

The business of the chapter WM, WP, Secretary, and DI meetings discussed these items on:

**Wednesday 8/19 - Districts 3 & 4**

**Thursday 8/20 - Districts 1, 2, & 5**

- Election/Installation of new officers for 2020-21 term or roll-over of officers (would follow MWGM rules) (some chapters may want or need to change some of their officers due to death, health, moving away).

If you have officers that are not willing to continue you will need to wait until the chapter can meet, elect or appoint new officers, and install at a following meeting. The data is suggesting we are getting closer to being able to meet in groups of 25 or less. When that happens, you will have to decide how many you will be able to have in your chapter room and communicate that to your membership. One group asked if Election and Installation could happen at the same meeting. My initial suggestion was that you elect at your first meeting back and install at the next meeting. A question was raised if you could elect and install at the first meeting. If the WM is changing (please let me know) I would say that might be difficult. If, however, you are just changing one or two of the elected or appointed officers you might go ahead. IF you are electing after the first stated meeting in September (more than likely) and/or installing after Grand chapter would have started (October 28) a dispensation will need to be requested. Those will be granted as needed. Please use the form that is on the website which includes the return to me when it has been utilized. The \$1 will not be collected for these dispensations.

- Grand Chapter Appointments are being carried over. I have not had any requests to not continue in the appointments. There have been 2 or 3 that previously told me they could not continue.
- Grand Representative appointments - a request has been made to the other jurisdictions to carry over the appointments. So those that were due to expire 1/1/21 will now expire 1/1/22. Those that were just appointed will expire 1/1/23.
- Notify all your members that dues are due 10/1/2020 for the ensuing year. Please notify all your members by mail 60 days prior to 10/1 if they may be suspended.
- Review secretary year-end reports. They are due as usual.  
**There will be a moratorium on suspensions until we meet again since we cannot conduct business.** Refer to Bylaws Governing Subordinate Chapters – Article XXIII Dues - Section 4. Please send letters to all that have not paid their dues with a deadline to submit so they can pay if they want to remain as members. Annual reports will not reflect dropped members this year if we cannot read the names and vote to remit their dues – or not - from the chapter report before the deadline. If not, they can be deleted when the chapters reconvene, and a vote can be taken. Debbie – Grand Secretary reminded everyone that the year end reports end on 9/30. Those will need to be done this year as well as the chapter audits.
  - Chapter audits can be completed in a small group that will allow for physical distancing or pass the books from one person to the next.

I think some of the lodges are open some so the dining rooms might serve to make this an opportunity to get the audit done more quickly. (This would provide a side of socialization for the audit committee!) These are due in the normal timeframe.

- Review of donations made to Grand Chapter and how that should still be completed if possible. We have given to Education, Benevolent, and any other funds as well as Paws & Stripes.

If you have funds designated for these entities and it does not require a vote of the chapter, please submit those donations to the Grand Secretary before 11/1/2020. If they require a vote of the chapter, you will need wait until you can meet for that vote and submit the donations after.

- There was a question if a demit can be issued if requested by a member.  
The answer is no. That requires a vote of the chapter and as per the directions of the MWGM we are not to conduct any business until we are able to meet again. I will be in touch with the Grand Master to ask for notification as soon as he opens the lodges.
- Process for baskets and painting. The chances for the lovely painting that Sabra did for us will be sold at the remaining official visits when we can meet again and held until Grand Chapter next year. The baskets on the other hand MUST go! I will be sending pictures of each basket to each chapter with a list of the contents and posting them on the website as well.  
Please notify your members that chances are available and requests for tickets and the money should be sent to the WGM's address. We will put the names on the tickets and put them in the appropriate container. We will have a Zoom drawing by the 31st of October. (That would have been the last day of grand chapter this year.)
- Zoom Meetings for Chapters are encouraged but not required. If you would like to meet and do not have someone who can set one up, Sabrina will set up a Zoom meeting. It will be your responsibility to have a chapter member send out the invites and moderate the 'meeting'.  
Try it! I haven't heard of one chapter that does this that hasn't enjoyed being together.
- Encourage your members to participate in the NM All-Member Zoom meetings. That registration is done through Sabrina.  
We want to see and hear from as many of you as we can!!
- You are also encouraged to read the messages posted regularly on OESNM website under COVID-19 messages.  
If you haven't checked in on these messages I think you will appreciate the information that has been shared.
- How is the calling tree working in your chapter? Any difficulties?  
There was some discussion during both meetings and it seems that most are not working as well as we had hoped. Please consider reaching out to ALL your members near and far to let them know we are here and will help if we can.
- Next year's restart of OVs not completed this year will be scheduled after the first of the year or as soon as possible after we are allowed to meet. WGP Don will be in touch with the WM's when we know we can go!  
It is our plan to start them in January or perhaps February and end before June. We – Don and I – hope to visit with some of the chapters between our opening date and the official visits and would *love* to be invited for any initiations that you schedule before the OVs! It was suggested that we do the visits one per weekend, or at a stated meeting. It is most advantageous for us to do them each weekend night to minimize the travel. I hope you understand and are excited too to return to our 'new' normal.

- Next year's campout plans/date – July 11-14 at Bonito Hollow. Call now for reservations!  
Be sure and get your reservations in. We do not know if they plan to utilize the tent spaces. They will be using the RV spaces and the cabins.
- Next year's Grand Chapter dates are October 14-17 at the Pyramid. More information will be coming as soon as the hotel has an idea of how they will be operating next year.
- The inventory of the items stored at Grand Lodge has been completed and will be photographed and circulated to the chapter officers and secretaries. If there are items that your chapter would like to replace/add, the items will be available on a first come first serve basis.  
Please let me know if there is something you want and are planning to come to pick it up. We can coordinate our meeting at Grand Lodge and maybe have lunch!
- There will be a marketing/membership on 9/2/2020. If you are interested in being part of that Zoom meeting, or know someone in your chapter that is, please let Sabrina know.  
We are going to need lots of enthusiasm in our membership to get everyone back and interest new folks. Please join us with your ideas. There is no limit on the number that can attend.
- We want to assure you that the WGM, WGP and the elected line officers are meeting on a regular basis to discuss OES needs during this pandemic. *Please do not hesitate* to share any concerns you may have.
- Other – reminders from Mildred Toon! And a few others..... Please don't forget to:
  - Send stamps to Mildred P – she now lives in Albuquerque.
  - Coupons that were previously send to Pearl D. will now go to Margie Lowe.
  - And if you can, think about trying to do a food collection at your lodge and take it to a pantry in your area (once or as often as you can).
  - There is another option for the larger areas or a joint fund raiser to take items to SAVERS. If you have one in your area contact Mandy to find out how to do this.
- We have also been reminded to complete the Census!! It is important to have everyone counted so we can all have opportunity for an equitable disbursement of funds we receive for all government funded projects and services.