



General Grand Chapter
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We bid you warm greetings of Thanksgiving and gratitude for your continued safety and well-being.

An old-time Country Western song has these words: "Grandpa, tell me 'bout the good old days; sometimes it feels like this world's gone crazy." Boy that sounds about right doesn't it?! But here is a better verse to hang your hat on: "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*" Proverbs 3:5-6. This gem, spoken by the Conductress the night you joined Eastern Star, is one that is especially comforting during these challenging times. Our path is a benevolent, charitable organization dedicated to helping mankind. We are blessed to have our Order where we have our principles in common so we can do good work together, despite a world that feels like its gone crazy.

We're making our way through these unsettled times of the pandemic. We applaud you for your innovative efforts for keeping members connected and involved. Some of us have learned about technology and that's not a bad thing! This current time of increased Covid numbers is worrisome. Please don't give the virus a place to call home, especially for the Holidays—please wear a face mask; wash your hands; social distance; and avoid crowds. Each and every member is a valuable member to their Chapter and our Order. There will be better times ahead because we did the right thing now even though we all wish it were different.

Thanksgiving will soon be here, followed closely by Christmas. Sisters and Brothers, you have made our unusual year a special year by your kindness, encouragement and support. Thank you, we are blessed. Our sincere best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In friendship & love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt

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Most Worthy Grand Matron



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