

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“God Bless the U.S.A.”



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, 2018. 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 31st. 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.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE: REMINDER: Resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter are due in the Grand Chapter office 90 days before the Session. (sec. 174) **Deadline for submitting resolutions: February 7, 2018.**

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).

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Halloween has come and gone and we are now into November, which brings us colder weather but also the opportunity to honor the significant contributions made by American service members, their families, and their loved ones. Veterans Day is November 11th, but President Trump proclaimed November 2017 as National Veterans and Military Members Month.

If you know a Veteran, Military member, or a family member, thank them for their service. The Grand Officers have acknowledged the Military members and Veterans as they have traveled around the State of Nebraska, and we will do the same at Grand Chapter in Kearney May 8-10, 2018.

We also want to recognize those who have been initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star since May 11, 2017. There will be a place on the registration form for you to give us your initiation date and chapter name and number.

The Grand Lodge Silent Auction

will again be part of the Annual Communication

February 1-3, 2018 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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Get Better Acquainted with our “HOMES.” By Judy Wehrbein

Some call the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont and the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth as our ‘Our Nebraska Masonic Jewels’ ... and indeed they are But many of our members are not familiar with them and understand how they work, who can go to these Homes and how they can help. Why not invite a representative to your Lodge or Chapter meeting or if even take a group to have a tour? You will undoubtedly learn so much and learn how you can be a part of these Homes with your support. Contacts: M-ESHC, Ron Giesselmann, Administrator, 402-721-1185, rgiesselmann@meshr.org and NMH Mary Stockton, Executive Director, 402-296-7300, mvrbka@nemh.net.

Did you know there is a Benevolence Committee? At the Benevolence Committee meeting in October it was

our concern that the purpose and duties of this committee are not very well known by the members of this Order. The duty of the Benevolence Committee is to investigate and approve all applications received from a member of the Order and/or family member who may be in need and requesting financial assistance. Examples of needs which are not limited to are: rent, car repairs, food, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, tornado/disaster relief, or medical expenses. This committee is to forward their recommendations for one time financial assistance to the Board of Grand Trustees for approval. If there is a need, please let the Benevolence Committee know or contact the Grand Secretary. We the Benevolence Committee would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!
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The Planning Committee for the 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference thanks everyone who contributed to the 2018 "To Infinity and Beyond" MYLC. It was a successful weekend of leadership opportunities, fun, food, and fellowship for our Masonic Youth. Motivational speakers Josh Shipp and Amanda

Hammett, Service Dogs, and Success Stories provided food for thought and challenges for personal growth. The contributions to the food pantries served by the *War on Hunger* service project were outstanding. (The OES Grand Family took a prize.) The Masonic Family portrait introduced us to the leaders of our Masonic Family. Hypnotist Matt Markey and our Masonic Youth provided a lot of entertainment and then the youth

danced the night away. Your contributions helped to make all of this happen and are greatly appreciated. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

Now...Save the date for the 7th Triennial MYLC! September 26-27, 2020 in Kearney!



THE "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A." 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 10

- Dec 12 Happy Hanukkah
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas
- Jan 13-15 School of Instruction in Bellevue
- Feb 1-3 Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- May 8-10 Grand Chapter at Younes Conference Center in Kearney**

INSTALLATIONS:

- Jan 18 Narcissus Chapter #269, 7:00 pm, 5903 Maple, Omaha
- Jan 19 AkSarBen Chapter #297, 7:00 pm, 84th & Centennial Road, Papillion
- Jan 20 Papillion Chapter #114, 7:00 pm, 84th & Centennial Road, Papillion
- Jan 20 Adah Chapter #52, 2:00 pm, 84th & Centennial Road, Papillion
- Jan 27 Alpha Chapter #325, 2:00 pm, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Jan 27 Trinity Chapter #299, 7:00 pm, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Jan 28 Vesta Chapter #6, 2:00 pm, 5903 Maple, Omaha

Save the Date: September 26-27, 2020 for the 7th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska

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