

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Trails of Faith”*



## Jottings from Jan

The annual reports were mailed to the Chapters in November. Don't forget that they are due back in the Grand Chapter office by January 15, 2017. Remember, you do not need a vote of the Chapter to disburse your check for per capita dues, as that amount is specified in the Grand Chapter Bylaws, but if you prefer to make a motion for the payment, be sure to do it in December so as not to delay your report, which must be accompanied by the per capita funds.

Many Chapters suspend for non-payment of dues as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. You may still have time to make a personal contact with those members and encourage them to pay – or at least to request a Demit. We work so hard to get new members; we should work equally hard to keep them.

## The Grand Lodge Silent Auction

will again be part of the Annual  
Communication

**February 2-4, 2017 in Kearney**

Your Chapter or individual  
donations are most welcome!  
All monies raised will go to our  
Nebraska Youth Organizations:  
DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow

For more information contact  
Gene Wehrbein at  
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## Words from our Trail Boss

**Season's Greetings to you all from the Trails of Faith Grand Family!** As the holiday season is upon us we have this blessing for you all.

God bless you at Christmas  
And go with you through the  
year,

And whenever you are troubled  
May you feel His presence near:  
May the Greatness of His mercy  
And the sweetness of His peace  
Bring you everlasting comfort  
And the joys that never cease.

May your all of your Holidays be  
Merry and your New Year  
Bright!!!

## Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands (Special Project for 2016-2017)

The following services are available:  
**Diabetes Support Group** Free educational programs are held monthly during our support group sessions. Check the on line calendar for more details. **Resource Center** Free written information is available at the center about managing diabetes. Books and DVDs can be checked out and a computer is available for downloading blood glucose meters. **Quarterly Newsletter and Website** Both offer ways to stay informed and motivated regarding diabetes management.

## Youth Committee

### **\$UPPORT YOUR FUTURE**

The Youth Committee encourages all chapters to consider your local youth in creating your annual budgets.

## ESTARL Committee

ESTARL is an acronym for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. Our ESTARL program provided nearly \$16,000.00 in grants to 11 recipients for 2016. These grants are based on qualified applicants need and available funds. Funding for these grants comes from three sources. 1. The Yount Fund, which is a foundation, and therefore provides the resulting interest only. 2. The Landeryou Fund, which is funded by \$.25 from each Nebraska OES member's annual dues and donations. 3. The Board of Grand Trustees provides funds based on available investment interest. Both the Yount and Landeryou funds welcome individual donations.

## Publicity Committee

The committee's duty is to facilitate publicity and communication among the subordinate Chapters in Nebraska, and to promote positive public relations between our Chapter and other Masonic bodies and the communities. We want to publish special happenings in our Chapter through the OES News, OES website, Nebraska Mason, Facebook, Eastern Star Journal and local news publications around Nebraska. Contact any of the Publicity Committee to answer your questions or to assist in getting your information out to the public.

## Educational Loan Fund Committee

What a gem of our Nebraska OES. Sisters and Brothers, could you or a relative use assistance with the funding of higher education. According to one College tuition comparison website 2016

average tuition was \$4678 for NE colleges. Tuition continues to rise. The NE Eastern Star Student Loan may be an option for you or a family member. The Educational Loan Fund became an official program of NE Grand Chapter in 2006. The purpose of the program is to assist members of NE Eastern Star, their relatives and legal wards with expenses for vocational or college education at undergraduate and graduate levels. A loan up to \$2200 per semester with a

maximum of \$17,600 may be awarded to qualified applicants. Amounts awarded depend on available funds, the number of qualified applicants and the total loan amount that the applicant has been previously awarded.

*Reminder when using the Eastern Star Logos: You will want to use the correct logo on your invitations and programs. For subordinate chapters - only the plain star is to be used. (no circle or lines connecting the points).*



## THE "TRAILS OF FAITH" CALENDAR



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

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY NEWS BY DECEMBER 15**

- Dec 13 .Masonic Family Christmas Caroling, 7:00-8:00pm, Durham Museum, Omaha
- Dec 25 .Merry Christmas
- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Jan 14-16 School of Instruction in Grand Island

### INSTALLATIONS:

- Jan 21 Papillion Chapter #114, 2:00 pm, 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Road, Papillion
- Jan 21 Blue River Chapter #132, 1:30 pm, Milford
- Jan 22 Narcissus Chapter #269, 2:00 pm, 5903 Maple, Omaha
- Jan 27 Alpha Chapter #325, 7:00 pm, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Jan 28 Trinity Chapter #299, 2:00 pm, 2424 S 135<sup>th</sup> Ave, Omaha
- Jan 28 AkSarBen Chapter #277, 7:00 pm, 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Road, Papillion
- Feb 2-4 Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Apr 6-8 Grand York Rite at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- May 9-11 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Jun 9-11 Rainbow Grand Assembly at Doane College in Crete
- Jun 14-17 Job's Daughters Grand Session in York
- Sept 23-24 6<sup>th</sup> Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney

~~~~DON'T FORGET!—YOU CAN POST YOUR EVENTS ON THE NEBRASKA OES WEB-SITE CALENDAR~~~~

**Visit us on the web at [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). See the Eastern Star Calendar by clicking on "Calendar"**

**Become a friend on Facebook at Nebraska Eastern Star**

**Call the Grand Chapter Office at 402-937-7056 or 844-309-6855**