

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Another month has passed, and we are no further along to fully opening our chapters for in person meetings. However, we have allowed the worthy matrons and worthy patrons to decide if their chapters could open with the strict guidelines as prescribed by General Grand Chapter, our Grand Chapter, the Grand Master, Governor of New Mexico and the state CDC prescribes. These guidelines are set to provide the best protection for our most vulnerable members, and to assure our being able to open more fully in the future. With this being said, I hope and pray you have had a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

I thank each of you and your chapters for stepping up to help each other and your communities however you could through this tough period in history, and it is an historical time. You have done much and there is much yet to do. Don't forget to stay in touch with your chapter members both near and far, regular and those you haven't heard from in a while. Stay in touch with your communities, seek out and address their needs. Work with your Lodges whenever possible.

Those chapters not meeting in person should really consider holding business meetings of some sort on a regular basis whether it be by phone or other media. Many chapters are using the zoom format as presented by the Most Worthy Grand Matron with good results. They are meeting on their regular meeting nights. If you need assistance on hosting a zoom meeting there are instructions on the NMOES website or get hold of Sister Sabrina or PGP Larry Holmes and they will be glad to help. I understand that many of our members are not comfortable using the internet. I wasn't either until all this hit, but this is the best way as many of us as possible can get together face to face without being in the same place. Remember these are your brothers and sisters and most would appreciate being informed on what is going on with their chapters. If we fail to keep them involved and informed they may never come back.

I would like to thank the chapter officers and Grand Chapter Officers for hanging in there for us one more year. I know some of you accepted these positions thinking you would be through by October 2020 or stepping up a notch, well "the best laid plans of mice and men". Sister Pam and I truly appreciate the sacrifices you make for our wonderful order and pray for the best as we go forward.

I wish to remind you that we are holding the basket drawing for education Halloween night Oct. 31st via zoom hosted by Larry Holmes PGP. There are still tickets available so get your donations in to sister Pam WGM. We will accept donations up until the drawing. Also, Paws and Stripes have tentatively rescheduled their banquet for April 2021.

May each of you have a happy and safe Halloween and I look forward to being with each of you in person again soon.

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you till we meet again.  
Don Sultemeier, Worthy Grand Patron

