

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a beautiful day it is! June is almost here and the beauty of summer is everywhere. Though COVID-19 still is very evident in our society and continues to impact all our lives, we are getting through this. I feel re-energized every time I talk with a sister or brother, because some how we don't feel so distant or so alone. I encourage you to reach out to other sisters and brothers regularly. Together we are stronger.

Yesterday's Governor's announcement that allows for more of our businesses to reopen partially is a very hopeful advance of returning to some kind of "new" normal. Though we still can't hold chapter functions, things are moving along. I would imagine that later in the summer that the Governor will allow small groups to meet.

I do caution everyone to still do everything in your power to limit your exposure, wear your masks in all public settings, wash your hands frequently, wear gloves when shopping, bleach your households regularly, and please limit your number of times to the store. Just because things are opening, doesn't mean the Coronavirus is any less prevalent. With U.S. deaths now more than 100,000 in just one spring, this is a very serious situation that continues.

It was such a pleasure this week for the NM Grand Chapter officers and others to meet with the Worthy Matrons across our great state in two different Zoom meetings. Seeing and hearing all the wonderful things that you are doing and how you are is so wonderful; plus, share our thoughts and support of our WGM and WGP on plans for the rest of the term. A couple of weeks ago we participated in meetings with all the Grand Officers, then every Sunday all elected Grand Chapter officers are invited to participate in a Zoom meeting, where almost all of us are able to attend regularly. There will be meeting summaries posted from the Worthy Matron's meetings on OESNM.org website, under the 'red bar' that will contain discussion points from these meetings. Look for them by the weekend. Also, other minutes are provided from meetings last month. On this special page, you will also find daily letters from each elected Grand Line Officer as each of the seven of us write a daily message on our day of the week. Also, posted are messages from our Most Worthy Grand Matron. You will be able to know more of what is going on by reviewing these postings.



If you have not joined the NM OES Facebook page, please do so. There are fun things happening there. Debi Huffman is doing such a wonderful job with fun Facebook group activities; plus, members can communicate about the great things they are doing or you can learn about sickness and distress to be able to send prayers and cards. We have posted on the website some general guidelines for best practices for posting information on others. We want to make sure permission to post sensitive information. We would LOVE to have you participate in "Sharing a Favorite OES" memory on Facebook. Send in a photo with a short narrative. You can send to Debi or myself. Sharing in beautiful memories is exciting!

I conclude today's message with this quote I hope you find inspirational. It is from Mother Teresa. **"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across waters to create many ripples."** We, as OES sisters and brothers, certainly cannot change the COVID-19 overall situation impacting our world, but each of us can make the difference in the lives of others, even just one, by that warm phone call or letter, making a mask, shopping for a neighbor, limiting our exposure, being strong in whatever role in life we find ourselves. I share my love with each of you. Have a beautiful week. Call me if you need anything, even if it is just a "hello."

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