

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a crazy time in life these last few weeks have been. I sincerely hope that this letter finds everyone well and that you are staying at home to keep safe. OES is a strong organization made up of so many wonderful women and men. We love being together in fellowship, fun and good times. Seeing all the members, getting much needed hugs and just spending time with one another truly makes life wonderful.

Being a member of New Mexico and Texas and belonging to four Chapters, no being able to attend meetings; makes me feel cut off from the world. The best thing is, I know that any given time I can pick up the phone and call another Sister or Brother and they are there to talk to. Sisters and Brothers, please never feel alone, because we are here for each of you. If you haven't attended Chapter recently or for a long period of time, we are still here for you. Just call us!

COVID-19 may have us homebound for now, but it is also giving us time to step back and remember our Obligation to each other. Please take this opportunity to pick up the phone and call another member or several members to let them know you care. Ask them "How can I help you?" I know that it is difficult for some of us to ask for help as we are proud people. If we ask you, please feel good about letting us know what we can do to help you.

To our members who live out of state, we are here for you as well. If you are in need of anything and don't know who you can call; please call me or one of the Grand Officers and we will do our best to find someone near you. I know that any Chapter would be glad to help a member even though you don't belong to their Chapter. Each of the Grand Officers have said in their letters this week that they are here to help, we truly mean what we are telling you, please do not hesitate to call or send an email.

Many of our members are incredibly talented and are making things for their communities. It would be wonderful to have you send us the information about what each of you are doing. I have heard about members making masks for Hospitals in their area and others who are shopping for family, friends and neighbors.

As our WGM and Beth have said in their letters to you, this could be a "silver lining" for all of us if we look at it from a different perspective. To me, I am now working from home and do not have to deal with the traffic in the morning. I have found that I am more relaxed.

In closing, we the Officer of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, realize how difficult this time has been for each of you. We need to stay strong and we will get through this together. Our WGM, WGP, Beth, Jeff, Sabrina and I know that "together OES can do anything"! Take care and remember, you the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, are in my thoughts and prayers always.

Star love,
Christel
Associate Grand Conductress

