

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is just past the middle of May and outside temperature is near 100-degree Fahrenheit. As businesses begin to reopen we still need to be vigilant and patient. I realize standing in line in the blazing sun while waiting your turn to get into the big box stores is miserable, but still necessary. Remember to drink plenty of water and hide from the sun as much as possible. Also remember your small neighborhood retailers, they need your business more than the box stores and you probably won't have to stand in line. They will be happy to see you and your shopping will be more pleasant and remember many of these retailers are our sisters and brothers. Oh, yes, prices may be a little higher, but you won't have to travel as far, and the benefits stay local.

Now that I have that off my mind, I pray everyone is doing well and staying as safe as circumstances will allow. I command the members of this Grand Chapter as you have "come together" by forming call chains to contact brothers and sisters who

have moved away or are no longer coming to chapter. I have heard that our chapters are updating information on members they have not heard from for some time. Some we thought were lost, but are now found, others are glad we remembered them and others are now looking for chapters to affiliate with or join near where they now live.

I commend our chapters for stepping up their community work supporting food banks, shelters and other community groups locally. Your efforts are truly most appreciated and, I hope, remembered. Albert Pike wrote, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal". Continue the good work and I look forward to the time we can meet together again in our chapters.

God bless you and keep you,

Don Sultemeier  
Worthy Grand Patron

