

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Trails of Faith”



Jottings from Jan

A Note Concerning Holiday Giving:

With the season of giving now at hand, please be very careful to designate what your gifts are for - The Grand Chapter office is now receiving gifts for School Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club, Thanksgiving Ingathering and Christmas giving for both homes as well as many other projects. Using the gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations. Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 1st so you need to have it in to the Grand Chapter Office by October 31st. (The Grand Chapter office makes every effort to notify the Home of all gifts received by that deadline.) In order for **Thanksgiving gifts to reach the homes by the Thanksgiving holiday they must be received by October 31st** and for **Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30th.** Thank you for your cooperation.



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

Why Our Approach Sets Us Apart: We understand that with a serious, complex disease like diabetes, successful treatment is determined by what you do, not just what you know. Individual attention and instruction sets us apart from all other programs. Our approach goes beyond the basic facts about diabetes by teaching you life-long living skills. We know that the key to managing your diabetes is motivation and the ability to actually control your blood sugars, and we know how to get you there.

Words from our Trail Boss: aka Cheryl Beckius, WGM

The Grand Family was deeply saddened by the passing of Sister Donna Thoman, a Top Hand, aka: Grand Companion to our Grand Secretary Sister Jan Thoman. Donna's twinkling eyes and laughter will be missed by all who knew her.

My September was started by a fun trip to Grand Chapter in Tyler, Texas. I was able to accompany Christine McKnight, Grand Representative of Texas in Nebraska and Carrie Knapp, District Grand Supervisor #16, my daughters to Texas. It was a great time, the members were friendly and very hospitable, but there is just no Grand Chapter setting and venue like Nebraska.

The Grand Family is finishing up our travels and visitations across Nebraska. Many of us will be traveling to Colorado Grand Chapter and then returning to Oshkosh Chapter #264 for their 100th Anniversary Celebration then moving on to Plattsmouth to attend the Rock'n Roll Memories 2016 Donor Recognition Dinner at the Nebraska Masonic Home honoring The Caring Club and George W. Lininger Society.

The month of October starts off with the All Committee Meeting in Kearney on the 1st at the Masonic Center. The rest of the month is busy with attending Grand Chapter sessions in South Dakota, Missouri and Iowa.

This is a bitter sweet time, as we do get to spend time at home for the next couple of months but we will miss being able to meet and visit with all of our Nebraska members.

General Grand Chapter Volunteer Opportunities for 2018 & 2021:

Plans are underway for Sister Marianne Shenefelt, RWAGM, to be installed as Our Most Worthy Grand Matron in Orlando, FL on November 1, 2018. You can help by signing up as a committee member and/or worker bee to assist and be part of the Orlando adventure with Sister Marianne. They also need team members for the 2021 Triennial Assembly being held in Salt Lake City. This is our chance to "Make a Difference" and show the world that the Best is in the West! The information is available on the WY Grand Chapter website at grchapwyo.homestead.com. You can also contact the Grand Chapter office and watch for information on the NE website. ~ Vicki Wood, PGM & WY Chairman 2021 GGC Triennial Assembly.

2015-2018

Honoring its mission to support endeavors that will benefit all mankind, the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star has chosen Regenerative Medicine as its philanthropic project for 2015-2018. Our efforts will support the work of the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine and their research to develop new treatments and therapies to improve the health and lives of patients worldwide.



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 NOVEMBER NEWS BY October 15

- Oct 1 All Committee Meeting in Kearney
- Oct 2 Alpha Chapter #325, Soup Supper, 4:00-7:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Oct 6-8 South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre
- Oct 8 AkSarBen Chapter #277, German Dinner, \$9.00 bratwurst, wiener schnitzel, sauerkraut and german potato salad, drinks & desserts, 4:00-7:00, 83rd & Maple, Omaha
- Oct 9 Trinity Chapter #299, Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00, \$15.00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 10-12 Missouri Grand Chapter in Branson
- Oct 20-23 Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona
- Oct 23 Capital Chapter #320 & Electa Chapter #8 Chili Cook-off, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., 1635 L St, Lincoln, freewill offering to the projects of the WGM & WGP
- Oct 29 Laura Chapter #301, Baked Potato Luncheon, 11-2:00 p.m., St. Paul UMC Fellowship Hall, South Sioux City
- Nov 6 .Trinity Chapter #299, Biscuit & Casserole Breakfast, 9:00 – 1:00pm, 2424 S 135th Ave
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 12 Martha Washington Chapter #153, Creamed Chicken dinner, \$6.00, 4:00-6:00, creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, drinks, assorted desserts, 4430 N. 70th
- Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 13 .Masonic Family Christmas Caroling, 7:00-8:00pm, Durham Museum, Omaha
- 2017
- 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 Bethel in York
- Sept 23-24 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Secretaries please find the blue "After Election Report" to be completed and returned to the Grand Chapter office within three business days after election
- ❖ Secretaries will find the 2017 dues receipts in this mailing
- ❖ Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron Thanksgiving letter

~~~~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"

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