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“Let Your Light Shine”



Jottings from Jan: *Don't forget you can download these newsletters in color and also find lots of other information on our Web-site: <http://neoes.org>*

Shine! Share. Invite. Build.

Hello Sisters and Brothers! A new Grand Chapter year has begun and the “Let Your Light Shine!” Grand Family was thrilled to meet and spend time with you at the reception following Grand Chapter Installation. WGP Keith and I are excited to visit our Chapters to share the message of shining YOUR light for the wide world's joy, encouraging those around us by sharing the principles of our Order and inviting others to participate and share in the benefits of our Order. Let us encourage and build each other up!

Just one week after Grand Chapter we were honored to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration event of Trinity Chapter #299 in Omaha. What a delightful and historic evening; we look forward to the next 100 years with eager anticipation and renewed purpose in our principles. The Shrine Bowl Parade in Kearney provided an opportunity for WGP Keith to pull the STAR DOGS float with his stylish Spyder motorcycle. Check out the pictures on our OES FaceBook page and at CentralNebraskaToday.com; thank you to all who supported and participated!

Receptions for the Grand Family were held in Omaha at the Scottish Rite Center and in Minden, at the Minden Opera House; both beautiful venues for sharing joy with one

another. We appreciate the generosity of your time and hope you enjoyed the fellowship. Thank you to Alpha Chapter #325 and Tuscan Chapter #35 for hosting lovely receptions.

Many of our Grand Family attended Rainbow Grand Assembly in South Sioux City and Job's Daughters Grand Bethel in Kearney. Our youth and their organizations are so very important; we appreciate every opportunity to support and encourage our Assemblies, Bethels and Chapters. At the end of the month we enjoyed our first Visitation in Bridgeport with Ogallala, Royal, Sunflower, Dome Rock, Truth and Oshkosh Chapters which included a reception honoring Sister April Ott, serving as Grand Electa. Thank you for spending your day with us!

July will bring three more Area Visitations, the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Laura Chapter #301, the 5-State event in Brookings, SD, DeMolay Conclave (in Fremont), Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly in Virginia and Job's Daughter's Supreme Bethel right here, at home, in LaVista, Nebraska! Ahead of us is a month full of opportunities to shine and share; a month full of anticipation and joy. We hope to see many of you shining bright as we engage in visitations, events and service opportunities in the coming months. Thank you for your energy, dedication and generosity to share OES in your communities.

With Star Light & Love - Sheli, WGM and Keith, WGP

Getting to know the 2024-2025 Grand Officers

Worthy Grand Matron, Sheli Rice: Sister Sheli is a member of Alpha

Chapter No. 325. Sheli is an accountant. Interests are travel, genealogy and baking. Sheli and Bryan have a son Daniel and daughter Katheryn. Star dog is Abby.

Worthy Grand Patron, Keith Lindvall:

Keith is a member of Tuscan No. 35, Kearney. He is a retired CPA. Keith's interests are Habitat for Humanity, motorcycles, family and friends. Keith and Ritas star dog is Fred.

Associate Grand Matron, Gloria Guern:

Sister Gloria is a member at Papillion Chapter No. 114, Blue River Chapter No. 132, Milford. She is a registered nurse. Interests include driving her mustang and cooking. Gloria and Allan have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Her star dogs are named Sansa & Aria.

Associate Grand Patron, Dennis Rix:

Brother Dennis is a member of Ruth Chapter No. 119, North Bend. Interests include woodworking, fishing, gardening. Dennis & Nan have two children and one grandson Oliver. Dennis star dog is Ruthie (Westie).

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman PGM:

Sister Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice and Martha Washington No. 153 in Lincoln. Interests include dogs, photography, NE sports, spending time with friends and family. Jan's star dog is Lizzie Star (Maltipoo).

Grand Treasurer, Karla Lawler:

Sister Karla is a plural member of Ogallala No. 142, Oshkosh No. 264 and Signet No. 55. Her interests include crafts, scrapbooking and music. She has one son Kurt and wife Hannah. Her star dog is Betty Davis (cat).

