

Happy Wednesday Fellow Stars!

I have been working on getting my Grand Year set up and people assigned to various tasks. I want you to know there aren't as many spots as I need to put all you wonderful Stars in! I wish I could honor every single one of you with a Grand Appointment. I will just be content knowing you are still working hard for Eastern Star, with or without recognition.

Another project I have started is my "Covid Victory Garden". I had grand plans for that one too, given that I have plenty of farming area, but how am I to care for a huge garden when I can return to work? So I started small with the hope my Dada will help me care for the garden. We come from farmers, so we should be able to do this inherently, right?

How are you keeping busy? How are you trying to maintain sanity during these strange times? I hope you are taking advantage of this time by tackling what you can around your homes. Cleaning closets has become a good way to pass the time. Sorting photos might be a nice way to play "remember when we were not shut in our homes and isolated from the outside?" There are several different ways to keep mentally challenged and motivated even with social distancing. I have heard a few ideas and I would like you to comment on your ideas below. Some ideas include: quilting (aka mask-making), puzzles, learning a new language (several online courses are available), re-reading your favorite novels, binge watching Christmas movies, cross-stitching, etc. I know how crafty most of us are and we can use this time to make something beautiful. Also if you are mechanically inclined, do some car maintenance – I will be teaching myself brake replacement later this week – Dada's helping of course.

I hope you are all safe, fed, watered and clothed. We can all feel blessed that we have food, shelter and water. If you need help with any of those life necessities, please contact me or any other Grand Officer. Do not forget about our Benevolent fund if you are experiencing extreme hardship during this time. The application is confidential and can be initiated at any time through your Chapter Worthy Matron and Secretary. If this makes you uncomfortable, contact the head of the Benevolent Board, Richard Morris, to assist you.

Take care of yourselves, each-other and anyone else who might need a helping hand.

Until we meet again, may the good Lord bless and keep you.

Love, Beth
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