

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Beauty of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

A new "Grand Officers and Standing Committees" booklet is enclosed with this OES news letter. It is a handy reference of contact information for those serving our Grand Chapter. If you'd like your own personal copy, call the office (402-727-8644). Please change the following information for Denny Smith - home #402-261-5260, email: dlsa3263@twc.com

Getting to know our Worthy Grand Matron a little better

Brenda is employed by Community Hospital in McCook as a FROG Instructor. She has presented the FROG program in all 92 counties in the state of Nebraska. FROG is an exercise class for people over 55. She enjoys working for the best health in adults, including Spiritual, Physical, and Mental.

Lay Minister for United Methodist Church, Lay Delegate to Annual Church Conference and wedding coordinator for Church. Teaches classes for Lay Ministers, coordinates woman retreats, and coordinator for church wide bible studies.

She enjoys travel, bible study, speaking, teaching and music.

Brenda enjoys entertaining others, like to care for others to show each person how very important they are. Not long on cooking, would rather go out to eat. Enjoys her husband who is the best in the world. Also, enjoys her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Associate Grand Matron, Cheryl Beckius: Sister Cheryl is a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in Ogallala. Interests include family, OES, and cooking. Cheryl is a

tax preparer. Cheryl collects Willow Tree Figurines.

Associate Grand Patron, Gary Brhel: Brother Gary is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include hunting, fishing, travel, computers, wordworking, grandchildren and fixing things. He is retired.

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman PGM: Sister Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice. Interests include photography, NE sports, spending time with friends and dogs. Collects photos, tea cups, coffee's, teas, fun post-its and note pads.

Grand Treasurer, Pam Brhel: Sister Pam is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include traveling, reading, and word puzzles and family. Pam is a retired accountant.

Grand Conductress, Anita Sohm: Sister Anita is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Interests include watching college football, reading, traveling, knitting & cross-stich. Collects Husker "stuff" and Peggy Karr plates/ornaments. Anita is retired.

Associate Grand Conductress, Candace Martin: Sister Candy is a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122 in Hooper. Interests include reading romance novels, watching pro football and old music. Candy collects snowbabies, and Willow figurines. She is retired.

Grand Chaplain, Wayne Andreassen: Brother Wayne is a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Norfolk. He collects trains. Waynes occupation is heating and A/C.

Grand Marshal, Jim Taylor: Brother Jim is a member of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 in Omaha. He is retired. Jim said he doesn't collect anything.

Grand Organist, Vernita (Neta) Ridinger: Sister Neta is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. She collects sewing, quilting and music. Neta is a piano teacher/organist.

Grand Adah, Margaret Nelson: Sister Margaret is a member of Herman Chapter No. 216 in Herman. She collects moose figurines. Margaret is a day care provider.

Grand Ruth, Janet Zoucha: Sister Janet is a member of Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 in Oshkosh. She collects vinegar cruets and antiques. Janet is retired..

Grand Esther, Suzanne Byler: Sister Suzanne is a member of Vesper Chapter No.

9 in Beatrice. She collects Hummels and cats. Suzanne is a pharmacist.

Grand Martha, Anita Schultz: Sister Anita is a member of Aurora Chapter No. 93 in Aurora. She is retired from banking. Anita said she doesn't collect anything.

Grand Electa, Charlene Colson: Sister Charlene is a member of Dorcas Chapter No. 144 in Bartley. She is retired. Charlene collects dolls, carousel horses, and Husker stuff.

Grand Warder, Karan Birdsall: Sister Karan is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include music, art, cooking and family. She collects music, heirlooms and glass ware. Karan is a custom framer and art dealer.

Grand Sentinel, Harold Terry: Brother Harold is a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha. Interests include Church, Eastern Star, Masons and hunting. He collects pre 1964 cars. Harold is retired US Air Force.



As The Cardinal Sings:

As we sharpen our beaks -
Cleared our throats we then realized
how very blessed we are.

As we took flight to McCook, NE
For a wonderful reception we find
our Sisters and Brothers, Families
and Friends were there to greet us.

Our next flight took us to Kearney
Nebraska to a fun and lively Parade.

Then on to Franklin, NE for
another wonderful reception
and what to our surprise!!! More
Sisters, Brothers, Families and
Friends.

Wow, What a blessing, I can't
wait till next week and we get to see
some more of the "Beauties" of the
Star when we fly in to Crete, NE to
be with the Rainbow Assembly.
June 12-14.

Then it is back home fluff our
feather and backs out in the sky to
Peru, NE to yet another "Beauty" as
we enjoy the "Discover Every

Wonder" Grand Session of Job's Daughter. June 17-20th.

The last week of June will find us in flight to Bridgeport for an Open House Celebration of 100 year. Then to Kimball, for another 100 year celebration brunch. On to Oshkosh for a visit and another reception. Wow all this eating, must keep our beaks sharp.

And as we say "Good Night" and watch for our next flight.

Opportunity to help with the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program:

This year's **CHIP event** at the **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island will be held will be held **Opening Weekend, Saturday, August 29 & Sunday August 30, 2015** between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm both days. **The State Fair board is once again giving us prime space in the**

4-H Building this year near the Kids Zone. Your help is needed!

We need **at least 90 volunteers** to fill two days of morning shifts from 9:00am to 3:30pm and evening shifts from 2:30pm to 9:00pm. **You will receive a free pass for gate admission if volunteering for a full shift.**

THE "STAR" CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)
PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 15

- July 3-5 OES Annual Party Event on schedule is postponed
- July 15 Trinity Chapter #299, Card Party and Salad Luncheon 10:30 to 3:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha, Reservations to Bev Donham, PGM, 402-558-9032
- July 16 Luna Chapter #169, Ice Cream Social and Friendship Night, 7:30 pm, RSVP to Marcia Imig, WM 402-670-4252
- Aug 2 Trinity Chapter #299, assisting Centennial Lodge with Annual Corn Feed, chicken, potatoes, corn on the cob, 11:00 – 2:00 pm
- Oct 29-Nov 6 48th General Grand Triennial Assemblies "Hope For Tomorrow" in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

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- Sept 23-24 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney

Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions

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

- Aug 5-8.....Wyoming Grand Chapter in Casper at Parkway Plaza
- Sept 16-19Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver at Marriott Tech Center
- Oct 8-10.....South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre at the Ramkota River Centre Hotel and Convention Center
- Oct 11-14.....Missouri Grand Chapter in Springfield at the University Plaza Hotel
- Oct 22-25.....Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona at the Meadows Event and Conference Center

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Grand Officers and Committee Booklet
- ❖ Five State Friendship weekend information
- ❖ Visitation Program Format

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