

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope all is well in your world. A year ago tomorrow was the official visit for Silver City #3 and Georgetown #4. They were the last two official visits in 2020. Who would have believed that here, a year later, we would still be waiting to complete our visits or even see each other in person.

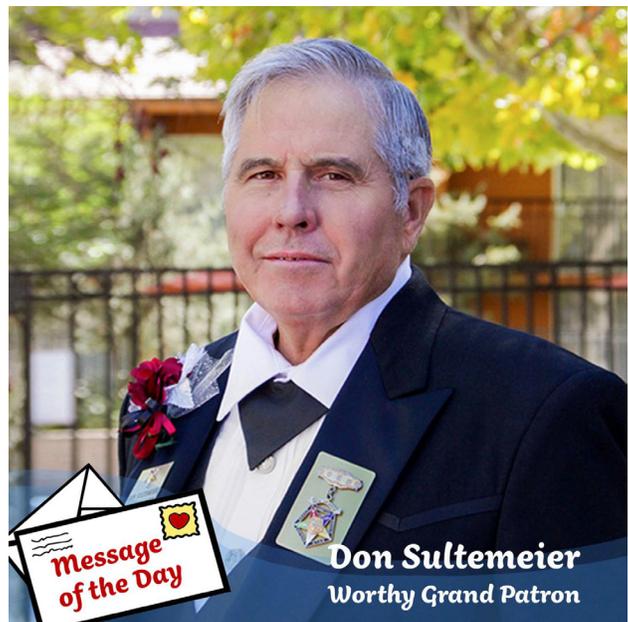
Even though we have not been able to meet in our chapter rooms, does not mean we have been idle. We, as Eastern Stars, have continued to do what we do. We have stayed in touch with our sisters and brothers. We have worked together to see to the needs of our communities in many ways and have been able to have some money-making projects to cover expenses and continue donations to our charities. For these efforts I applaud you.

Your Grand Chapter Officers have also been busy working in their chapters as well as staying in touch through phone calls, cards, facebook, the web page, and zoom. We have posted 170 messages of encouragement on the web page since the shutdown.

In April we initiated weekly zoom meetings for the elected Grand Officers. We felt these were such a success, we expanded to the Worthy Matrons and Patrons, the secretaries, and treasurers, and finally several all member zooms. Sister Debbi Huffman, who does our facebook page, has hosted many watch parties where members can get together and share movies, music, and information. Sister Debbi also spearheaded the use of social media in Ohio and hosts Turquoise Chapter zoom business meetings.

This all leads up to the trio of special all-member zoom meetings which we initiated in February. On February 21st, we opened our first all-member meeting with just over 60 members in attendance. We asked the star points to present a talk about the heroine they represent, then, had break out sessions to learn how to use the various functions of a zoom meeting.

We have our next all-member get together March 21st at 4:00 p.m. where we will continue to improve our zoom skills and have fun together. This all adds up to our mini conference on April 24th. All the information for these meetings is on our web page under special messages (red bar) registration, required, is at the bottom of the green bars. If you need to register by phone or email, contact our Grand Conductress Sabrina Pack or Brother Larry Holmes PGP and they will sign you up and send you the contact information. If your internet is weak or you're not comfortable with the computer and wish to join us, get with a chapter member who is going to join us and are willing to have you in their home for the meeting. Also remember new members and prospective members are also welcome, so please include them.



As the vaccine continues to be distributed, and restrictions are lifted, we hope to resume official visits and hold Grand Chapter in November. How this plays out remains to be announced. Remember, we must follow the Grand Masters ruling and the Masters of our Lodges wishes, until the time we can again meet in person, stay safe and keep the faith.

I don't normally do this, but this is too good to pass up from Sister and brother Jo and Ronnie Orr:

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children (back when we were able to send them to school), while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing God!"

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like!" Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute!"

Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Don Sultemeier

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