

Greetings to All,

I hope you had a great Mother's Day and were able to connect with some of your family. We were able to have a yummy lunch and play a board game afternoon with our daughter and her family here in Albuquerque. I am planning to take a class – online of course - so I can learn how to set up a Zoom meeting so we can see more of our kids and grandkids in Arizona.

We have so many ways to communicate through mail, phone, and computers – both in writing and in person through Zoom or several other visual platforms. Who would have thought all this was possible 50 years ago – or even less? Thank goodness for magical thinking that turns into reality!

These opportunities we have now reminded me of my mother's correspondence with a few of her female cousins. The four of them participated in a round robin letter. I remember the very fat envelope would come every month or two, depending on how fast they each replied, and she would sit down to read all the letters about how things were in their families. I think her letter was in there too so she could remember where she left off with the stories of our family. After reading everyone else's events she would then start writing her reply. I don't think there was ever a thought that it had to be done in a hurry, but better yet think about all that had happened in our home since she last wrote and wanted to share.

I think there may be a message in that form of correspondence that we may be experiencing in this time. Taking time to think about our own lives and to share with others what is happening in theirs is priceless. I hope that each of you will take time to visit with not only those who live in your house or can see from afar (social distancing), but also those that you haven't had a chance to see in some time.

Thanks to ALL of you who care about your Eastern Star sisters and brothers as well as many other family members and friends. Everyone we know is important to us in our lives in some way. We need to take time to appreciate what they give us daily, or weekly, or monthly, or just once in a blue moon. As always..... may "The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." (Genesis 31:49, KJV)

Star Love,
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