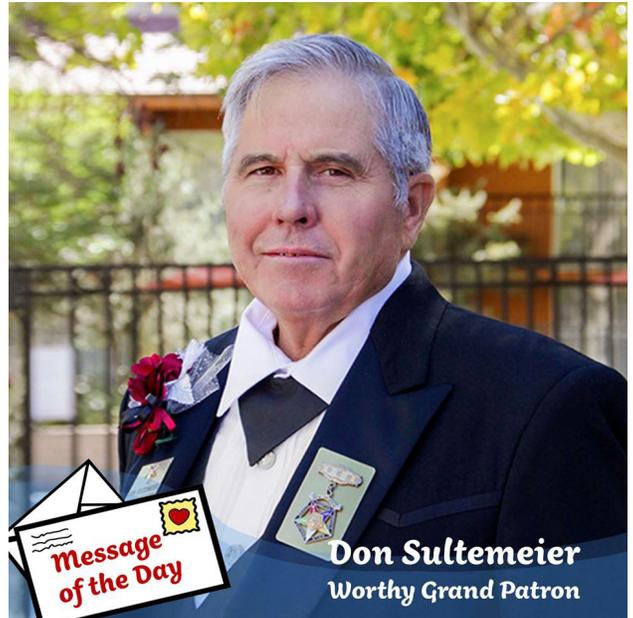


Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are at the middle of June and are struggling with the everchanging effects of Covid-19. I hope you are well, safe, and sane. The safety of our members is paramount in our minds.

As you may know, your elected Grand Chapter Offices have been meeting weekly via Zoom to determine the needs of our chapters and trying to fulfill those needs. We asked the chapters to poll their members to see if it would be feasible to hold Grand Chapter in October. The results were predominantly to postpone. A final decision could not be made till we met with representatives of the motel. We were finally able to meet with them Friday afternoon to discuss our contract and determine if there would be penalties for cancelling or postponing. There will be no penalties with a postponement until a year from October. WGM Pam is waiting to hear from their board as to final arrangements and dates. This information will be coming out in our letter Thursday. We also discussed campout and we will have campout at Bonito Hollow July 15-19, but it will be different as you can imagine. As of now, the campground can only accommodate fifty percent capacity, and that is number of people not camp trailers. They say that with the reservations in they are at capacity. Tenna Bradshaw and Cathy Walker have asked those that have made reservations contact them if you are still planning to attend or cancel so we will have some idea as to numbers. Note: there are no showers or toilet facilities at this time, also we can't use the pavilion. This may change as time progresses and we will keep you informed. A letter explaining all this will be out this week from the campout committee.



WGM Pam and I hope to continue our official visits in January if possible. I will be contacting the Worthy Matrons of these chapters as soon as it looks the restrictions are lessened to a point it will be safe, in order to set up a schedule of visits.

This message has been pretty newsy, and I hope it answers some of your questions. Our letter to membership will answer much more but if you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to call, text, send up smoke signals. Pam and I are not too busy to listen to our sisters and brothers and we want to know your thoughts.

As AGP Jeff has said, you, the New Mexico Eastern Stars are awesome. You have not failed to step up and lead in your communities when others held back. Now we have another year to complete what we have started. Keep up the good work. Hopefully we can again, soon, meet ritualistically in our chapter rooms and initiate new members. But for now, be patient, live safely, remember our obligations and we will come through this stronger than ever.

God Bless you, each and everyone.

Fraternally and with Star Love,
Don Sultemeier, Worthy Grand Patron