Grand Conductress, Andy Stewart:

Sister Andy is a member of Signet No. 55, Ogallala No. 142, Oshkosh No. 264. Andy is a medical assistant. Interests include horses, puzzles, reading. She has three children and five grand children,

Associate Grand Conductress, Kerri Straub:

Sister Kerri is a member at Narcissus chapter No. 269 in Omaha. Kerri is a Google Workspace Administrator. Her interests are Disney,

traveling & Huskers. Kerri's star dog is Scout.

Grand Chaplain, Micheal Buchardt: Brother Mike is a member of Martha Washington No. 153 and Ceresco #198. Mike is a banker. Interests include UNL volleyball and football. Mike & Maxine have a son with 3 boys and daughter with 2 girls and one boy. They has a new great grandson!

Grand Marshal, Rick Baker: Brother Rick is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue. His interests: farm tractors and gardening. Rick and Becky have 4 sons and 2 grandchildren. Star dog is Nibbler (cat).

Grand Organist, Mary Ann Stevens: Sister Mary Ann is a member of Home Chapter #189. Her interests include Church organist, music and volunteering. Mary Ann has two children and two grandchildren.

Grand Adah, Erin Johnson: Sister Erin is a member of Queen Esther No. 1. She is an Office Associate at NE Dept. of Education. Her interests: spending time

with family and attending her daughters activities, sudoku & stress relief coloring books. Erin's family is husband Chip, and two daughters.

Grand Ruth, Chris Kennedy: Sister Chris is a member of Brownville Chapter No. 263 in Brownville, Her interests volunteering with Brownville Historical Society, babysitting. Chris & Stephen have two boys and 7 grandchildren. Her star dogs are Bear and Baloo.

Grand Esther, Liz Imig: Sister Liz is a member of Luna No. 169 in Elkhorn. She is a Chain pricing coordinator. Her interests include hockey &, rock concerts. She has a son Tobyn.

Grand Martha, Ann Daudt: Sister Ann is a member of Mt Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Plainview. She is a teacher. Her interests are reading, biking, baking. Ann and Robert have five children and one granddaughter.

Grand Electa, April Ott: Sister April is a member of Sunflower Chapter No. 214 of Mitchell. She is an accountant/bookkeeping. Interests are Disney, traveling and swimming. April and

Andrew have two daughters Katelyn & Allison. Her star dog is CATS: Belle, Mowgli, Bagheera, Mufasa.

Grand Warder, Marcia Donley: Sister Marcia is a member of Acacia Chapter No.39, Hastings. Marcia is a nurse Educator, RN. Interest are her Kids and Family. Family is Mom Virginia, children: Brianna, Laine, Taryn, Kile and Eliza and 6 grandchildren. Marcia and Jim's star dog is Martha (yorkie).

Grand Sentinel, Greg Mason: Brother Greg is a member of Myrtle Chapter No. 94, Lincoln. He is a Senior Software Engineer. Interests include going to the movies, reading & watching Science fiction, lego building projects with the family. Greg and Robyn have twin daughters, Piper & Jemma.

Special Projects for 2024-2025:
OES Star Dogs of Nebraska Inc.
Masonic Youth Foundation of NE Inc.



THE "SHINE, SHARE, INVITE" CALENDAR



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 10TH

- Jun 14-16 Rainbow Grand Assembly, Marriott Riverfront, South Sioux City, NE
- Jun 18-22 Job's Daughters Grand Session, Holiday Inn, Kearney
- Jul 13 Stars at the Saltdogs baseball game 6:05 first pitch at Haymarket Park
- Jul 14 Laura Chapter #301, South Sioux City celebrates 100th and Lynn Broyhill Rainbow Assembly celebrates 75th, 1:00-4:00 reception with Introductions at 1:30, 2:00 program
- Jul 20 DeMolay Conclave in Fremont
- Aug 7 MESHHC Achievement Day and Cornerstone Ceremony
- Aug 25 Vesta Chapter celebrates 150 years, Reception 1:00-4:00 at NE Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Introductions at 2:00
- Oct 24-Nov 1 General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (For more information contact Sister Dottie Arent, PGM) Dottie would like to know how many are interested in going to GGC, so send her your name and contact information.

Enclosed with this OES News:

- Invitation to KS/NE Exchange
- Letter from General Grand Chapter

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