



"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As I write this letter, Brother Steve and I are getting ready for the Kansas/Nebraska Reunion August 24th and 25th. It will be the first time the 2018-2019 Grand Officers perform the degree work, can you say adrenaline rush (a nervous crazy excitement kind of adrenaline combo). It will be a fun way to end our summer break. I hope everyone is ready to "Get Back to Chapter" in September, I know I am.

There is a lot going on through September, October and November. While the itinerary has a great starting calendar, some of the dates have changed. Please stay tuned to the Grand Chapter Website calendar, check out what's happening on Facebook, sign up to get your monthly email blast of upcoming events, or check with your chapter secretary for dates of upcoming events. We hope to see many of you over the next three months.

Schools of Instruction start back up September 8th in Baldwin City. The first four schools in June were amazing, and I am excited to see what the next few schools have in store. Across the state, the engagement level has been fantastic. I was a little nervous to see how the brain storming/feedback sessions would go and have been encouraged by the level of participation. It is obvious we all care deeply for this beautiful order, its virtues, and its message, and we all want to see it grow and prosper. At the end of the day, we share the same goal of seeing Eastern Star live on and continue. It's the "figuring out how to make it happen" and balancing new ideas with institutional tradition that becomes our challenge. In what I lovingly see as our "Dining Room Table" chats, it is clear we have all accepted this challenge and are positively working together to "figure it out". If you think about, the important Family decisions all happen around the Dining Room Table. I sincerely hope all of you will attend your District School and share meaningful Family time with your Sisters and Brothers.

We are heading out West in mid-September and staying on a working Buffalo Ranch for four nights outside of Goodland. I am so excited as the stars should be really bright on the Western Plains without the light pollution of Kansas City, I will just have to be very careful where I walk to view them. I also hope to stop by Cawker City's World Record holding Ball of Twine. Sister Linda Clover, the caravan from Clay Center to Goodland is coming through your town on Friday, September 14th. I hope we can meet up. In November, the Grand Officers will be in a parade in Hutchinson and initiating a new member for Silver Leaf. In December, we will be in Leavenworth for Wreaths Across America. Just a few highlights of what's coming up.

Star Love & Aloha,

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Mary R K Hayselden
Worthy Grand Matron

August 13, 2018



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Boyer".

Steve Boyer
Worthy Grand Patron