

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*"Trails of Faith"*



## Jottings from Jan

In your new officer and  
committee booklet

would you please change the  
phone numbers for the Grand  
Secretary. Office is 402-937-7056  
and toll free 844-309-6855.  
Margaret McCall only has cell  
402-651-3337. Thank you.

Attention all Standing Committees:  
October 1, 2016 you will have a  
committee meeting at the Masonic  
Center in Kearney (2314 Central  
Ave). This is a wonderful  
opportunity to contribute and be an  
active member of your respective  
committees. Please call the Grand  
Chapter office to RSVP.

Correction: Miss Nebraska  
Congeniality, Courtney Edelmaier is  
a member of Bethel 27.

## Congratulations to Sister Betty Garwood, PGM:

Sister Betty Garwood, Supreme  
Inspector has been installed as  
Supreme Patriotism in the  
International Order of Rainbow Girls.  
Her two year term will extend until  
Supreme meets again in Virginia in  
2018. We know that Supreme  
Assembly will continue to be well  
served and benefitted by Betty's  
wisdom, guidance, and dedicated  
commitment.

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

Diabetes Education Center can inspire  
and equip you with skills and confidence  
you need to manage your diabetes  
successfully...so you can live a healthier  
life and enjoy everything that is so  
important to you.

If diabetes is part of your life's journey  
they can help. They are there for you  
every step of the way, from diagnosis to  
living day to day. As you deal with  
changes in your life and health, they are

there for information, support and  
supplies for you or the people you love.

## Words from our Trail Boss: aka Cheryl Beckius, WGM

The trail of our Nebraska Grand  
Officers has led us across  
Nebraska to several visitations  
and to Casper Wyoming for their  
Grand Chapter. What a showing  
of General Grand Officers,  
General Grand Committee  
Members and out of state  
dignitaries. A reception and  
Honor Event for Sister Marianne  
Shenefelt, Right Worthy  
Associate Grand Matron was held  
and an enjoyable time was shared.  
The week ended with a reception  
for Dottie Arent, Grand Warder  
followed by the visitation for  
Area #5.

Sixty plus members from  
Nebraska and Iowa gathered in  
Ogallala at the end of the cattle  
trail for a fun weekend of  
sightseeing, singing and dancing  
review at the Crystal Palace and  
Cowboy poet, Dave Knight at the  
Haythorn Event Center closing  
with a Church service at the  
Ogallala Masonic Center Sunday  
morning.

The month is brought to a close  
with the Kansas/Nebraska  
Exchange. Nebraska City hosted  
the Exchange on Saturday  
afternoon with the Kansas Grand  
Officers conducting the initiation  
ceremony for the newest member  
of Queen Esther Chapter in  
Nebraska City.

Please check out our Calendar of  
events coming up in September  
and join us along our "Trail of  
Faith" whenever you can. We  
love seeing you and visiting.

## Community Service Committee Dee Schuetz, PGM/GGCCM

I am both humbled and proud to be one  
of the five Nebraska committee members  
for the 2015-2018 General Grand  
Chapter Triennium. With this  
appointment, I have had the opportunity  
to meet many new friends and been able  
to travel to several other Jurisdictions for  
their Grand Chapters. I hope to be able  
to continue to attend many more in the  
near future, as well as visiting our own  
Nebraska Chapter functions in that  
capacity during this term.

In connection with my committee  
assignments, I would like to ask a favor  
of each of our Nebraska members. I am  
asking each of you to keep track of your  
own individual community service hours  
for the Months of September 2016  
through April 2017 on the form included  
in this newsletter and return it to me.  
This survey/report is similar to the  
project Sister Judy Wehrbein and  
Brother Alvin Benemerito had during  
their "Spirit of the Star" Grand Chapter  
year. With their blessing and the  
approval of our Worthy Grand Matron  
and Patron, I am again gathering these  
figures to be reported at our Grand  
Chapter Session in 2017 when our Most  
Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy  
Grand Patron are scheduled to be in  
attendance. With your help, I hope to  
report at that time that our members are  
deeply involved in Community Service  
in Nebraska and to let them know just  
how active Nebraska Eastern Star really  
is and how important we are to our  
communities.

I have tried to keep the form simple and  
hopefully you will want to participate.  
Please feel free to call me at any time if  
you have any questions. My home  
phone is 402 504-4570 or you can email  
me at [deeschuetz01@gmail.com](mailto:deeschuetz01@gmail.com).

I am looking forward to hearing from  
each of you soon. Thank you very much  
in advance.



## 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 OCTOBER NEWS BY September 15

- Sept 10 Martha Washington Chapter #153, Fish Fry 4:30-7:00, fried cod, cole slaw, baked beans & beverages, \$10, 4430 N 70<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln
- Sept 16 AkSarBen Chapter #277, Paint & Sip 7:00-9:00, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Maple, Omaha
- Sept 17 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting at Masonic Center in Kearney, 11:00 am
- Sept 18 Alpha Chapter #325, Star Point Vendor Sale 2:00-4:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Sept 22-24 Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver
- Sept 25 Nebraska Masonic Home, Caring Club Donor Recognition Dinner
- Oct 1 All Committee Meeting in Kearney
- Oct 6-8 South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre
- Oct 8 AkSarBen Chapter #277, German Dinner 4:00-8:00, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Maple, Omaha
- Oct 9 Trinity Chapter #299, Steak Fry, 4:00-7:00, 2424 S 135<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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. 70<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving
- 2017 Plan ahead and mark your calendars with these 2017 dates
- 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 6<sup>th</sup> Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney

Enclosed with this OES News:

❖ Volunteer Service Report Form

~~~~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