

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once again, I reach out to you with a message of encouragement and to let you know your Grand Chapter officers continue to be busy on your behalf. I hope this message finds you in good health, spirits and busy on your chapters' behalf.

Over the last six months (has it really been that long, or was it forever) since we went dark, through website, facebook, zoom and many other forms of communication, we have tried to keep you informed and dedicated.

If you have not done so, I suggest you go back and re-read the posts on the webpage under elected Grand Officers messages. I think you will find it interesting to re-read and you can track our progress as we tried to navigate the many twists and turns as they unfolded. You will read about our failures and successes and will get a glimpse into each of our lives.

Normally at this time, the Elected Grand Officers and Grand Representatives would be attending Grand Chapters in other states and bringing back new ideas and insights to enhance our own Grand Chapter and chapters. As with our own Grand Chapter, these have been cancelled or are taking on some other form. I feel sorry for our Grand Representatives from other Grand Chapters in New Mexico who had to cancel or postpone their plans for this year and pray you can complete your commission next year.

As many of you know, we had to cancel our Grand Trip to DC this year. What a disappointment! The Worthy Grand Matron, Pam, has asked me to see about a possible trip to the four corners region for next June as this was our alternant plan. Soo? I'm asking for volunteers to help set this up. If you are willing to help out in any way, please let me know. Call me, text me, e-mail me, knock down my door, I need to hear from you. Thank you.

Don't forget we will have the drawing for the District Baskets for Education the end of October. That is next month. If you haven't got your donations in to WGM Pam, please do so, and if you have, get more and send your money to WGM Pam. This is a very worthwhile program for Pam and I and would like to see more scholarships given.

If the Chairmen of any of our Grand Chapter projects or any of our chapters have donations for these projects, please get them in to their respective places as is designated, along with a short report of this year, just as though we would have Grand Chapter. I realize our committees will continue to function until next October 2021, but these funds and reports need to be turned in now, as per the red book, so that these donations can be allocated this year. We will start a new year November 1 as far as raising money for donation go. Thank you to all our Grand Chapter committees for all your work and frustrations. You are truly much appreciated and thank you for continuing on till October 2021.



Until we can again meet in our chapter rooms and once again participate in our beautiful ritual, please keep it fresh in your memory. The Most Worthy Grand Matron has OK'd social media to conduct non-ritual business and posted guidelines on our webpage. Some chapters have already started, others are preparing to start. If you do, don't forget to include Sister Pam and I in your invites. We would both like to attend, if and when, we can. Grand Chapter will continue to have regular zoom meetings with special meetings announced. I hope to see you all at one of these meetings in the near future. For now, it's the only means we have of seeing each others' face with accompanying voice. No, its not a hug or a handshake, but it is the best we can do for now.

Vaya con Dios y mucho gusto,

Don Sultemeier
Worthy Grand Patron