



Grand Chapter of Kansas Order of the Eastern Star

July 26, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As promised, ballots were collected and tallied on July 25. We can announce that we have had an election and that those elected have accepted their offices. We cannot, however, announce an installation of these officers.

Their installation was scheduled for 4pm on July 25. Less than an hour prior to the installation, your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were contacted by the Appeals and Grievances committee chair via telephone and were instructed to postpone the installation. It could not take place as scheduled because a second grievance had been filed. At this writing, the second grievance remains under review.

The Appeals and Grievances communication (concerning their findings from the first grievance) dated July 24, recommends "a committee be formed to complete Bylaws that would cover the "Mail-in" ballot so there will be no questions should this scenario occur again. Also to consider how best to move forward should the Grand Chapter Session be cancelled again. Some states keep the current officers and start the new year at the next annual session. The transition would be smooth and no issues should arise such as this one again." This committee would provide recommendations and proposals that would help establish guidelines to provide an unbroken line of succession and leadership should it again become necessary for Grand Chapter officers to be elected outside of an Annual Grand Session.

Rest assured, your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are working diligently to see that the Grand Chapter maintains its stability and that it continues to function during these difficult times.

Fraternally,

Karen Monteith

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Worthy Grand Matron

David Blocher

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Worthy Grand Patron

