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"Beauty of the Star"



Jottings from Jan

Attention all Standing Committees: October 3, 2015 you will have a committee meeting at the Masonic Center in Hastings (411 North Hastings). This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute and be an active member of your respective committees. Please call the Grand Chapter office to RSVP.

General Grand Chapter – There is still time to get your registrations in for the upcoming GGC Session to be held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 29-November 6. If you are interested in attending and need to make travel arrangements, contact Judy Wehrbein (402-298-8192, jwehrbein@jagwireless.net) and she will get you the information that you need. The session schedule and registration forms for all the events can be found on the website: easternstar.org. At this time there are 42 who will be attending from Nebraska ... and we would love to have YOU with us!

Congratulations!

We have so much to be proud of with our Masonic youth:

Eiche Chapter of DeMolay was awarded the Aksarben Good Neighbor Award at a VIP luncheon on Thursday, July 30th, at the Lancaster Event Center. Five boys and Mom Miller were in attendance to accept the award. Keep up the good work.

Sarah Leeper, Miss NE Job's Daughter and a member of Bethel #15, Fremont, was selected as Miss International Job's Daughter at the recent Supreme Session in Illinois. **CONGRATULATIONS Sarah!**



As The Cardinal Sings:

Our travels have taken us too many locations where The Beauty of the Star Grand Family continues to see the beauty of our wonderful Order. Our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have shared what is going on in their chapters and have been an inspiration to all of us. Our projects, the American Red Cross and Rite Care, have created much interest and we appreciate the support we have received.

The American Red Cross exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. The network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world, through five key service areas:

- 1) Disaster relief in both the United States and abroad. The Red Cross responds to approximately 70,000 disasters in the U.S. every year.
- 2) Lifesaving blood, which provides 42% of the nation's blood supply. Nearly 4 million people donate blood every year.
- 3) Supporting America's military families prepare for, cope with, and respond to the challenges faced by military members, veterans, and their families.
- 4) Health and safety services, such as classes in First Aid, family safety, water safety, babysitting, CPR and many other helpful classes
- 5) International services. The American Red Cross is part of the world's largest humanitarian network with 13 million volunteers in 187 countries.

In Nebraska there are only 22 employees but over 4,000 volunteers. Money collected for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's project will stay in Nebraska. Thank you for your support.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children celebrated their 100th Anniversary in grand style Saturday, August 8th. 507 guests gathered with the Children at the Home and the Staff to hear guest speakers: Scott Getzchamm, Mayor of Fremont, Ched House, Home Board President, Megan Osler, former resident, Ben Harvey, former Executive Director of the Home, and others. Board Member, Tom Hauder made a special announcement for a new cottage to be constructed on the campus and presented several monetary donations to begin the Fund Raising Campaign including: Leona Paden, Board Member, NE Grand Lodge, and NE Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Special guests were our sisters and brothers from Iowa, as this was also the Nebraska / Iowa Get-Together. If you missed the Celebration and want to get caught up on what happened, or if you were there and want to relive the event, check out the pictures on the website: meshc.org.



Fundraising opportunity to help benefit all our projects. Fall is on the way, and we have OES black fleece vests for sale on the sales table. Perfect for football games and to advertise our beautiful order! Buy one before they are gone.

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 OCTOBER NEWS BY SEPTEMBER 15

- Sept 12 Martha Washington #153, Fish Fry 4:30 – 7:00 pm, 4430 N 70th, Lincoln \$9.00 per person, fried cod, coleslaw, baked beans, beverage
- Sept 15 Laura Chapter #301, Friendship night at 7:30. Please RSVP to Toby at 712-898-3477 or toby@varvais.net, 19th & A St, South Sioux City
- Sept 18-19 Nebraska-Kansas Exchange, Sept 18 hosted by Goodland Chapter #122, KS & Sept 19 hosted by Eureka Chapter #86, McCook
- Sept 16-19 Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver at Marriott Tech Center
- Sept 27 NE Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner
- Sept 27 Trinity #299, Steak Fry, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, West Omaha Masonic Center, 2424 S. 135th Avenue, Omaha
- Sept 28-29 CHIP Event at Nebraska State Fair, 9:00am – 9:00pm and 90 volunteers are needed. Located at the 4-H building near the Kids Zone.
- Oct 4 Alpha Chapter #325, 2-4:00 pm, Fourth annual open house vendor sale including Longaberger baskets, Miche purses, Norwex cleaning, Pampered chef, PartyLite candles and more. The visiting Chapter with the highest attendance (minimum of 5 attendees) will receive Alpha's Star Point "Labor Support" (free) for one of their Chapter activities. 1910 Franklin, Bellevue
- Oct 10 Martha Washington #153, creamed chicken dinner. Cost is just \$6 per person and includes mashed potatoes, green beans, soda, coffee, tea and assorted desserts. 4430 N 70th, Lincoln
- Oct 17 Narcissus Chapter #269, Annual Turkey Dinner, 4:00 - 7:00 pm,
- Oct 29-6 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

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ NE/KS Exchange information
- ❖ GGC Big Red Banquet information

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