

Valuing what is Valuable

I am sure each of us have parts of our lives that we miss from “before the pandemic.” The other day when I was enjoying a ride on our side-by-side through the Gila with my family, I was reflecting on the moments that have most value.

The rain was gently falling, the breeze was warm and cool, the fragrance of pines, willows and late summer wildflowers filled the air, and everything seemed so perfect. The value of the moment, I knew, would have to take me through what would no doubt be a tough and demanding week, that would have challenges great and small. I was already longing for when I could return yet again to the beautiful space that I found myself embracing. I felt such value in the time together-a value that would help me value the week as well.

When I reflect about the things I miss most from “before the pandemic,” certainly top of my list is the precious times we shared as an OES family. Though I have always felt great value in shared experiences from Grand Chapter to our meetings or work together in a service project, it is the little things I really miss and value...and when I add them all together, it is truly those small things that touch my soul. We never know when it will be our last time to be together, to see one’s smile, but who would have thought that it would be not just the absence of just one, but of all. I hold on to the image of us standing in a circle around our sacred altar and reciting the Mizpah benediction. My mom always ends with “Thank you for one more time.” Gosh, how true does that feel now. The impossibility of dark lodges statewide, nationwide, even around the world, would not have been conceived possible seven months ago. Who would have thought when I walked out of Mimbres Lodge in March, it would be going dark for an unprecedented period of time. We were all just at Georgetown’s Official Visit and enjoying a Sunday brunch before departing to our various homes across the state. Who would have known that would be the last time we would be together for months and months as we had been?

Of course, you all know this feeling and have probably found a new sense of value in what we had. I hope that you will hold onto that and not let it fade. At some point it might seem just easier to not meet or go each our own way. I hope that never to be the case. Think back about the love we have... I smile as I even reflect upon the value and beauty of seeing two of our older members fuss about how a dish was put up or overhearing a remark about someone’s dress or even when some one decided they just had to prompt even if they knew they were not the prompter. Some of these things make me smile in a different way today. I value all of the experiences and long for them to return. They help define us. Keep us real. And, most definitely unite us in something so special it will and can transcend the eclipse in time in which we are experiencing.

Each day when I wake I ask myself, “What good can I do today to help another? How will I choose to value the moments given to me?” I ask you to do the same. Hold on to what is of value. It is not money, or things, it is the people in our lives and memories we make together. I strongly encourage you to keep your chapters going, reach out to ALL of your members, communicate, embrace, create memories through this pandemic together. We now have the option to have business meetings via Zoom. Please do this for our Order. Call me if you need any help at all.

Eternal Star Love,
Sabrina -Your Grand Conductress

