

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"God Bless the U.S.A."



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.



Important Date for General Grand Chapter established by the 2015-2018 Jurisprudence Committee Chairman and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary: **February 28, 2018** (8 months prior to the Opening of the 49th Assembly of GGC – **Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.**

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

The cool weather that has been present for the last few days, and the turning leaves on the trees, help me realize that Fall is nearly here. Your Grand Family has successfully completed the 2017 Visitations schedule.

September was an especially busy month for the God Bless the U.S. A. Grand Family. A number of Grand Family members attended the Nebraska Grand Representative Luncheon and meeting held in Kearney. From there, we drove to Davenport, NE to help Davenport Chapter, No. 268 celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Our Grand Family, did outstanding work as they participated in the Tri-State Exchange with Iowa and South Dakota. It was a busy weekend, and the work of our neighbors was beautiful and inspiring.

The Grand Family was well represented at the 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference held in Kearney, NE. The inspiring messages presented were appropriate to adults as well as to the youth.

Many Grand Family members attended the Caring Club, a yearly event held at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home. This home is one example of the Masonic Family's support and love for our Senior members.

October finds us visiting several of our adjoining states for their Grand Chapters. We are also looking forward to the All-Committee Meeting scheduled for October 28th in Hastings, NE., and I encourage all members of these committees to make a special effort to attend. Your good ideas need to be heard.

We continue to pray for our Worthy Grand Matron, and are encouraged to see her here and there

as she feels able to be with us. Her leadership and preparedness has enabled her Grand Family to carry out her plans successfully.

Star love, Jim, W.G.P.

Special Project for 2017-2018 Wounded Warriors Family Support

*"When America Goes To War,
Our Families Go To War"*

GGC Permanent Disaster Relief Fund: Hurricane Harvey

Five years ago the General Grand Chapter established the GGC Permanent Disaster Relief Fund. With one permanent fund, the donations are deposited and posted with the indication of the donation being for a particular disaster event. If a donation does not designate a specific disaster event, it may be used for any disaster event. Hurricane Harvey devastated many areas of Texas as well as the Houston area and it may severely impact other states. All donations for our Sisters and Brothers affected in this area can be sent in and made payable to Grand Chapter of NE. I will then send a check to General Grand Chapter, OES with the designation of "Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief".

Grand Chapter will be here before we know it and it is time to be planning for the basket auction. It is so much fun to see how creative our Chapters can be.



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 NOVEMBER NEWS BY OCTOBER 15

- Oct 1 Alpha Chapter #325, vendor bazaar 2:00-4:00 pm, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Oct 5 Pioneer Division Past Matrons Club in McCook. Contact Barbara Wood 308-882-5725
- Oct 8 Trinity #299 Steak Dinner 4:00-7:00, \$15.00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 14 Martha Washington #153, Creamed chicken or homemade bunzas, \$7.00, 4:30-7:00, 4430 N 70th St, Lincoln
- Oct 15 AkSarBen #277, German Dinner 11:00-2:00, 2823 N. 83rd, Omaha
- Oct 22 Alpha #325, Squash-Buckling Fall Soup Supper, 3-4 soups, bread, salad and bake sale, \$8.00 and children (4-11) \$4.00, 4:00 – 6:00, 1910 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Oct 22 Capitol #320 & Electa #8, 2nd Annual Chili cook-off, 1635 L St, 4:30-7:00 pm, freewill offering to Purple Ribbon Club at MESHHC. To register as a chili chef, please contact Cindy 402-304-3402 or Sue 402-742-6293.
- Oct 28 All-Committee Meeting in Hastings at Masonic Center, 9:00 am, RSVP to Grand Chapter office by October 18th, 411 N Hastings,
- Oct 29 Martha Washington #153, Annual Roast Beef Dinner, 11:00-1:00 pm, roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, homemade pie, and drink, \$12.00, **tickets must be purchased before the event.** Call Betty Kirby, Sec., 402-421-2502, leave a message with your name, number of tickets requested and phone number.
- Nov 5 Trinity Chapter #299, Biscuits & Gravy/Casserole Breakfast, \$8.00, 9:00-1:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving

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- 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**

Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

- Oct 8-11.....Missouri Grand Chapter in Jefferson City at Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center
- Oct 12-14.....South Dakota Grand Chapter in Pierre at Ramkota River Centre
- Oct 19-22.....Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona at the Meadows Event and Conference Center

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