Master Masons in good standing
wives, daughters,
legally adopted daughters,
mothers, widows
sisters half-sisters
granddaughters, stepmothers,
stepdaughters, stepsisters,
daughters-in-law, grandmothers,
great granddaughters nieces
great-nieces mothers-in-law
sisters-in-law, aunts
first & second female cousins
members active for (3) years or majority in
the International Order of the Rainbow for
Girls or in Job's Daughters International

Multiple Sclerosis (Special Project for 2014-2015)

What causes multiple sclerosis?

Scientists now believe that several underlying risk factors may be associated with MS, including gender, genetics, ethnicity, exposure to certain viruses, and the environment. Here's what we know:

Gender: MS is at least 2 to 3 times more common in women than in men. This gender difference has led to increasing research into the role of hormones in MS

Genetics: If you have a family member (eg, a parent, sibling, or child) who has MS, your risk for developing the disease increases. Generally speaking, the risk for most people of developing MS is 1 out of 750. However, if you have a family member with MS, your risk increases to 1 out of 40. The risk may increase more if you have multiple family members with MS, or if you have an identical twin with MS

Ethnicity: MS occurs in most ethnic groups, including Caucasians, African-Americans, Asians, and Hispanics/Latinos. While it is most commonly seen in Caucasians of northern European ancestry, new findings show that African-American women may be especially at-risk. Findings such as these suggest that ethnicity may be one of several contributing factors

Viruses: Some scientists think that certain viruses may help trigger MS

Environment: MS is less common in areas closer to the equator. Because there is more sunlight in these areas, and thus more exposure to vitamin D, researchers have looked into the role of vitamin D levels in MS






THE "NOTE" WORTHY CALENDAR



(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWS BY OCTOBER 15

- Oct 9-11 South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre
- Oct 11 Vesta #6, Casserole dinner, \$7.00, 4:30-7:00, 5903 Maple St., Omaha
- Oct 12 Trinity #299, Steak Fry 4:00-7:00 pm, \$12.00, and \$5.00 for children's hamburger meal, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 13 Happy Columbus Day 
- Oct 13-15 Missouri Grand Chapter in Columbia
- Oct 18 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, \$22.00, registration 11:00, meal at 12:00, RSVP with Margaret McCall 402-651-3337 mmcalle5@cox.net
- Oct 23-26 Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona at Adventureland
- Oct 26 AkSarBen #299, Soup & Chili dinner includes salad and beverage, 4-7:00pm, \$8.00, 2823 N 83
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween
- Nov 1 Narcissus #269, Turkey dinner, 4:00-7:00pm, 5903 Maple St, Omaha
- Nov 2 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 2 Trinity #299, Pancake breakfast 8:00 -1:00 pm, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Nov 8 Crete #104, Civil War Era Quilt Showing and Luncheon fundraiser, 11:30-2, \$10.00, at UCC Church, 440 E 12th St in Crete. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from the officers.
- Nov 9 AkSarBen #277, German Dinner includes Wiener Schnitzel or Brat, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, roll, butter, beverages, dessert is german chocolate cake and angel food cake, 11:00-2:00 pm, \$12.00, 2823 N 83rd St, Omaha
- Nov 11 Happy Veterans Day 
- Nov 15 Alpha #325, Chili and Chicken Soup Dinner, 1910 Franklin, Bellevue
- Nov 27 Happy Thanksgiving 

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2015" DATES

- Feb 5-7 Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center
- Apr 23-25 Grand York Rite in Kearney at Holiday Inn
- May 12-13 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER
- June 2-6 Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Kearney
- June 6 Shrine Bowl and Shrine Parade in Kearney
- Oct 29-Nov 6 48th General Grand Triennial Assembly "Hope For Tomorrow" in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron Thanksgiving letter
- ❖ Secretaries please find the blue "After Election Report" to be completed and returned to the Grand Chapter office within three business days after election

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