

Greetings NM OES Members and Friends,

YEA! We have completed 2 of our official visits in the last 10 days with Los Alamos #63 and Queen Esther #1. Both chapters did a great job, and we are working on the details with the Worthy Matrons as their visits come up regarding masks, social distancing, and sanitizing as it seems to change often these days. That is however a good thing, and we are happy to do what we can depending on the latest guidance and requirements to keep our COVID numbers on the decline.

The state still has our organization listed as a large gathering so we have restrictions that apply to us. Everyone is turquoise except Roswell, but hopefully they will be also very soon.

1. Masks will be worn by everyone in the room so we protect our members that have not or cannot received the vaccine.

2. Social distancing is still 6 ft. but they are allowing students a range of 3 ft. I think when we are not facing each other that 3 ft., with masks, will keep us safe. If the Master of the Lodge or the Worthy Matron prefers to maintain the 6 ft. distance in your chapter, please do so. If the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are both vaccinated, and all the necessary time has elapsed, they do not have to sit 6 ft. apart and therefore may both occupy the East. Same criteria for the Associate Matron and the Associate Patron. Masks still apply.

3. Both visits used the outer ring of the star points for the prayer circle and raised hands instead of holding hands. They also had the candidate follow the Conductress at the 3 ft. distance which I think will work for new initiates as well if the purpose keep us explained to them in advance. Please consider this as a suggestion for your initiations.

If you have already had your Official Visit I hope you will come see us at another near you. Thanks for what all of you have done to keep us as healthy as possible.

Star Love and Hugs,
Pam - WGM

