

Grand Chapter of Kansas Order of the Eastern Star

April 10, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In a letter dated March 18, 2020, the Most Worthy Grand Matron suspended using the full Ritualistic Installation Ceremony until May 31, 2020. On April 6, 2020 she made a clarification of this proclamation. A "ceremony" must be performed that includes at a minimum the Installation Prayer, the Obligation of Officers and the Proclamation of Officers being duly Installed. This portion of the Ritual must be accomplished. An open installation may be done by conference call or video conferencing but it cannot be accomplished in person in order to safeguard the health and safety of our members until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Because of this clarification all Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction that have not installed their officers must now hold a "ceremony" that includes at a minimum the Installation Prayer, the Obligation of Officers and the Proclamation of Officers being duly Installed. An open Installation using a conference call or video conferencing would be acceptable as a <u>one-time occurrence</u> during these unprecedented times.

Please remember to stay in communication with your Sisters and Brothers. And Bee-Safe.

Star Blessings and Hugs,

Garrie Oppitz

Worthy Grand Matron

