

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are in our second month of quarantine. Over the past several weeks, we have asked members to let us know how you are getting through this difficult time or what you have done for others. In my calls to the Associate Conductresses, I learned that Teena Kaiser and Laura Cliff have also made masks for medical personnel in there are and that the next batch will be going to the Navajo Nation. Our Grand Esther, Sister Patricia White, has donated 10 cases of water and 3 boxes of masks to the Navajo Nation. Thank you for what you are doing to help others and sharing this with me.

I saw this on Facebook the other day and wanted to share it with you. Did you know that a simple “hello” can be a sweet one? The word HELLO means:

- H=How are you?
 - E=Everything all right?
 - L=Like to hear from you
 - L=Love to see you soon!
 - O=Obviously, I miss you...
- So, HELLO!

It has made me smile every time I read it, so I am sending this message to all of you.

This week brought more heart break to learn the passing of Sister Ellen O’Malia, PGM of Arizona. In 2012 the New Mexico/Arizona exchange was held in Las Cruces and in Globe, Arizona. Ellen and I were Worthy Matron together and formed a friendship I will always treasure. When I received my commission as Grand Representative of Arizona in Texas, I was able to attend their Grand Chapter session in 2015 and was excited to see Ellen was Grand Conductress that year. I was fortunate to be able to attend their Grand Chapter for the next 3 years and be there for Ellen’s installation and her “Livin’ Out Loud” session. Ellen was such a fun spirited woman with a mischief twinkle in her eye. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and we will miss her dearly.

This Mother’s Day weekend has brought many memories of my children. One memory is the day my youngest son, Cody got married. As is the custom of dancing with their mom, he chose the song “The Perfect Fan”. As we were dancing, I asked him why he chose that song, he told me “Mom, you’ve always been there for me, you ARE my biggest fan”. What more could a mother want to hear! They say a mother’s greatest masterpiece is her children. To all the Mothers, hold your memories close to your heart and have a wonderful Mother’s Day. I hope we will meet again soon, until then stay safe and healthy.

“The most beautiful things in life are not things; they are people and places and memories and pictures; they are feelings and moments, smiles and laughter”

Love always.
Christel AGC

