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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gill Greene, and I would like to extend our greetings to all of you in these very unsure, and for some of us, anxious events. We would just like for all of you to know that we are with you in the same boat. I believe the toughest part of all of this is to convince ourselves when we have a need and may be less comfortable in reaching out to our fellow sisters and brothers for help. A personal note of advise... don't be. Part of being in the Order comes with the comfort in knowing that we can reach out to fellow members who are more than willing to give assistance; it is what we do in the Order of the Eastern Star.

One way to assist in passing the time is to assist Masonicare in the making of facemasks for its healthcare workers. Sister Janet Berry, PGM, is spearheading this project. Details for the project can be found on the CTOES website and in messaging through "Star Matters". It seems that stitchers across the country are making facemasks for healthcare workers, friends and family on this truly "Piece-Makers" project!

This has indeed been a very non-traditional Grand Chapter year. It will end with a Grand Chapter Session, but on a level with very little of the traditional pomp and ceremony. It is necessary in order to keep our sisters and brothers safest, even without governmental instruction. We have been provided guidance from the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of OES on how to best conduct this year's session. We have also been advised from the Board of Directors and the Jurisprudence Committee on how work through these seemingly unprecedented events.

I want to acknowledge the very hard work of the Grand Secretary, Sister Marilyn C. Mattoon, PGM and the Grand Treasurer, Brother Paul H. Rice, PGP in closing the grand chapter books for this year. Sister Marilyn has been working overtime in fielding questions and concerns from members within and outside of Connecticut and I truly appreciate her efforts. I also want to thank the President of the Board of Directors, Sister Madolyn E. Morgan, PGM in her close advisement on how to approach these matters.

For now, keep moving forward and try to keep smiling. Bear in mind that we have to look ahead of us to go forward and not behind us. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for peace and serenity. We hope to see you all in the near future.

In fraternal Star love,

Jennifer L. Willich
Worthy Grand Matron