

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from southern New Mexico! I hope you all are well and prosperous! Obviously, the pandemic looms large, but we should strive to not let it dominate us. We have lives to live and enjoy!

The air in southern New Mexico is still “fuzzy”, but improving. In the evening, as six o’clock approaches, if you look to the west, you can look directly into the sun. The condition of the air makes the sun appear to be red! Even though I know that the smoke from California and Arizona fires are causing this phenomenon, it is still striking. Our hearts go out to those who have suffered from those fires.

The daily temperatures have also made themselves prominent. One day the high temperature is one-hundred-one degrees. The very next day the high temperature is sixty-six degrees with a low of forty-nine and windy! Lighting the heater became a serious consideration! On the other hand, the tomato vines began to set fruit with the drop in temperature. Mother Nature just may be reminding us who is actually in charge.

Worthy Grand Matron Pam is reminding us of our basket raffles for the scholarship fund. Not being able to meet has hampered efforts in this pursuit. However, our chapter secretaries have fliers with basket descriptions, addresses and forms for purchasing tickets. The drawing for these baskets will take place on what would have been the last day of the New Mexico Grand Chapter, 31 October 2020. Please take time to look over this information and support our education funding efforts!

Plans for the 2021 Camp-out have been made at Bonito Hollow outside Ruidoso, New Mexico. The camp-out will be from Sunday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 15. For additional information, contact Wayne Walker (575)642-7807 or Bob Bradshaw (575)233-4436. Laboring under the isolation concept during this pandemic has kept us safe from spreading the virus. A closer association with the refrigerator during this time has caused another “spread”. Some have gone so far as to mention the word “fat”. I take exception to that! We are simply easier to see.

Respectfully, your brother

Robert “Bob” Bradshaw

