May 15, 2020

Sisters and Brothers:

We have embarked on a unique year. However, this is not the first time in the history of Washington that a grand family has served for two years. It also happened during World War II due to travel restrictions.

Our hearts go out to Darlene, Bob, and their grand family. This is not what any of us wanted to happen. Hopefully by June 2021 things will be back to normal enough that we will be having Grand Chapter and we will enjoy passing the torch. Hopefully, we won’t have to wait until May to start hearing some of those announcements!!

Much of this year will be shared by either Darlene and myself or we may have the opportunity to include Charlie and Bob with some of the activities. Chapter books still need to be audited and Darlene has invited me to join her. I look forward to time to visit with her and with your chapter secretaries and treasurers.

As soon as we are allowed to start meeting I am going to work on a calendar of where we can go and who we can visit. This calendar will be shared so that others can join us as we pop in for a good time. No irregularities to note, just fun and fellowship with you, the membership.

I am asking that each district come up with a fun activity once a larger number is allowed. It can be a dinner, a dance, bunco, etc. I want this to be something that you, your families, and friends can attend. Think of someone who you would like to see join Eastern Star. The grand family will be encouraged to attend and we all can help in promoting membership. Let us know about fun annual events you already are planning. We would love to join in on as many things as we can.
If you have an annual event on the schedule that normally has honored the grand family in the past and you would still like to have the event, we’d love to share the time with you. It just isn’t necessary to honor us again. If you have in your budget to donate to our charities that would be acceptable. Get your date on our calendar ASAP.

Once March, 2021 rolls around we will make-up those activities that had to be cancelled. There are so many special luncheons and dinners that we missed doing. We will be using the dates that Darlene had confirmed on her calendar. Hands Across the Border will be the earlier date, April 24th, that has been set. Oregon has stepped up and wants a redo of what was going to happen this year. The earlier date was set due to Saskatchewan and Manitoba expressing interest in joining us at the event, so start working on your fashions for a “Rock and Roll” event through the decades.

I know we are all getting tired of staying at home. We are looking forward to those dates when we can get back together again. The MWGM Marianne Shenefelt has instructed us to not shake hands or hug. I know that will be hard for us, but we need to comply. Full instructions for Chapter meeting – Covid-19 restriction from General Grand will be posted on the website. Until then be patient, prayerful and kind. Help in ways that you can.

The Heartsong Grand Family looks forward to being with you soon. Take care and make sure to wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer if water isn’t available and make sure to keep your ‘social distancing’ in check. (Oh by the way, if you don’t have a mask, you should probably get one and wear it properly).

Star love, (air hugs and kisses coming your way)

*Pamela Lee*

*Worthy Grand Matron*