



Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

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Dear Sisters and Brothers

Happy New Year to our Membership. May this New Year start us on a positive movement towards a more normal and a healthier recovery.

I am asking for the cooperation of our Subordinate Chapters. When the decision was made to reopen in November, our outlook for the future was in a positive mode. With the arrival of Thanksgiving and Christmas there has been such a large outbreak of the Omicron Variant, that I'm sorry to say we must rescind those directives effective immediately. We will continue on a monthly basis until the end of my term.

Please follow the following guidelines:

COVID forms must be filled out at each Eastern Star Function

Masks must be worn inside when moving around the building. They may be removed when eating. When sitting in the chapter room and a social distance is maintained, it will be at the discretion of the WM as to whether masks can be removed.

Opening of the chapter will be short form with normal movement around the room with masks.

Chaplain, Conductress, and Associate Conductress may pray and open the Bible in the normal way as long as masked.

Draping of the alter will be done in the normal way with masks

Balloting will be done in the normal way with masks and sanitizer.

We will return to wearing our white attire.

Introductions will be done from the sidelines.

Quorum will be lowered to 5 during this period of recovery.

When you show symptoms of illness use your common sense and stay home.

To our members please be safe and know that no District Deputies or Worthy Matrons can make decisions on their own without the permission or knowledge of the MWGM. You must follow the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of Grand Chapter and the Bylaws of your Chapter.

I am asking everyone to use your common sense. If you are uncomfortable being in the Eastern Star meeting, don't come. We will miss you but no one should be uncomfortable or afraid. This is a social and charitable organization. Remember, always your safety and well-being is most important. Love is the bind that keeps us together in Eastern Star.

Fraternally,



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Attest: Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM
Right Worthy Grand Secretary