

Dear Sisters and Brothers - Finding your way through a time of unrest - I HOPE YOU WILL READ

We find ourselves in such unusual times in 2020—a new book in the annals of history. I am one who often reflects deeply upon words and their hidden meanings and their symbology. When I think of what it is to have “2020” vision, I think of this time revealing to us a clearer vision of our world so that we may better understand our world, each other, and “be the change we wish to see in the world”—a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. Certainly we are “seeing” things that we never thought we would see with COVID-19 and now the tremendous civil unrest.



We are being prompted to consider a much larger picture, one of which many of us find ourselves to be very small and uncertain of what we need to do, should do, or can do. The images we are seeing from National Guard standing 6 feet apart, but still side-by-side, line after line, on the steps of national monuments guarding them against our own people, to police stations being burned, to so many other troubling images, it has never been

more important to retain what we do know in our hearts is true, right, and just. What “we” can do is hold on to what is pure, what is love, what is understanding, and what is wisdom.



Be courageous, like the lion, symbol of Electa. This too will be a chapter that will conclude in this new book of 2020. It is just one chapter, and though there are more to come, I hold the faith that the chapters to come will be brighter and lighter. It is a time of great change and echoes from the past hopefully will ring more loudly than even when they were first spoken—because “some” truly need hear these timeless words again such as “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that” by Martin Luther King Jr. We can recognize the power of light and love as well and reach out in love in our communities and to each other.

When I awoke this morning from a calming dream, the lingering image that resonated within me was that of all of us standing around an altar holding hands, several circles deep, as so many of us were together again. We were singing “May the Circle Be Unbroken.” When the hour is dark and you find question in all that is happening, I ask you to remember our golden chain. We are all connected and can give each other strength through difficult times. We are truly connected by a bond that transcends all of this that is happening around us. Our circle of Eastern Star will be unbroken.

I conclude with where I began this message and that is with the thoughts of what it is to have 2020 vision. This is where it all comes together for me and why I found myself in NanC Krass's Grand Year asking if I could help OES in some way, then as I began on the path through the Grand chairs. Many of you have heard me say at my many marketing presentations that "OES is more important to the world than possibly ever before. What we have as an organization, the world needs more than ever before. When you think about what OES is to you and what the deeper meaning of enduring fellowship and the significance of the ritual, then I believe you, too, recognize how amazing our Order is and why we have to fight to see it grow in membership again."

As you know I am very involved in the "business world" and I have always found this quote by Steve Jobs inspirational. "If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The VISION pulls you." I hold a vision of OES strengthening our members, helping our communities, being a part of the change we want to see in the world. I am honored to be your Grand Conductress, to support OES in every way I can, and together we can make a difference. I am pulled by this vision. Hold on to the vision of OES for you. Just as our Jr. Past Grand Matron, Kati Yates, helped us each to know--find strength in finding what "Love Is" to you.

Your Grand Conductress in NM,
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