

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Trails of Faith”



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.

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, 2017.**

EDUCATIONAL 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.

Remember to complete your Volunteer Man-hour Report and send them to Dee Schuetz, GGCCM on Community Service. If you need more forms please contact the Grand Chapter office or contact Sister Dee.

Words from our Trail Boss

Valentine's Day

A true friend is something
we cherish,
And shares our heavy load.
And true friendships will
never perish
Travelling down life's road.
And so to our Sisters and
Brothers,
Our hearts are intertwined,
Expressing love for one
another:

“Will you be my Valentine?”

As I send this Valentine out to all of you, I also need to thank all of those who attended the 2017

District Grand Supervisors School held in Grand Island and hosted by Andrew Chapter 41. Thank you to those that assisted in any way. Your Supervisors will come out to your Chapters in the next several weeks. I urge you to attend these Schools and listen closely. A good review won't hurt any of us and you just may meet a new friend. See you at Grand Chapter. Happy Trails, Cheryl, WGM

Sisters and brothers of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Worthy Grand Patron this year. I am honored and humbled that I was elected. It is a position that I did not seek and I was very surprised that I was asked. Now that I have been your Worthy Grand Patron for several months, I am very glad that I was asked and that I accepted!

Pam and I have enjoyed our travels as WGP and Grand Treasurer in state and out of state representing NE OES. Meeting and greeting new friends and renewing old friendships in our travels has been the most rewarding part of my job. The people that belong to Eastern Star are the most special people that I have encountered. Our friendships will last forever.

Star has helped me grow in my self-confidence and made me feel more at ease when speaking in public. It has forced me out of my comfort zone and stretched my limits. The graciousness and kindness of the membership have made this journey much easier. I would recommend to anyone, if you were asked to make this journey, to say YES and prepare for a great ride. Yes, there is work involved, but the rewards far outweigh the effort it takes.

Thank you again to the OES membership for making our journey so wonderful, special and memorable!
Star Love and Happy Trails, Gary Brhel

**Diabetes Education Center of
the Midlands
(Special Project for 2016-2017)**
Contact information is 2910 South 84th St, Omaha, NE 68124, 402-399-0777, www.diabetes-education.com. Special event is an Insulin Pump and Continuous Glucose Monitor Information Nights. Information and hands on practice with these exciting tools for diabetes management.

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 Cheryl Beckius, WGM right away or at least by March 1st at 308-726-2302 or bcbeckius@lakemac.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.

Remember your baskets and items for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter to support the special project Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands. The Grand Secretary invites all the secretaries to come and bid on her secretarial basket.



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 MARCH NEWS BY FEBRUARY 15

- Feb 2-4 Grand Lodge at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- Mar 4 .Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, annual Chili Feed, 11:00–1:00 pm, \$5.00, chili & soup, desserts, beverages, 23rd St & main St, Fremont, tickets available at door, door prizes
- Apr 6-8 Grand York Rite at Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Apr 8 AkSarBen Chapter #277, Paint and Sip, 2:00-4:00, 2823 N 83rd St, Omaha
- 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 Session in York
- Sept 23-24 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney



Enclosed with this OES News:

- The information and forms for the 2017-2018 Scholarship Program
- Grand Chapter Information
- Masonic All-Star Marching Band information

~~~~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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