

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Trails of Faith"



Jottings from Jan

Grand Chapter owns a new pop-up banner that advertises Eastern Star. It is very attractive and available for our members to check out but you must call the office to reserve it for an event. What a wonderful way to advertise who we are and what we are about. We have brochures available to hand out to prospective members.

Getting to know the 2016-2017 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, 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 a retired Resource Branch Supervisor.

Associate Grand Patron, Jim Taylor:

Brother Jim is a member of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 in Omaha. He is retired. His interests include Masonic activities and reading.

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 a special toy poodle and yorkie. 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, Candace Maratin:

Sister Candy is a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122 in Hooper. Interests include reading romance novels and watching pro football. Candy collects snowbabies, and Willow figurines. She is retired.

Associate Grand Conductress, 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 glassware. Karan is a custom framer and art dealer.

Grand Chaplain, Dennis Dubry: Brother Dennis is a member of Bridgeport Chapter No. 260 in Bridgeport. He is a retired Elementary School Principal. His interests are Boar goats, chickens, gardening, Eastern Star and Masons. He collects chickens.

Grand Marshal, Harold Terry: Brother Harold is a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha. Interests include Street Rods and he collects old cars. Harold is retired US Air Force.

Grand Organist, Karla Lawler: Sister Karla is a plural member of Ogallala No. 142, Arbor Vitae No. 92 and Oshkosh No. 264. She collects old post cards and her interests include music and crafts. Karla is clerk for the Keith Co. Assessor.

Grand Adah, Carol Thompson: Sister Carol is a member of Imperial Chapter No. 279 in Imperial. She collects Santa's and Teddy Bears. Interests include reading, sewing, VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. She is a Service Manager at Harchelroad Motors, Inc.

Grand Ruth, Leota "Odey" Ray: Sister Odey is a member of Royal Chapter No. 184 in Gordon. She collects Flo blue antique dishes. Her interests include water color and oil painting and quilting. She is retired.

Grand Esther, Andy Stewart: Sister Andy is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. Her interests include horses and crossword puzzles. She collects angel figurines. Andy is a CMA.

Grand Martha, Kathy Armour: Sister Kathy is a member of Laura Chapter No. 301 in South Sioux City. She is a cashier. Her interests include adult coloring books, plastic canvas crafts and tie blankets. She collects owls.

Grand Electa, Charleen Gausman: Sister Charleen is a member of Utica Chapter No. 199 in Utica. She is retired. Her interests include her lawn, volunteering at church and school. She collects antique clocks, dishes, and nativity sets.

Grand Warder, Dottie Arent: Sister Dottie is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Interests include watching for comets, traveling, music, flower beds, Huskers and Yankees. She collects family history and memorabilia. Dottie is a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Grand Sentinel, Bruce Baker: Brother Bruce is a member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings. Interests include Family. He collects money and he said even though he's not very good at it. Bruce is retired.

Words from our Trail Boss:

Howdy! This is the Trail Boss, Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Beckius. I just want to let you all know that the Grand Officers have been on the Eastern Star/Masonic Trail since Grand Chapter in May. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the receptions for the WGM at Haythorn's Figure Four Event Center and the WGP's reception in Milford. We enjoyed seeing and visiting with you all. Your WGM and WGP along with 2 Grand Officers and 1 Grand companion participated at the Masonic Band Camp as chaperones and helpers. Wow! What a terrific bunch of (265) kids. The sound and performance were amazing. 16 Officers and Companions were present for the Parade.

The next event was the Rainbow Assembly in Crete. We had a wonderful time and a very good showing of Grand Officers. WGP, Gary and I both received the Grand Cross of Color Ceremony. I also had the privilege of delivering the meditation during the Brunch following the Grand Cross of Color Ceremony. The young ladies are amazing to watch as they perform their ritualistic work. Several of the Grand Family are attending Grand Bethel in Kearney as I write this column. I am so sorry I had other responsibilities and could not attend this year.

I would like to let you all know that the Grand Families next event will be attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Brownville Chapter #263. It will be celebrated on Sunday, June 26, 2016. The time is 2:00 to 4:00 and the program being at 2:30. Brownville Town Hall, Main Street, Brownville, Ne. Hope to see some of you there.

Happy Trails.

THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!!!!

Thank you for your help with past events!! This year's **CHIP event** at the **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island will be held

Opening Weekend, Saturday, August 27 & Sunday August 28, 2016 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!

Lodges, Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, Youth groups, family and friends.

Volunteers should contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office to sign up on the schedule. (michelle@glne.org or 402-475-4640).

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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.**

Please help us make this a huge success. The exposure this event gives Masonry and the CHIP program is HUGE. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle. Thanks for your help!

Please print and/or forward this email and alert each and every member of your

New address for Grand Chapter



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 AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 15

- Jul 1 Beulah Chapter #40, celebrating 125th anniversary with an ice cream social, 2 to 8 p.m., Masonic Center, 907 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk
- Jul 8 **Area 2 Visitation – Friday evening (Chadron, Gordon, Hyannis)**
- Jul 9 **Area 1 Visitation – Saturday noon (Scottsbluff, Bridgeport, Kimball, Mitchell)**
- Jul 13 Trinity Chapter #299, Card Party, 10:00-2:00
- Jul 21 Luna Chapter #169, Fun at the Beach Ice Cream Social, 7:30 p.m., dress is beach casual, 20295 Hopper St, Elkhorn, RSVP to Marcia Imig
- Jul 23 Alpha Chapter #325, Pot Luck Dinner & Bottle Auction 5:00 pm, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Jul 30 4-H Achievement Day, MESHC, 10:00 4-H Program, 11:30 Cornerstone Ceremony at the Circle, Complimentary BBQ & Ice Cream Treats following ceremony
- Jul 31 Trinity Chapter #299 & Centennial Lodge, Corn Feed, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Aug 12-14 NE-IA Fun Weekend in the "Cowboy Capital" of Nebraska at Ogallala

Resolutions passed at Grand Chapter Session

1. 01-16: Any member of the Order in good standing may access and print the book, as it is stored on the website of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star (neoes.org) in a password-protected, read-only format. The password for this site shall be controlled by the Grand Secretary and given to any member when such membership can be ascertained.
2. 02-16: It is optional that the new members and Conductresses be seated for the long lecture generally assigned to the Associate Patron during initiation.
3. 03-16: Change to School of Instruction attendance to add Any Grand Officer who has been awarded an Honorary Title under Section 18 of the Grand Chapter Bylaws
4. 05-16: The officers must perform the complete ritualistic initiation ceremony at least once during the year in addition to the time it is given for the District Grand Supervisor.

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

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