

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"Beauty of the Star"*



## 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 16, 2016.**

(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

### SERVICE DOGS – Betty Kirby, GGCCM

Who let the Dogs Out? Officially, the Order of the Eastern Star! It is such an honor to serve on the Service Dog Committee for the next triennium. Our committee will be having its first meeting in St. Augustine, FL, in April, so watch for more news after that meeting. Since this is a "Steering Committee", it will be our responsibility to see that the charity is set up within the legal parameters for a world-wide effort, to determine a how to deal with requests for assistance, to put in place procedures for vetting various service dog organizations for qualifications, etc. Stay tuned for more news....and always remember that "old dogs CAN learn new tricks."



As the Cardinal Sings,  
We hear lovely sounds of  
Spring in the air.

As the day are getting longer and the temperatures warmer. I hear the birds singing and one can almost hear the buds on the trees as they pop open into pretty little leaf. The grass is greening up and before long we will be mowing the yards. Digging in the flower beds and enjoying the taste of lemonade.

So all this spring like talk reminds me that it is time to pack and repack for Grand Chapter. So we better get started so we don't forget that one item that we are to bring to that event. Items to include are as follows:

Dues card	Tooth Brush
Smile	Blessings
Clothes	Socks
Happy face	Cheer
Other pair of socks	

Well you know all those things you can't live without however; the **MOST IMPORTANT THING TO BRING TO GRAND CHAPTER IS YOU.**

We are so looking forward to seeing **YOU** at our "BEAUTY OF THE STAR GRAND SESSION" on May 10, 11, 12, 2016. I understand that the Grand Secretary has a new diamond pin she will be wearing and I can't wait to see what that looks like. I am sure it will be a "BEAUTY" and I would hate for you to miss it.

So start packing I would hate for you to be late. Come one day or all days we would just love to see you. I talked with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and they are packing already.

Blessing to one and all,  
The Cardinal aka Brenda, WGM

### Photos at Grand Chapter:

The photos at Grand Chapter will be taken by Baer Photography in Kearney. Please look at the Picture Schedule and plan to have your picture taken with your appropriate group. Please be on time as the photo session will need to stay on time. The pictures will be taken at the Younes Conference Center upstairs in a Ruby conference room. The photos will be posted at Grand Chapter so you can see what you would like to order. There will be a shipping fee of \$7.00 and the cost of the pictures will be as follows: 4x6=\$15.00, 5x7=\$16.00, 8x10=\$17.00. Please note that The "Celebrate" Choir will have their picture taken at 2:10 on Tuesday also. At 2:20 our photographer will take individual/couples/group photos of anyone that would like to purchase them. Wonderful opportunity to have a nice family picture taken!

### SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS COMMITTEE – Wanda Fisher, GGCCM

I would like to define the purpose of the "Support First Responders Committee" of General Grand Chapter and ask for your support.

First Responders are the Nation's first line of defense. First Responders accept the challenges that go along with their chosen field; performing their duties without second thought or personal regard, and serve and protect others in their time of need. A First Responder is any individual who runs toward an event rather than away.

Remember our goal is not only to Support First Responders and let them know we appreciate their work, but also to promote community awareness of Eastern Star and hopefully find a pool of potential members that share our ideals.

We as a committee are selling a commemorative coin for \$10.00.

The Coin is dual sided with the emblems of the First Responders on the front and the General Grand Chapter logo and the names of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron on the reverse. We hope it

will generate questions about Eastern Star when it is given away, and we can discuss membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

The coins will be available at Grand Chapter, Area Visitations, or

from me personally. About 80% of the proceeds from the sale of the coins will be returned to Nebraska to be used to support First Responders in Nebraska. Please support our First Responders by purchasing coins.

## THE "BEAUTY OF 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 MAY NEWS BY APRIL 15**

- Apr 1           Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- Apr 1           Deadline for Education Loan Applications
- Apr 10          Elkhorn Waterloo Assembly #38, Rainbow, Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 – 8:00 pm, \$7.00  
adults and children 2-12 \$4.00, 20295 Hooper St, Elkhorn
- Apr 18          AkSarBen Chapter #277, Spring Card Party, 10:00 – 2:00 pm, 2823 N 83<sup>rd</sup> St, Omaha
- Apr 28-30       Grand York Rite in Kearney
- Apr 30          Trinity Chapter #299, Salad Luncheon and Style Show, 11:00 – 2:00, 2424 S 135<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Omaha
- May 1           Deadline for Scholarships
- May 10-12      GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- May 31-6/4      22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp
- Jun 4           Shrine Bowl Parade & Shrine Bowl Game
- Jun 10-12       Rainbow Grand Assembly at Doane in Crete
- Jun 15-18       Job's Daughter's Grand Bethel in Kearney

*SAVE THE DATE:* **September 23 & 24, 2017 6<sup>th</sup> Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at the Holiday Inn in Kearney**

### 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 opinion.

**Visit us on the web at [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"**  
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**Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320**