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Dear members of this Grand Jurisdiction,

I hope all of you have had a wonderful and blessed summer. As many of you know Brother Hank had to resign due to health issues, but I am happy to report that he is doing well, feeling better and back to work.

The Grand Officers have been busy; we have attended and visited with the Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. These young people are each excited about their organizations. We need that excitement to spread through our beautiful order. I am enjoying the petition in your pocket, but I don't want you just to leave them in your pockets you need to hand them out. I have seen them handed out at our receptions and pin presentations. We need to all get on board to grow our Order or in time there will be no order.

We just had our Kansas/Nebraska exchange. The Grand Officers of Kansas did a beautiful job in Nebraska as well did the Nebraska Grand Officers in Kansas conferring the degrees. The crowds were large, with 138 present at Emporia and we thank all of you that took the time to attend and support us.

We all need to keep the Grand Chapter of Nebraska in our prayers due to the health concerns of their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They truly need our love and support.

We all had lots of fun at the Alpha Omega Sewing Day, we are making bags for our guests at Grand Chapter. I want to Thank Beth Brannon for heading up the day and to all of the sewers, cutters, people who ironed. They each have a special label provided by Jana Goebel and then they added a safety pin. Thank you all for those special touches. If anyone would like to help make additional bags please let Beth or I know and we will get you the information.

Many of us traveled to Jefferson City, Mo., for the 5 State Fun Weekend. It was a fun time had by all. Kansas had the largest turn out with 28 of us. This weekend is not just for grand officers it is open to everyone. The event will take place in Omaha, Neb. next year and is usually the last weekend in July so mark your calendars.

It's that time of year for Schools of Instruction. I would like to challenge each of you to support your chapters, districts and your District Aides at the schools. The schools also are not just for officers, even if you don't hold an office, please come. We all learn something by learning together.

Don't forget about my beautiful Traveling Gavels that have become a little dusty over the summer, so dust them off and get them moving. They can be taken to any events such as Pins, Official Visits and Schools. I also need to have the secretary or the District Aides to let me know when you have it or lose it so we can track it on the web site to let everyone know where they are.

I thank each of you for your love and continued to support. May God continue to bless each of us.

Star Love,

Wanda Ryan, WGM

