

Sister and Brothers, these days are very difficult for all of us. Meanwhile, the number of global cases has passed 200,000. The rapid spread of the coronavirus impacts American life. We, in Maryland, know we are facing worsening times as we progress into a new phase.

Today, with a broken heart, I have made a most difficult decision. Effective March 18, 2020, I have canceled the 122nd "Believe There is Good in the World" Grand Session at the Clarion Hotel. My decision was made in accordance with the mandates of our Governor Larry Hogan and our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard P. Naegele. The Clarion has agreed to reimburse 100% of your room reservations. You must call the Clarion at 410-524-3535 to cancel your room reservation. PLEASE, PLEASE BE PATIENT, CONSIDERATE, AND KIND, while the staff at the Clarion process's cancellations and refunds.

I have also spoken with all of the Committee Chairmen that have received checks and or money for Banquets, Luncheons, and Registration. PLEASE do not contact them. They will be working through your Chapter Secretaries to process members' refunds. Again, I ask for your patience.

As we approach an almost imminent nationwide lock down, we must all CALM ourselves during these critical and scary days. We are being forced to accept a reality that we have never had before. Let us be concerned and ask what we can do for our sisters, brothers, neighbors, and friends who may need assistance.

In the next weeks ahead, I will be making a decision regarding a Special Grand Session. The Membership will be notified as soon as a Decision has been made.

ALL MEETING, REHEARSALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL ARE CANCELLED.

Part II-By laws of the Grand Chapter, Article II Section 3, All Committees handling funds shall make returns to the Grand Secretary prior to April 10 and shall submit a financial statement to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Sessions. Donations in Honor or Memory of may be mailed to Sister Donna Runyan, make checks payable to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and put the proper committee in the memo line. Bonnie Blink, and Relief are made out to the Grand Chapter of Maryland with the Committee, in the memo line. Eastern Star Scholarship Foundation donations are made to the Foundation and mailed to the S/T- Marianna Widderich.

There are several drawings that will be done at the end of April. Please return sold tickets and money to the proper committees ASAP. You can print tickets from the courier. The drawing will be done by that Committee Chairman and the Winners will be posted on the Courier. If you have any tickets and money to be returned, please do so by April 1, 2020.

Simon Pierce Christmas Trees-Mary Freeman  
Military and Veterans, baskets, gift cards, Bracelet- Edward Ford  
Arthritis- 3 Baskets- Phyllis Pahutski  
Cancer- Bracelets, Karla Light  
Grand Chapter Ways and Means- Vote of your "ALL STAR"-Bunny Lacey  
Grand Chapter Ways and Means-Build a Bear- Bunny Lacey  
I apologize If I have left a committee off this list, please contact me.

For now, prayer is the strongest weapon we have at our disposal. Let us pray for the health and well-being of our families, our sisters and brothers, and friends. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your willingness to do what is compellingly rational in these troubling times. I pray for your safety and good health.

"On Angel Wings" and In Star Love,  
Deborah L. Raynovich  
Worthy Grand Matron