

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Beauty of the Star”



Jottings from Jan

Enclosed with this OES News please find all of the scholarship information and forms. Please provide the scholarship recipients address and telephone number on the form that is returned to the Grand Chapter office.

Special Opportunities

If you would like to participate as an Assistant Grand Warder or an Assistant Grand Sentinel at Grand Chapter. Opportunity to participate as a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Grand Representative please contact Sister Brenda McGuire, WGM right away or at least by March 1st at 308-345-7081 or sqmcguire@swnebr.net Plan to join in on the fun with the “Celebrate” Choir - all are welcome to sing at any time during the session!

If you know of someone that would like to be initiated at Grand Chapter please contact the WGM immediately.



As The Cardinal Sings: As our Cardinal wakes to a new year to remind of a new beginning, a fresh start, a do over one might think, however I look inside myself, how I might face this new year with new hope and meaning, how I might reach out to help others. But how can I find a way to make these things happen?

Well, as I study for our Installation of New Officers, I find a plan to follow right there in our Ritual. As we look into the new year we have no way of knowing what tomorrow might bring. We can't see next year or even one day. However, if we have been faithful to this day, let us increase our faith and love for one another for the future.

“Let us be kind, loving, and trusting and forgiving, toward one another. Philippians 2:4 says, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interests of others”. May we show grace and gentleness to others as Jesus showed us grace and love.

These words are a wonderful plan to follow. May we so live them as we strive to “Love one another”.



Calling all Grand Ducks, past, present and future! 2016 Duck Luncheon will be held at Old Chicago restaurant, 115 2nd Avenue East on Monday, May 9th at 11:30 in Kearney. Don't miss out on the fun!

EDUCATION LOAN REMINDER!

Now is the time to remind your family members of the Education Loan Program we have for students! Applications are due **April 1st**, just a couple of months away! Applications may be obtained from your local secretary or at www.neoes.org/forms.



Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2015 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2016 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it right away you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.

Remember your baskets and items for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter to support the special projects, Rite Care and Red Cross.

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 MARCH NEWS BY FEBRUARY 15

- Feb 4-6 .Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center
- Feb 13 .Martha Washington #153, Creamed Chicken Dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, desserts, and drinks, 4:00-6:00, \$6.00, 4430 N. 70th, Lincoln
- Feb 14 .Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb 23 .Alpha Chapter #325, Card Party, 10:00-3:00, RSVP to beckystar@cox.net,
- Feb 28 .AkSarBen Chapter #277, Pancake breakfast, 8:00-1:00pm, 2823 N. 83rd St., Omaha
- Mar 1 .Deadline for ESTARL Grant Applications
- Mar 5 .Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Chili feed, 11:00-1:00pm, Fremont
- Mar 12 Martha Washington #153, Creamed Chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, desserts and drinks, 4:00-6:00pm, \$6.00, 4430 N 70th, Lincoln
- Mar 13 .Trinity Chapter #299, Soup, salad, and sandwich Luncheon, 11:00-2:00, 2424 S 135th Ave., Omaha
- Mar 17 .Happy Saint Patrick's Day
- Apr 1 Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
- Apr 1 Deadline for Education Loan Applications
- Apr 28-30 Grand York Rite in Kearney
- May 1 Deadline for Scholarships
- May 10-12 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**
- May 31-6/4 22nd 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

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Letter from Helen Westmoreland, MWGM concerning Disaster Relief Fund
- The information and forms for the 2016-2017 Scholarship Program
- Grand Chapter Information

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