

Message from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Sisters and Brothers,

We all know the challenges and the very real threat this virus has placed on the lives of each and everyone of us as well as the economic devastation it has caused. Unemployment is at historic levels, infections and deaths continue, albeit flattening and declining in some places while still increasing in others. This all leads to considerable uncertainty in our ability to confidently plan for a successful and safe Grand Chapter this year.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I, along with the Executive Committee, spent numerous hours gathering data, reviewing statistics, reading the CDC and Governor's directives, and doing our best to break down the issues at hand to understand our options as we lead your Grand Chapter through these difficult times. This included conversations with other Grand Jurisdictions as well as government, business, and community leaders. To date, 42 of the 59 Grand Chapters around the world have taken action to postpone and cancel their Grand Chapters.

Today, May 19, 2020, the eight elective officers of Grand Chapter, constituting its Corporate Board of Directors, met to discuss the current Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on our membership and the operations of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

After much consideration and well-informed discussion, and with a heavy heart your Corporate Board voted unanimously to take the following action:

In consideration of, the health and safety of our membership, the Covid-19 Executive Order GA-23 issued May 18, 2020 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and in accordance with Article X, Section 1. b. of the Constitution and Laws of The Grand Chapter of Texas, the Corporate Board of Directors has voted to cancel the currently scheduled 138th session of Grand Chapter slated for August 6-9 in Waco, TX until a time and place to be determined by the Corporate Board at a later date.

This is not a decision that any of us take lightly, but we all agreed that this is in the best interest of Grand Chapter at this time. The Corporate Board will continue to meet and work together to do the work of Grand Chapter under these new conditions.

This action in no way affects the workings or ongoing activities of subordinate chapters in this jurisdiction and should not be construed as action to postpone or change the normal yearly transition of officers within each subordinate chapter as prescribed by our Constitution and Code of Laws.

Registration fees are non-refundable but they will be held for when the session is rescheduled.

Sisters & Brothers, continue to pray for this Grand Chapter, BELIEVE that God is in charge, be steadfast in your faith and know that our strength comes from Him alone.

Fraternally and with Star Love,

Linda Rose Winn-Christenson, Worthy Grand Matron, 2019-2020

Paul M. Garner, Worthy Grand Patron, 2019-2020