

Grand Chapter of Ohio
Order of the Eastern Star



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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The past year has witnessed a time in the history of our country which few (if any) living American citizens have ever experienced. Ohio's Eastern Star Grand Chapter has, over this year, taken steps to keep our Chapter Members safe in regard to Eastern Star activities and events. Fortunately, vaccines for combatting the virus are now becoming available. Hopefully, more and more of our members and their families are receiving the vaccine so that the remainder of this year (and, hopefully, many years to follow) can become more normal. Therefore, I am making the following proclamation:

As of Monday, March 1st, 2021, Ohio Eastern Star Chapters in counties of colors Yellow and Orange may resume regular meetings and activities. Chapters in Red counties may hold meetings with no more than ten people present. Chapters in Purple counties are to remain closed. Chapters in Red and Purple counties are not to serve food. Social distancing is to be maintained in all chapters as well as the wearing of masks until further notice. In addition, all chapters must follow Local, State, and Federal health requirements, as well as directives from the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

It is expected that as more and more people receive the vaccines, our county "colors" will begin to become Orange, then Yellow, and finally we will be so busy with Eastern Star activities that "colors" of counties will no longer need to cross our minds!

As Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased with how our Eastern Star Membership has used various forms of technology to stay connected during this time. As we move *Forward in Faith*, we must recognize that this year still holds changes from what we consider to be "The Norm."

In Star Love,

Carol Gramm Wise
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