

Sisters and Brothers,

I bring you greetings from the southern reaches of our fair state of New Mexico. We pray that all our members and their family and friends are well. Functioning safely during this pandemic is foremost in all our minds.

My community of Vado has been a “hot spot” this past week! I mean that in the conventional sense. Thursday, Friday and Saturday past were 112, 110 and 106 degrees respectively. As the virus goes, our zip code has only 4 cases. The chickens had to be fed each day and the pen cleaned. A refrigerated unit on a rental had to be repaired and a ceiling fan in another needed fixing. Phone conversations with OES members, cousins, Sister and a couple of friends are what passes for “keeping me up to speed”. Oh, and a power take off shaft came apart on a backhoe tractor out in the field. What all this has to do with anything is anybody’s guess! Life goes on for all of us.

This week’s message from WGM Pam has a quote that is particularly useful. In part, we need “....to be useful, honorable and compassionate.”.

Consider what our society would be if this guideline was followed. The messages presented by WGP Don and AGM Beth emphasized the need and importance of faith in our Supreme being. We as members of the Order of Eastern Star do this by exemplifying the virtues of the heroines of our order.

Again, I refer to “Advice From an Old Farmer” by Jeff Mersmann, “Live a good, honorable life..... Then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.” Some more advice from that same old farmer is to “Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.”

Respectfully, your Brother  
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