

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this message finds all healthy, safe and sane. As we reopen our businesses and try to resume our lives it is expected that this virus will continue to raise its ugly head. We must remember it is up to each of us to do what we can to keep ourselves, our families, our OES family and our neighbors safe. The time seems to drag, but we must remain diligent in our efforts to render aid where it is needed, a sympathetic ear, and advice when asked. Keep up the calls, e-mails, texts, facebook, etc. in order to keep our members, near and far, informed on what is happening in your area and what you are doing as a chapter. Don't let the business of the chapter fall by the wayside just because we are dark. Your Grand Chapter officers will do our best to keep you informed as to what we are thinking and doing to advance our order as well.



In that vane, I and the campout committee (or part of us), were able to meet at Bonito Hollow to set up for next year. As our Grand Sentinel, Brother Bob Bradshaw, informed you in his last message, we are set up for Sunday through Wednesday the 11 th through the 14th of July 2021. Hopefully we can have a more traditional gathering. We opted for the beginning of the week instead of the last as we hope to have more room and reserved sites available. The Bradshaws have a map of the campground and we hope to have it posted on the web page. If you are interested, I strongly suggest you get your reservations in now as they are very popular and generally full all summer and most are reserved a year in advance. Bob's message has the information you need to make reservations.



Sunday evening, the elected officer's Zoom we discussed many things; one of which is the district baskets. WGM Pam and I still want to hold the drawing in October. Sister Pam will be sending out a letter to your Worthy Matron and secretary with information on how you can still donate to the Education fund and how the drawing will be held so as many as possible can participate via Zoom. Also we are going to continue the all member Zooms so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Sister Sabrina so she can include you in the zoom invite.

We also discussed how we might go about chapter meetings and eventually initiations. WGM Pam has asked the secretary of each chapter to let us know how many your chapter may seat as well as your dining hall. We have only heard back from two chapters thus far and we need these numbers as we plan on how best to reopen and for future official visits. (I also need these numbers as I communicate with the Grand Lodge officers about our needs.) Without ritual and fellowship we will cease to exist as an Order.

Stay home, stay safe and if you must adventure out, don't forget your mask and remember we're like Weebles, "Weebles wobble but they don't fall down."

God Bless you all,  
Don Sulzemeier, Worthy Grand Patron