



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Unfortunately, due to the recent upturn in new variant Covid cases and member health concern, we need to postpone our first Official Visit that **was to happen on January 8, 2022** at Turquoise Chapter # 71.

In consultation between the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Turquoise Chapter and Brother Jeff and I, this decision was made in response to several members expressing concerns. The greatest concern is that during the Official Visit and meal, we would be in very close proximity to each other. The configuration of the fellowship/dining room at the Lodge with limited airflow and space for social distancing, it is felt that few would feel safe attending the Official Visit. Stacked onto these concerns, are the few who might be exposed or get sick over the holidays and then unintentionally pass the virus along in a confined meeting area.

We are hoping that with a little bit of extra time after the holidays, the virus scare and peak will lessen and we will be able to meet for our Official Visits scheduled for the next weekend.

Turquoise's Official Visit is **rescheduled for June 4, 2022**. More Information will come from Turquoise in due time. At this time, we do not have any other information that would cause postponement any other Official Visits.

The Board of Grand Trustees will be moving their meeting from Friday, January 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm to **TBD**. This meeting will be held via Zoom and the invitations will be forthcoming from Grand Trustee Chairman, Dan Sutcliffe.

As far as we know, pending any shutdowns or Edicts from the Worshipful Grand Master, Adah Chapter #5 will still be initiating new members on Friday evening January 7, 2022. Stay tuned for any further updates.

We intend to keep our members safe and healthy. Brother Jeff and I will strive to accommodate members' concerns about gathering in larger groups for Official Visits. Let us all pay close attention to our health and the health of others. During this time of health concerns, we need to respect those around us. We also need to remember that our most important lesson and the most significant principle we should live by is "Let us Love One Another."

Brother Jeff and I hope to see you in Alamogordo on Friday January 14th for the Official Visit of Alamo #11. May You and Yours be Blessed this Holiday Season! Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Beth McKown

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Chapter of New Mexico