

Greetings OES Family,

We were able to spend yesterday honoring, celebrating, and being with the fathers in our lives. That may be memories of those we have lost, or celebrating with those are here as our fathers, husbands, or sons. These are special men in our lives and have a profound place in our memories. I hope that each of us was able to celebrate the men in our lives who have made a difference.

Now that we have made the decision to postpone our Grand Chapter until October of 2021, it is time to start planning what will be happening when we get to meet again. It is Don's and my hope that we will be able to meet with at least a majority of the chapters in small groups this fall through the end of the year or a little beyond. That could be on a regular meeting night with two or three chapters coming together. When we begin in January or possibly February, it would be with the chapters where we were not able to meet for their official visit. This would put on firm footing with past practices and give us the opportunity to meet with the members of each chapter twice in the two-year period – once as the official visit and another as just friends. In that vein I would like to have from each chapter an average of how many of your members attend regularly and what is the capacity of your chapter room. We will then be able to determine which chapters we would ask to bring together and schedule for a fun meeting and “party time” and still meet the criteria required by our state to not be too large a group. An email from the WM or Secretary of the chapter with that information would be appreciated!

I have reviewed more than half of the chapter's books that we were not yet able to visit. It has been a great experience to have the books sent to me and review with no time frame. When I had to do that in an hour or two before a meeting or at least in more of a rush, it didn't really give me time to savor what you have in your minutes and cash books and to really appreciate all that we do through OES in the state. Since most of the minutes are typed these days, it might be interesting to email them to the members who have an email address. That way, for those that are out of the area or cannot attend, they could feel like they are still part of the everyday activities of the chapter. It might inspire some who have not been coming, and live close enough, to come back to meetings.



In the spirit of 'Coming Together', we have had lots of fun with our ZOOM meetings with the elected Grand Officers, all Grand Officers, Secretaries, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. (not all at once!) No one seems to want to stop because we can see each other and keep connected. Now we hope to have ZOOM meetings with any of our members that would like to visit with me, our WGP, and other grand line and appointed officers now and then. Sabrina, our membership contact saint, is setting up our first meeting for this Wednesday. The theme for this week will be endangered species (pictures or stuffed animals) and/or masks that we want to share with others. Other ZOOM meetings will be set up as you sign up and a theme will be announced. Sabrina's email is sabrinapack@gmail.com. COME ON! Join us online or on your phone so we can hear about you, your chapter, and what is going on in your corner of the world.

STAR LOVE and VIRTUAL HUGS,
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