



GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, INC.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is our honor and privilege to be addressing you as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Pennsylvania's Order of the Eastern Star; and especially so to our Sisters and Brothers who have remained faithful to the precepts of our Order in the past year and one-half, by displaying charity and loving kindness to our members in multiple ways. Brother Jeff and I bring our best wishes to you as you begin this new term in your Chapter meetings and look forward to greeting and meeting you on the OES trail.

This new year will bring about many challenges for our Chapters to start our normal meeting procedures. As of July 1, 2021, we will observe all COVID guidelines outlined by the Commonwealth and the Grand Lodge. Specifically, our Chapter meetings may begin in full Ritualistic form with 100% occupancy if you meet in a Masonic Lodge. The Freemasons no longer require a signed form to enter their buildings, and PA OES will also no longer require signed consent forms be signed to attend an event or meeting, but all previously signed copies should still be retained for a period of four (4) years. Masks will no longer be required to be worn **EXCEPT** for those members who are NOT vaccinated, or those members who feel safer by wearing a mask. Hand sanitization will not be required, but is a good idea to continue; isn't it always? Full Ritualistic form, with singing and serving of refreshments at the conclusion of meetings, should return.

Zoom meetings will no longer be in effect, and the Constitution and Law, and Standard Floor Work, will be observed in all fashion. With every member's cooperation, and working together, this year WILL be successful in returning to our Order's goals of charity work for ourselves and our communities.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest. Anonymous

Please be sure this information is shared with all Chapter members and especially your Worthy Matron. I have the upmost Faith in our membership to continue our meetings and continue our committees' work "to accomplish our charitable purposes."

With A Song in Our Hearts,

Linda E. Watson, Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, Worthy Grand Patron

