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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are very excited to be able to greet you as MWGM and MWGP as we Let Eastern Star Animate our Lives this year. We hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing summer and are ready to get back in full swing. There are many fun and exciting events planned and we hope to see you at as many of these as possible.

Now that the pandemic is over, our lives are slowly getting back to normal. We know that COVID-19, like the flu, will be around and we need to take extra precautions if we are feeling ill. With these things in mind, it has been decided that, as of October 1, 2023, the quorum will be increased to 7 members. All chapter secretaries are asked to report the number of chapter members in attendance at all meetings to their District Deputies in order that we may see how we may help those chapters that are unable to meet this requirement Chapter 29.1(f) of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations sets the number for quorum at nine. We need to get back to obeying our law or look to amend the law at our next Grand Session. It is hoped that by January 1, 2024, all chapters will be able to comply with the law and we can go back to a quorum of 9.

All questions or concerns should be addressed to your District Deputy. Let us keep the positive momentum going as we attempt to create beauty all around us. Remember that life is a canvas; go out and paint yourself many colorful days.

In Star Love and Friendship.

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