

Sisters and Brothers,

I bring you “Greetings” from the southern part of the Land of Enchantment! It is also the windy part of the Land of Enchantment. It is that time of the year. I hope you all are well and enjoying life.

Yesterday, Sunday, April 18th, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron hosted the OES New Mexico Coming Together Mini-Conference. It was a truly enjoyable three hours! Dignitaries from General Grand Chapter and many states and Canada were welcomed. Our Grand Chaplain presented an opening Invocation and the Grand Marshal gave a tribute to the Flag of the United States. Past Grand Patron, Larry Holmes, shared Red Skelton’s video of the Pledge of Allegiance. It was inspiring! The Star Point Table Lodge was performed by the Grand Officers followed by information relating to the Paws and Stripes Silent Auction to be held at the end of the Mini-Conference.

Three break-out sessions were conducted during the second hour of the Conference, a fun Bingo session, a session for new members and prospective members and a OES Marketing session.

The final hour of the Mini-Conference was dedicated to a service for fifty year plus members and a memorial service for deceased Eastern Star members. The winners of the silent auction were announced. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron ended the Mini-Conference with messages of inspiration.

An Official Visit schedule has been prepared and Grand chapter scheduled for October 2021. This schedule is dependent on the pandemic status.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are to be honored for their efforts and dedication to bringing us together during this trying and difficult year.

We are so fortunate to have technology, such as Zoom, that has enabled our Organization to continue to function and move forward. Sadly, this technology has not been available to all Eastern Star members in New Mexico. It is of prime importance that we take care to be safe and healthy ourselves so that we may maintain the health of our State and the health of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully,  
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