

Greetings NM Grand Chapter Members and friends,

I hope many of you were able to join us for the Mini-Conference we had via Zoom a week ago. It was amazing to see so many people attended (92!) and I believe most of us were there from the beginning to the end. There were 28+ attendees registered from places other than NM. The tech committee did a fabulous job of taking us to the 'places' we need to be when we needed to be there. I enjoyed the table lodge and had positive comments from some of our visitors on several of the sessions. Our tribute to those we have lost since Grand Chapter was very simple and very touching. The tribute to our 50+ members was interesting about what was happening before 1971. The three sessions on zoom bingo, information for new or interested members and marketing were all well attended, and I bet everyone learned something new.



Zooming has been a great way to contact members and there may be some conversations to consider zooming regularly to be more in touch with our members who live far away or cannot attend meetings. For the chapters who only meet once a month, you might consider having a Zoom time for a second meeting. Those who are not able to get to meetings might like to see you for a business and/or social time once a month. As always, if you are having a business only meeting via zoom, you could read the ritual opening before the meeting to get your mind in the groove for what OES is about and enjoy your Zoom visit even more.



The MWGM has released us from the instructions she communicated when all of this started to keep us healthy. But that does not release us from the state requirements. The Grand Master will be putting out his Edict #2 fairly soon. That will help us with direction in the lodges and Don and I will put out procedures we feel are necessary for the chapters asap.

For those chapters that have been able to meet in person please share how that went! I would imagine that it was difficult to maintain masks, social distancing (being the hardest), and sanitizing. I am sure you did a good job!

WE WILL BE STARTING OFFICIAL VISITS ON MAY 15th in Los Alamos. Please come if you can but be sure you let the chapter know. They have put out the registration so they can be sure and not exceed the capacity in their lodge. The other official visit will be scheduled when and where we can. Keep an eye out for those you might want to attend. We would love for each visit to be at capacity for the space available.

Star Love and Hugs,

Pam,

WGM

Laugh loudly, Forgive freely, Touch often, Pray daily

