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December 28, 2020

To: All Texas OES Chapters

RE: Chapter Meetings

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Due to the continuing rise in Covid-19 numbers and influenza cases throughout Texas, I urge all subordinate Chapters to seriously consider suspending meetings until the threat of Covid-19 and the flu decreases. While a chapter cannot legally cancel meetings, a meeting cannot be held if there is not a legal quorum. If a Chapter has business such as approving payment of bills or other items to be approved, our MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefelt has stated this can be accomplished via a Zoom or other electronic meeting of members. However, only basic Chapter business may be conducted in this fashion. Balloting, Initiations, Installations, Programs etc. may not be conducted in this type of meeting. If a Chapter's members have limited knowledge or access to electronic meetings, either an email or telephone vote may be held to approve necessary business. A quorum must still be present during any meeting, including any electronic meetings. No member should be encouraged or coerced to attend an in-person meeting just to make a quorum if they are

uncomfortable doing so. NO meeting is as important as the health, safety, and wellbeing of the membership.

I am not suspending all meetings at this time as I realize there are some Chapters in areas where the threat is low. However, I encourage all Worthy Matrons and Chapters to put the health and safety of their membership first and make it their highest priority. My goal is to be certain the membership of Texas is safe and well so we may continue the work of the Order in the future.

Let us continue to love one another and have contact via telephone, cards, email, or social media. Isolation is very detrimental to one's health however, staying home, avoiding crowds and being safe is vital at the present time.

My best wishes and prayers for a New Year filled with God's blessings for all members and our world.

Please consider, 1 Corinthians 16:14 - ***Let all that you do be done in love,*** in all your actions toward others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda R. Winn-Christenson".

Linda Rose Winn-Christenson  
Worthy Grand Matron  
2019-2021

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