

Grand Chapter of Nebraska



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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Nebraska Eastern Star,

As we move into the month of April, we want to address our Chapters' meetings and events for the month of May. We ask that you continue to practice social distancing and refrain from gathering, meeting or hosting events through the month of May. Stated and special meetings again for the coming month are to be cancelled to allow for the mitigation process slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Thank you for your faithfulness to this request and to this public health process. We pray you are well and will stay free of the virus. 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.

Bills that are recurring or budgeted do not require a majority vote of your chapter for the timely disbursement of the funds to pay those bills. Refer to your chapter bylaws for specifics applying to your chapter's bills. Please see that the bills of your chapters (rent, utilities) are paid in a timely manner. Document each transaction and disbursement accurately and thoroughly (*Section 101. USE OF FUNDS .A Chapter or any group within a Chapter may appropriate funds to assist In obtaining, maintaining and furnishing a Masonic Hall in which meetings are held and funds may be used for charitable purposes and to support DeMolay International, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters International and other community programs. No Chapter funds shall be paid out without approval of the members of the Chapter at any stated meeting of the Chapter, except those amounts specified in the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter or the Bylaws of the Chapter.*)

Scholarships will be awarded. Please submit to the Grand Chapter office before May 1. Our students need us more than ever. Award and present your scholarships in a public health aware manner, yet please include as much joy and publicity as possible. We all are eager to be aware of our successes. Our Masonic Youth groups will each have a recipient to receive our Grand Chapter Scholarships as well.

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.

Are you sewing masks? A number of our members are and we are trying to gather the information about how many of our members are sewing and then share where the masks are going and the quantities. Please let me know😊

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. It continues to be our fervent desire to enhance our relationships and opportunities to serve for all members.

Star love and enduring hope,

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