

## Summary of District OES Leadership Meetings held week of 4/6/2020:

Thank you one and all for attending the wonderful leadership meetings last week. If you were not able to attend, you were truly missed. As promised, we wanted to provide a recap of all the meetings to keep everyone informed. Thank you so much for all that you are doing in your districts.

This week we will be holding meetings with Secretaries to fill them in on things as well. Everyone stay safe. May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again.

Focus of the meetings:

### **Addressing Identified Concerns during this COVID-19 health situation:**

**#1 concern:** Establish and retain effective, continual communication with our members

**#2 concern:** Identify member needs and then assist with those needs

### **Discussion points from leadership:**

- Some chapter members are actively emailing one another to check in on each other
- Discussion on the value of phone calling members (near and far) since it can be more personable. Suggested that phone calls, texts, or emails be made at least a couple of times of month, if not more frequently. Some chapters are already doing a great job of keeping track of their members.
- Proposed establishing calling trees and to reach out to more than just your active members and having a designated person per each section of the calling tree that the member can specifically call if they need something
- Discussion on the value of sending cards or postcards to members. Also, it would be nice if the WM would write a letter that could be mailed by the secretary to all members, wishing them well, thoughts of encouragement, and also providing contact numbers of line officers in case the member needs anything
- Discussion on shopping for members in need and/or directing them to online services like Hello Fresh or WalMart order ahead/pick-up services
- One member has found it helpful to place a table outside on her street with food and other items on it for giveaway to people in need
- Some members working with the food pantries within churches since some of the regular food pantries have been closed
- Suggested connecting with the Master of the lodge and working with our lodges, even those lodges that don't have OES chapters associated with them.
- **Official business:**

- o Ritual oriented meetings most likely will not resume till August or later. Grand Master is probably going to have lodges closed through August. Safety is the most important message.
- o Official visits and other Grand Chapter activities are on hold until this health crisis changes, with the hopes that the remaining OV's will be able to be completed in early fall before Grand Chapter
- o Campout will still be a TBD event. WGM is hopeful, but all depends on the Governor's orders and if campgrounds are even open by then
- o If things continue with restrictions by our Governor and/or Grand Master on meeting by installation time, special plans will be addressed at that time (The MWGM is providing guidance on this and that information is posted on the special page on OESNM website under messages from our leaders [red bar under landing page video])
- o If you are concerned about meeting the "10 meeting minimum" and it turns out by the time we are able to meet again whereby that is a problem, a special dispensation will be given from the WGM.
- o Suggested that for the meetings being missed during COVID-19 to record in the minute book the phrase COVID-19 and/or "Due to the Orders of the Governor of NM, and with the Grand Master closing all lodge properties during the pandemic, meetings were not able to be held during this time." You may also use the letter sent from the Grand Master, MWGM, or WGM to include in your minute book, but this is not required/only optional.
- o If you were a Chapter that could not hold their OV during this closure "Stay at Home" order, the WGM may be requesting you send your books for review to her via mail.

### **Special Marketing Announcements:**

- **OESNM website revisions/enhancements** during this health station
  - o **New landing page design**--click on red bar under video to access messages from WGM, WGM, elected line --This is where communication will be posted for easy access
  - o **Special messages from Most Worthy Grand Matron** also posted
  - o **Chapter individual web pages** are all designed waiting for additional content. Need from chapters the following by Sunday, 4/12/20, so hopefully next Monday this part of the website can go "live" (STILL WAITING ON CONTENT FROM SEVERAL CHAPTERS)
    - § **Need horizontal photo** to use in the header of the page--This can be a picture of lodge hall. officers, service project, etc.

§ **Need message from WM/WP** or designated chapter person on how their chapter is doing during this challenging time--This message can be a message of hope, inspiration, provide information, share stories of what the chapter is doing to stay connected, service work, whatever they like (250-500 words) (This will be a public page so no personal information about specific members such as who might be sick). **Need photo to post with this message**...can be a picture of WM/WP officers, service work, chapter room...something

§ Confirm secretary's name and phone number for a potential non-member who might be interested in joining the chapter to be able to call

· **New Mexico OES members only Facebook page** More communication and fellowship activities will be posted here

o Please join this FB page and encourage others in NM OES to do the same

o Grand line messages of the day will also be posted here

o Special Facebook graphics have been designed by Sister Serina Pack for sharing on Facebook that share staying home, being safe, staying strong, alone together, ... These graphics are encouraged to be shared on your FB pages.

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