

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In times of challenge and times of distress, we look for answers as we look for direction. As we look, we see around us images we find not so kind, not so endearing, not so honor ridden. Answers seem to drift even further away from our soul's hands that yearn for the quieter days of peace and solace the more we listen to the news or experience firsthand the toils of our times.

Yet, let us be reassured that today is a new day and in the dawning days to come there will be relief. There will be comfort achieved through the strides we have walked through these troubling times. Though today not all the vision has been defined, be assured our unfaltering trueness to character and with the virtue of love, coupled with the guiding hand of grace, we will endure. Solutions will be explored, resolutions chartered, and stability and peace found. It may not happen tomorrow, or even in a year, but it will happen. Hold your faith. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "We may all come in different ships, but we're all in the same boat now."

In offering words of hope, I encourage you to reach out to your OES sisters and brothers and in those conversations set aside political party and views, set aside discussions of violence, and return to commonality. Find strength in our OES bonds and the virtues of our Order. Share stories of hope, love, and fidelity. Leave behind for a moment those troubling scenes and instances of great concern from our world, while taking a deep breath, and speak of joy and times of unity. From each other, we can gain strength, support, and even renewal.

Positivity is in its own right a virtue. Impart that in your life. Practice positive talk. And as the Dalai Lama shared, "In order to carry a positive action, we must develop a positive vision." Together we can help each other form that positive vision.

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