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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Brother David, Worthy Grand Patron, and I hope this letter finds you well, keeping safe, and staying healthy, during these trying times.

Our Governor, Janet Mills, just a few weeks ago, set out a plan to reopen Maine in stages. Each stage outlined the size of gatherings as follows: Stage 1, (May) allows gatherings of no more than 10 people. Stage 2, (June) allows gatherings of no more than 50 people, and Stage 3, (July and August) also allowing gatherings of no more than 50 people. At every stage, it is recommended that all at-risk people should stay home when possible.

After much consideration and with the health, safety, and welfare of our membership foremost in my mind, the decision has been made to postpone the 128th "Cup of Kindness" Grand Chapter session in May of 2020. The session will be held in its entirety in May 2021.

The Grand Officers will remain in their respective stations until elections and installation are held at the Grand Chapter Session in May 2021. Also, the committees, appointed and elected, will remain the same with the finances of Grand Chapter handled by the Finance committee. Any monies paid to the Convener by the members and visitors will be returned. I will call a Special Meeting sometime in November. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on a budget and other matters such as per capita and Grand Chapter insurance coverage. Information will come out on a later date on this matter.

In "Star" love and friendship,

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Subordinate Chapters of Maine:

Beginning in June with gatherings allowed for up to 50 people, Chapters will be allowed to hold meetings as long as the State of Maine conditions are met. This will of course include social distancing and wearing masks. This will allow chapters to hold annual meetings, election of officers, and installations if they so choose. I strongly recommend and encourage you not to have refreshments and meals at these events to decrease the amount of time spent near each other. In keeping with my earlier words about our at-risk members I urge all Worthy Matrons to consider their membership when thinking about holding a meeting.

There will be no Official Visits for the 2020 year. The District Deputy Grand Matrons will be available to instruct and will confer with me regarding any questions you may have.

I would encourage our members to stay in touch with each other during these unprecedented times.

The Grand Family has held a couple Zoom meetings to see each other and talk, as have some of our subordinate chapters to stay in touch. If any chapters do this, Brother David and I would love to be invited. We enjoy seeing your faces and hearing your voices.

In closing, as our Most Worthy Grand Matron's letter stated, let us stay connected, be kind and loving, keep our members one and all in your prayers.

In "Star" love and friendship,

Worthy Grand Matron

