

Good Day, Sisters and Brothers!

I hope this note finds you all well and happy. I know that there are a few of our members requiring more love and prayers than others and I hope these prayers are answered.

Our family's prayers have been answered. One week after our horrific accident, Kitt and I remain upright and walking. Soreness has worn off but some mental aftermath remains. Our little auxiliary truck is fixed! He got a rear-end make-over thanks to Dada befriending other craftsmen in the area. The truck is as safe as before or more so now. I thank that little truck every time I pass by it for being sturdy enough to save our lives. I thank God every time I think of how fragile life can be.

On to next, we grand officers are still in limbo as to what Grand Chapter might be or if we will even have Grand Chapter this year. It would not be an unprecedented event for our Worthy Grand Matron and Patron and Grand Officers, etc. to stay in place for another year. In 1918 Jessie M. Morgan, PGM and Frank A. Hawley, PGP served until 1920. This was due to Spanish Flu hitting during WWI. If you look at the CDC timeline for the 1918 Influenza (flu) pandemic you will see the first wave hit in March and the second wave of flu peaks September through November of that year. There was a third wave of deaths from influenza in January of 1919. Then by February of 1919 it seems to taper off. I am not an epidemiologist, just a researcher, but we should pay attention to the past and this timeline. The second wave seems to be more fatal. Let us learn from the past or we will be doomed to repeat it, even with the technology we have today.

Pam, WGM and I have been asked by several Grand Jurisdictions to keep Grand Representatives in place so they can fulfill their visits as desired. That being said, I feel personally, and Brother Jeff agrees, that we should all probably stay in place. THIS IS ONLY OUR THOUGHTS. We have NOT made a decision, as a whole, on what we are going to do. MY thoughts are that there are many first time Grand Officers, Worthy Matrons and Patrons that have not been able to fulfill their obligations and get their just recognition. These sisters and brothers should not be "robbed" by the pandemic and should be able to serve their full terms. I might be speaking out of turn, but, these are my thoughts and opinions. I want Pam and Don to not have to rush through their year. Each Chapter we have not visited probably had something very enjoyable for us to see at their official visit. Jeff and I do not want the second wave hitting during our year either. I want you each to think about what you would want if you were in our shoes. We are asking for feedback! Seriously, we want feedback from the membership!



Tonight and Thursday night, the Grand officers will be having Zoom meetings with the Worthy Matrons of our subordinate chapters. We will be focusing on where we are with covid-19 and how it is affecting our chapters. Everything that anyone has right now is pure speculation as to how this pandemic will be in 4 or 5 months. We need to know what each chapter wants and where each chapter stands. This information will help us move forward properly. Grand Lodge was able to conduct their elections, installation and small amount of business(?) via Zoom this last weekend. I do not want this to happen with Star. I, personally, do not like this approach for our Grand Chapter this year.

I hope this message helps put our Chapters positions and Grand Chapter into perspective. I hope you each chime in with your thoughts. We elected officers are elected to serve you and the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. We will listen to what you say and recommend.

Be well, safe and healthy, Sisters and Brothers. May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.

Love,  
Beth  
Associate Grand Matron