



General Grand Chapter  
Order of the Eastern Star

## TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

April 18, 2020

Sisters and Brothers,

It seems the world has become an unfamiliar place as we experience the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting health and safety guidelines that are in effect around the world.

This "new world" has brought with it some very difficult decisions needing to be made by everyone, myself included. I am disappointed and sad that circumstances are such that it is necessary for me, with the support of MWGP Brother Henry, to make the cancellations listed below. These decisions have been made for the protection of the health and safety of the membership near and far.

**CANCELLED:** MWGM's Honor Night and Official Visit – Honor Night scheduled Wednesday, August 5, 2020, and Official Visit, Cheyenne, Wyoming. **PLEASE NOTE: Wyoming Grand Chapter has not been cancelled.**

**CANCELLED:** Aruba – MWGM's Official Visit scheduled July 16-19, 2020.

**CANCELLED:** Germany – MWGM's Official Visits to Subordinate Chapters of Germany scheduled September 8-16, 2020.

**CANCELLED:** Romania – MWGM's Official Visits to Subordinate Chapters of Romania scheduled September 17-21, 2020.

**CANCELLED:** Italy – MWGM's Official Visit to the Grand Chapter of Italy scheduled September 24-27, 2020.

We are proud of all of you who are doing your part by responsibly observing the stay-at-home and social distancing guidelines. This is a TOUGH assignment for any Eastern Star! Thank you for putting the health and safety of the membership first, especially that of our beloved older members who are the most vulnerable among us.

Sisters and Brothers, when we can *safely* begin again, let us return to the Eastern Star of old and begin anew. "A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn." --unknown

In friendship and love,

Attested:

*Marianne R. Shenefelt*

Marianne Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

*Henry S. Martin*

Henry S. Martin  
Most Worthy Grand Patron

*Alma Lynn Bane*

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary