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My Sisters and Brothers,

It is my sincere hope the New Year has greeted you and your loved ones with good health and safe conditions. There is the promise of a better year ahead; however, it remains necessary to continue to do all we can to safeguard the health and safety of each and every member due to the current increases in Covid cases. Please remember—the majority of our members are at a larger risk for severe illness due to age and underlying medical conditions should they become ill. I strongly urge you to take this into consideration when thinking about holding in-person Chapter meetings and/or activities. Please continue to wear face masks.

I am writing to inform you of the cancellation of the following MWGM Official Visit trips and placing the scheduled visit to British Columbia/Yukon, Canada, on hold due to the border being closed.

Monterrey, Mexico	February 3-7, 2021	OV CANCELED
Brazil & Peru	March 1-13, 2021	OV CANCELED
Scotland & Ireland	April 5-16, 2021	OV CANCELED (Scotland canceled 2021 Session)
British Columbia & Yukon	May 23-26, 2021	ON HOLD
Australia & New Zealand	June 1-11, 2021	OV CANCELED (Australia canceled 2021 Session)
Bolivia	July 2-4, 2021	OV CANCELED

It is unfortunate the circumstances of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic have made it necessary to cancel these trips and to place the scheduled visit to British Columbia/Yukon on hold.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the wonderful, uplifting messages I received throughout 2020. They always arrived just when I needed them the most and I sincerely thank you. I am blessed in many ways, with a special blessing that my family and I are safe and healthy with no Covid.

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."

--Rainer Maria Rilke

In friendship & love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt Most Worthy Grand Matron

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