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To: Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES

Texas Governor Gregg Abbott has declared a Public Health Disaster for the State of Texas and President Trump has declared a National Emergency. The CDC has urged organizations that serve high-risk populations (those over age 60) to cancel gatherings of more than 10 people; and additionally, urge people to forgo attending non-essential gatherings in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

I hereby direct all Order of the Eastern Star Chapters in the state of Texas to suspend all Chapter and social meetings until further notice. I understand this has created major issues for many Chapter meetings and upcoming social events, but these burdens are being felt by all organizations, citizens, and businesses in our nation. I hope and pray this health crisis will be over in a week or two and that all meetings and events may resume as soon as prudently possible.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and any new information will be posted on our Grand Chapter Website as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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

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