

Happy Saturday Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, another week has gone by and I'm running late writing my letter. I hope this letter finds each of you still safe and healthy. It was wonderful to hear that Fritz Rene, Worthy Patron of Los Alamos #63, has been moved to a rehab center to continue his progress of recovery. I thank God everyday for my family and would like to ask for prayers for my granddaughter. On April 27 th , Sweet Pea was seen by an Oncologist as her blood count was high and she has been turning blue and bruising easily. They were told that the results should be back in 2 weeks, but unfortunately we still haven't heard anything. This week she had to go to an ENT doctor and possibly may to have to have her tonsils removed. She has been thru so much in her little life that prayers would truly be welcomed.

Thank you Sabrina and Beth for your wonderful letters and Beth, I am so glad that you and your family are okay. I simply don't know where we would be without Facebook to keep us informed regarding our family and friends during this strange time. As many of you know, Arizona and Colorado have canceled their Grand Chapter Sessions with their Officers remaining in their in their offices until next year. Texas has also canceled their Grand Chapter in August with the possibility of holding it at a later date. Their Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons should be commended on trying to keep their members safe and having to make these difficult decisions in order to do so. At this time, our WGM and WGP are also facing this dilemma and I believe they deserve our utmost support and prayers.

Memorial Day weekend is upon us and another difficult decision was made that no flags will be placed at any National Cemeteries this year. Many of us working with our youth have spent Memorial Day placing flags on the graves of our fallen men and women. My father and several dear friends served in the Armed Forces and were laid to rest at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. It will be very strange to go there and see no flags on the grave sites.

Over the years, people have made it a day to party, BBQ, drink and celebrate. My question has always been "What are we celebrating?" Please do not misunderstand what I am saying, there is nothing wrong with having fun and enjoying ourselves, we just need it to be a day of reflection, to remember our loved ones and what they did for our country. We also need to remember our Sisters and Brothers who are no longer with us. Every year on Memorial Day, Las Cruces #20 places OES flags on their gravesites in the morning and picks them up in the evening. I find this to be a wonderful tradition and tribute to our members.

Sisters and Brothers, this has been a very different and unique 5 months, a lot of changes for us all; just remember; "Sunshine always follows rain, good things come after bad things".

In closing, I wish you all the very best and hope you have a wonderful week. Please stay safe, healthy and know how special each of you are, God bless you.

Love,
Christel
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