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Greetings to all:

I hope that this finds all well and safe as we continue to work through the pandemic that we are in. It is hard to believe that we are well into 9 months since our lives changed drastically by COVID-19 and that our meetings and events continue to stay closed.

As I pen this letter I reflect on the many changes we have all had to make. Keeping a safe distance, wearing a mask, as much as possible, and continuing to constantly wash our hands. This has not only curtailed being with our family and friends, but not being able to hold our meetings and the many events planned. But let us also be mindful that many things did not change. We saw the snow disappear with the end of winter. Spring arrived with the grass turning green and those spring flowers showing through the ground as the trees began to sprout their tiny buds. Unfortunately our Annual Spring luncheon had to be canceled, but we will meet again. This will not change. We did see summer arrive with the warm weather, even though at times it was hot, but so nice to be able to enjoy the beautiful sunshine and be outside. Again, many of us who had planned to attend Grand Chapter were disappointed that this could not happen. Fall arrived with the beautiful splendid colours of red and gold and has come and gone, but we were still able to give thanks for all we have during "Thanksgiving". How different the children celebrated Halloween and the way we honoured those who gave their lives for us, yes, again in a different way. So many changes have had to be made but still many things did not change, but only held in a different way.

We would like at this time to extend our congratulations to all that have been appointed as a Grand Representative by Sis. Lynn and Bro. Elgin this year. Unfortunately this has not been able to be done in some of your chapters, but know we are happy for you and trust that you will enjoy this appointment. We look forward to you joining our association and sharing this social time with us.

As we approach the holiday season we hope that all will share it in a safe way with your loved ones.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

There's more, much more to this season than candlelight and cheer,

It's the Spirit of Love and Friendship that brightens all the year.

It's Kindness and Sincerity, it's Hope reborn anew,

It's Peace and Understanding and Goodwill the whole year through.

Our wish for you is the gift of Faith,

The blessings of Hope, of Peace and of Love.

Wishing each one and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Please continue to keep well and safe and we look forward to the time when we are all able to meet again.

Always In Star Love,

Betty Romenick-McIntosh, President

