



# Grand Chapter of Virginia O. E. S.

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My Sisters and Brothers,

I pray that all of you are staying in, healthy and well. We all are having to make many adjustments to our normal daily routines. There is much uncertainty which makes us have lots of questions about our beloved Order.

First, let me say that the safety of our members is the most important. Sometimes when we have time on our hands, we think up lots of questions. I understand that some of you are anxious about Grand Chapter, as am I. I understand that some may not think that I am communicating enough. If you feel this way, I assure you that your Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Chair of Jurisprudence are working very hard to ensure that the best decisions are being made for our Grand Chapter.

Second, during this time of uncertainty, when every time you tune in to the media, you hear a new report. It is important to listen to our leaders and adhere to their recommendations. As your Eastern Star leader, I recommend that you follow the regulations for health and safety for you and your family, practice patience, and do not think about Grand Chapter right now. Focus on the people and caring for each other.

Third, we are thinking strategically and planning our options. In the history of the Grand Chapter of VA, there has only been one time when our Grand Chapter session had to be canceled--that was during WWII. We have never had to deal with a Worldwide Health Emergency, so you can imagine that we have no rules and regulations specific to our current circumstances. Our goal is to have a Grand Chapter Session

Finally, I would not be the leader that you elected if I panicked, made snap decisions, reported without due diligence and supporting documentation, and then had to rescind decisions that create confusion. I choose to be patient, hold the line, and report only when the information is necessary. I look to God for guidance. I pray that you will respect this decision and support your Grand Chapter.

May the Lord bless you with a smile on your face and love in your heart.

Sincerely & fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robbin C. Hall".

Robbin C. Hall  
Worthy Grand Matron

