

Messages that hold a deeper meaning for an OES sister or brother:

Today's message I want to share with you comes from reflection upon words we hold dear in OES and a benediction that we often say at the close of our Eastern Star functions. Depending on where you are in the state on New Mexico, some just say the first part of the benediction and some say a longer version. I am talking about the Mizpah Benediction. For those who know my mom, Sabra Humphrey, well she almost always adds even one more additional line.

When reflecting over the challenges of the last week, since her accident in the horse corral, this phrase seems to have even deeper meaning today. We know that we cannot know how many days our loved ones will be granted with us in this life, but what we do know is that even if we may be closed off from our loved one through hospital walls or separated by miles of distance, love does transcend all. We are never far away, even if we are in a physical sense. I am thankful mom is now at home recovering. I look forward to the next meeting where she joins us in this benediction.

Let me share:

When you visit Georgetown Chapter, this is the closing benediction around the altar: "May the Lord watch between you and me, while we are absent from one another and may the peace of God go with you always." Many often add "until we meet again." My mom adds, "How great it is we were together one more time."

I think we are all longing for that "one more time" to be permitted with loving hearts to assemble yet again. Wouldn't that be especially nice? In reflection over this COVID-19 time, I find that such a simple phrase as "assemble yet again," that we may have taken for granted before, has deeper meaning today. Who would have thought that lodges would be closed? That groups over five would not be allowed to assemble? Yet, we have grown stronger by this journey and I know we will be able to say soon "how great it is we are together one more time."

Another phrase I want to share from Lord of the Rings is this: "All we have to do is decide what to do with the time that is given us." Each of us have used our time in various ways over the past few months, but one thing we know to be true about OES sisters and brothers. Within the very core of who we are, we care about one another and always are willing to reach out to each other in time of need. Thank you sisters and brothers for your loving support and prayers for mom's recovery. I send you each back much love and prayers to help you through whatever challenges you may be facing in your lives.

In closing, special loving memories will be reflected upon in regard to the treasured times that Sister Ellen O'Malia, PGM in AZ shared with us all. I shall close with: "Until we meet again. I do know that we will all meet again...one more time, in the Heaven Above."

Stay safe. Stay in touch. We are a fellowship of true brothers and sisters unlike any in the world. We will assemble again.

Star Love,
Sabrina Pack-Grand Conductress

