

Grand Chapter of Nebraska



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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Nebraska Eastern Star,

You are loved! You are valuable to and valued by your family, your extended family, your community, and especially your Chapter and the Order of Eastern Star. We are privileged to share this Order with you, have taken the same Obligation and serve beside you. We respect you and take very seriously our relationship with you. We pray daily for each Chapter and each member. We pray for your health, wellness and ability to live with joy.

Our chapters are to remain closed to meetings and events through the month of July. We continue to monitor closely the state and local guidelines, restrictions and cases across Nebraska regarding Covid-19 and believe it is in the best interest of our members to not return to meetings at this time. Even though we will not meet in July we do believe it is time to begin the preparations and communications that will guide our return to chapter meetings. Our members and buildings will need some preparations in order to safely return to meeting, let's begin these plans and preparations.

When we return to meetings, our restart will be implemented in phases allowing time to see how the virus is being contained within our state and communities and the effects of openings of facilities, small events, worship, and some businesses. Phase 1 will be our opening process and the guidelines for returning to stated meetings. As public health conditions improve and our ability to be together safely is proven, we will move into Phase 2. Phase 3 will follow as the process continues successfully and public and individual health appear more stable. Our hopeful goal is to reach a new normal that promotes our individual and public health. Enclosed you will find detailed information and guidelines outlining how to begin the preparations to return to meetings. Please process the information and disperse it to your members. These guidelines will be shared with each chapter via email, on facebook and posted on our website. Please print from the electronic documents as needed for distribution and communication.

We acknowledge that while we are a unified Grand Chapter, the needs and conditions of all chapters are not alike. The guidelines are designed to protect our members. If your chapter has unique needs, concerns, or questions that are not addressed to your satisfaction in this information and these guidelines, please communicate directly with the Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Grand Chapter requests and to this public health process. We pray you are well and will stay free of the virus and disease. By maintaining another month of social distancing we will hopefully continue to protect each other and promote the health and safety of all of our members.

Again, please pay your bills in a timely manner. Document each transaction and disbursement accurately and thoroughly. If you have specific questions regarding an item of business or procedure, please ask. July is not a month with a great deal of routine business before us. Please practice common sense and practicality. We want roadblocks to be few and far between.

Please continue to communicate as effectively as possible with your members. It is such a blessing to receive a phone call, an email, US mail, or message from our members. Encourage your Chapters' members; offer to assist as able and safe. Gather as many email addresses from your members as possible. Build your contact list to increase your ability to share communications. Encourage members to join Nebraska Order of Eastern Star Facebook page. It is a great tool to receive updates, communications, stay in touch with our chapters and members across Nebraska. Does your chapter have a Facebook page? If yes, please share its existence on our Nebraska Facebook page so that others can join. If no, maybe it is a good time for your chapter to consider one. It is important to stay in touch. Our mental health depends on connecting with each other, sharing joy and seeing what is happening beyond our own walls.

It is our ongoing honor and privilege to serve you. We pray for the wisdom and courage to find the paths through this crisis that God is blessing and on which He is calling us to serve.

Star love and enduring hope,

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