

Sisters and Brothers,

Can you believe it's been a year that we've been cooped up and wearing masks? This year has sure flown by. And yes, I'm learning to enjoy a much simpler life.

In February, I was honored to be invited to attend a Zoom meeting for Grand Warders from jurisdictions around the world. I was among twenty Grand Warders from around the US, Canada, Bolivia, and Italy. When I connected I heard "Hi Jaimee!". It was great to see my friend Herb Carr, who is currently the Grand Warder of Colorado. We were in the Mountain Splendor Grand Family of Colorado together in 2015-2016. A familiar face is always comforting, and he immediately put me at ease. We all had a great time socializing for about an hour and trying to involve Baldo from Sicily, who spoke very little English. We plan to meet again soon and hopefully we can get more jurisdictions to join us.

As of the beginning of February, I'm back working on campus at Fort Lewis College two days per week, and at home the other days. As much as I miss saving a whole lot of money on gas (I live about 25 miles out of town), it has been nice seeing faces again. I'm also planning another trip to Mexico next week with my twin sister, Aimee (a Deputy Grand Matron in Texas).

On another note, I received my covid vaccine last Saturday. My family and I already had covid back in December, and I'm waiting to donate convalescent plasma in April, but I felt like getting the vaccine was a responsible decision. I've had no side effects to speak of and my arm is feeling better. If you haven't received yours yet, I hope that you'll be able to get one soon. We've had a smooth vaccine rollout up here in the Durango area.



Sincerely,  
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