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**Vision of the Grand Chapter of NM
Order of Eastern Star:**

*"Together we enhance lives and
communities through service and
fellowship founded on biblical principles."*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our year of "Coming Together" has certainly taken a different turn than was anticipated. We had a great start over the first five months with the five Schools and Official Visits to thirteen of our chapters before the Corona-19 virus stopped your meetings and our visits.

We have hope of returning to regular meetings of the chapters in the not too distant future. That decision rests with the Grand Master and he is in touch with the NM Health Department for guidance in what we will need to do when the Lodges open to be safe. *Nothing* is more important than the health and welfare of our members.

As a result of the requirements for distancing and other restrictions for the hotels now, and in the foreseeable future, it will not be possible to schedule our Grand Chapter for this year. The elected and appointed Grand Officers will remain in their respective stations and positions for the 2020-2021 term. All committee members and special appointments will also retain their positions until our next Grand Chapter. All reports of Grand Officers and committees will cover 2 years and be due for the 2021 session.

In consideration of the health, safety, and well-being of our membership the Grand Chapter Board has voted to cancel the 118th session of Grand Chapter until next year. We have met with the management of the Marriott Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque and canceled for this year and have booked October 13-16, 2021 for our Grand Chapter.

I am requesting the installed 2019-2020 officers of the subordinate chapters of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico to remain in place as well. If there is a need to change one or more elected officers, a dispensation may be granted and they may be elected in September and installed at a regular meeting in October. Please notify us of any changes that you are anticipating.

I will be asking that the Grand Representative to New Mexico hold their office for an additional year if the sending Grand Chapter agrees to extend their appointment. Those Grand

Representative from New Mexico to other jurisdictions will be extended if the state or country extends their appointment.

As we move forward, it will be fun to think about, and plan for, a Grand Trip and Campout that will allow for closer contact next summer.

Our WGP will be working with the chapters that did not have an official visit to schedule those when we have permission to gather in larger groups.

Your WGM and WGP and other Grand Line Officers plan to visit with as many of the subordinate chapters as possible in addition to those that will also have their Official Visit. For those chapters that have already completed their official visit and any others, we would like to attend some of the regular meetings and would be especially pleased to be invited to attend any initiations.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace."

Star Love,



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