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To all Members of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island,

After much deliberation, discussion, and prayer, the decision has been made to not hold a Grand Chapter Session this year in Rhode Island. We feel that the health and well-being of our members is paramount. It is not feasible to make the necessary plans to hold a Grand Chapter Session with all of the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic.

At this point in time, almost all Grand Chapters have postponed their Grand Chapter Sessions until next year, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron has written to each Jurisdiction advising them not to put their members in jeopardy by having to make them decide between their loyalty to the Order and to one's health by attending a Chapter meeting or Grand Chapter. We concur completely with this advice.

We realize this is not what most of you wanted or expected. It was not easy to come to this decision. We honestly feel this is the best decision for the situation we are facing. It is our intent and desire to keep everyone safe and healthy.

At this time, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is understood that Chapters may not be able to have their annual meetings with election of officers and reading of annual reports. We are hopeful that all Subordinate Chapters will be able to keep their officers in place for the additional year. If this is not possible, once we are able to start having monthly meetings again, we can address each Chapter's needs on an individual basis and work with you to make sure that any necessary changes can be made. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions; we will do our best to get you answers in a timely manner. Keep in mind, we also have many questions right now.

Please help to keep communications open between our members. We are missing everyone terribly, not to mention our hugs. I realize that communication from the Worthy Grand Matron has been spotty at best and this is something that will be corrected going forward. It is understood that we need to take a more active role in communicating with the members of the state.

We miss and love you all.

In Star Love & Friendship,

Denise & Ron