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**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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**TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP**

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**RE: DEMITS**

Sisters and Brothers,

It has come to my attention there are Sisters and Brothers who were issued a demit just as OES activities were closed down due to the pandemic. It is necessary to have a **current** demit to visit Chapters with a demit for a period of one year. The GGC Red Book, Rules and Regulations, Section 51., AGE OF DEMITS, pg. 108, states: "There is no time limit for demits, but demitted members can visit Chapters for one year only."

Chapters being closed down due to the pandemic, as well as some Chapters being "dark" in the months of January and February, has created a hardship for members who were issued a demit on or after December 1, 2019, to visit and/or petition a Chapter for affiliation. Therefore, I hereby extend the expiration date for these demits to November 1, 2021, to allow these members to visit Chapters and proceed with the process of continuing their membership.

I hope you will find this information helpful as we continue to move forward. The Covid situation is improving and I am receiving encouraging reports about the return of a more normal Eastern Star routine. It is important to remember we are a worldwide organization. Please keep the health and safety of *all* Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

*"It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine."*

--Eeyore

In friendship and love,

*Marianne Shenefelt*  
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