



# Grand Chapter of Virginia O. E. S.

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Dear Worthy Grand Warder, General Grand Chapter Appointees, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Members of Subordinate Chapters, Sisters and Brothers:

Due to the most recent events involving the Coronavirus pandemic, the Grand Master of Virginia has suspended all stated communications until April 30, 2020. This suspension applies to all **building rentals, Youth organizations, and any other appendant bodies, which meet in any Masonic Lodge building beholden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia.**

An Eastern Star Chapter that feels it is safe enough to have a small gathering of a quorum of seven in another location to elect and install the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron before March 31<sup>st</sup>, may do so without a dispensation and fee. Some Chapters have arranged to hold their Chapter's meeting in a member's home to meet this deadline date. To do so, you would need a quorum of seven members, including one of the first four line-officers, the Chapter Charter, badges, emblems, and a Bible to be used on the Altar. (See Ritual, page 166 for quorum information.) If you have questions on this procedure, please contact me directly.

Annual reports and Capitation tax are due to the Grand Secretary by March 31, 2020. If you have not had your Election of Officers or Installation, please note that on your report. All Chapters should continue to pay their bills. At your next stated meeting, all payments will need to be approved by the members.

These times are uncertain and moving rapidly. It is of utmost importance that you take care of yourself and your family. Try to reach out by phone or e-mail to our most vulnerable members who are already socially isolated. Remember, you are not expected to jeopardize your health or safety for your Chapter. Please practice all the precautionary measures that have been reported. We will continue to follow the update on this virus and reevaluate this situation on how to handle Chapter meetings in the coming months.

May the Lord continue to bless us with smiles on our faces and love in our hearts.

Sincerely & fraternally,



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