

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Again, I bring you greetings from the southern part of the great and CHILLY state of New Mexico! I could let you know that New Mexico has just had a cold spell, but I “intuit” that you are already aware to that happening.

Last Monday, here in Vado, the temperature dipped to twenty-seven degrees during the night and never got above thirty-five all day Tuesday. Snow fell during the night and intermittently during the day Tuesday. We received between three and three and a half inches before it stopped. Sisters and Brothers from “up north” will not find this to be a “happening”, but those of us from the “south” will be talking about this for weeks to come! No more tomatoes, no more watermelons; thank goodness we got our chili put up last week!

Enough about the down side. On the bright side, the snow was beautiful. Our snow was very wet, and Lordy, do we need the moisture! The snow received through-out the state will significantly affect the state-wide drought. Pecan trees were telling us that the crop is reaching maturity by beginning to split the nut hulls. The cold temperatures will facilitate the process of releasing the nut from the trees and, perhaps, allow for an earlier harvest. All these things will be beneficial to our future; from a work of art to the practical. Mother Nature does know best! It will be in our best interest to follow Mother Nature’s lead and look to the future – on the bright side!

As our journey began with the Order of the Eastern Star, the Heroines of our Order imparted their virtues to us in ritual work. By employing those virtues, we can insure that our futures will be bright! Politicians and Law Enforcement cannot save us from the specter of the Covid-19 virus. As individuals, we can protect ourselves using the guidelines stemming from the CDC and those physicians and researchers working to subdue this virus. Fidelity to commitment; constancy in application of guidelines; loyalty to family and friends; Faith in God and Love for those around us will lead us into a bright future.

In the near future, WGM Pam will conduct the OES Education Fund raffle drawing Oct 31,2020. PGP Larry Holmes will host a zoom meeting at 1:00 pm Oct 31,2020 to announce the winners. To attend that meeting, contact PGP Larry at “larry.holmes@oesnm.com”.

The 2021 Campout is also in our future. The campout will start Sunday, 11 July, 2021 and end Wednesday, 15 July, 2021. Contact the Bonito Hollow Campground by telephone to make reservations.

Omniscience would be a good quality to have when considering our futures. That quality is fairly rare. So, it may be that we should heed the words of Yogi Berra, “It’s tough to make predictions, especially about the future.”.

Respectfully, your Brother

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