

Dear Worthy Grand Matrons:

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and looking forward to warmer weather and the end of the Covid crisis the world is facing. Because of Covid, most (if not all) activities have been cancelled including Grand Chapter Sessions and many are now serving a 2-year term. With permission of our MWGM, I am reaching out to you asking for your consideration in submitting an article (more are welcomed) for the upcoming Journal editions. To showcase our Jurisdictions, on the first page of the Journal there's a listing of those that have submitted an article(s) and sadly, 2/3 are not represented. Social media is great for those that use it but they are also tools that are often for closed groups and not open to all our members. Many Jurisdictions have their own newsletters (some by paid subscription, GC websites, etc.) and not available to all. The Journal is on GGC's website and open to not only our members but anyone who wants to see what the world of Eastern Star is about and just might be the spark that ignites their interest in joining!

There is no time limit on when the activity took place and can I encourage you to reach out to your Chapters asking their consideration in submitting an article(s) as well.

I plan on showcasing GGC's Membership Committee in future editions and would love to hear what your GC's Membership Committee is doing. In addition to the Rob Morris Award, our MWGM has the Mother Hen Program and the Awesome Ribbon Award. I know our members would love to hear about these exciting awards.

As Editor, I am always searching for new ideas and all suggestions are welcome. Consider showcasing the talents of your members with their "good old tried and true recipes," photography, writing programs, messages and poetry, and art work - the possibilities are endless.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-668-5278 or cell 443-835-7038.

Please send articles to both email addresses: poohtig2816@comcast.net and esjeditor@comcast.net to ensure receipt. You should receive an automatic acknowledgment receipt when sending to the esjeditor email.

As we are taught, let us take comfort in knowing that our Father's care is always over us and His eye is always upon us.

"May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another."

May our Star continue to shine as we work together seeking a future for our Order.

Godspeed,
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