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To: All Texas OES Chapters

RE: Number of Members allowed at a meeting

Sisters and Brothers,

After contacting a source who has a close working relationship with the Governor's office I have been assured the rule on groups of 10 or fewer at a meeting does not apply to all Texas Chapters, we considered to in the under the 50 percent of normal capacity rule. **The exception to the 50 percent rule is in either counties or cities which have restrictions on meetings with smaller numbers such as Harris and Travis Counties. There may be additional counties or cities with restrictions. All Chapters must contact your local government regarding restrictions on the number of people allowed at a meeting in your area prior to holding meetings. Most cities and counties rules can be found online or call your local city or county offices to determine if there are additional rules or restrictions.**

Each area of the state is unique in the number of cases reported and the ability to care for a higher number of people needing hospitalization or urgent care. I urge all members to wear a face mask in Chapter unless in one of the exempted categories, wash or sanitize hands and surfaces and maintain a safe social distance unless from the same household. If you are uncomfortable or feel unsafe attending your chapter please do not feel pressured to attend for any reason. I wish to stress once again, no meeting or rule is as important as the health and wellbeing of a member.

There will be no penalty or consequences for any Chapter which fails to hold a meeting due to a failure to have a quorum during the restrictions due to Covid-19. A chapter cannot cancel a meeting however if you are aware your chapter will not have a quorum the Chapter may go dark, the Worthy Matron or Secretary should notify members to that effect.

Let us take this time to reflect, reconnect and reunite with family, friends and our OES Sisters and Brothers. Remember a strong and positive attitude can bring about miracles if you only BELIEVE.

Sincerely,
Linda Rose Winn-Christenson
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