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Greetings Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star of Connecticut!

It is a tremendous honor to address you from the East of the Connecticut Grand Chapter. The Reverend Bruce R. Bellmore and I are blessed by the faith and trust that you have placed in us to lead this Grand Chapter for the next year. Thank you for the honor that this appointment brings to our home chapters of Lucia #25 and Golden Rod #34. The responsibilities of our offices are great and we pledge to carry them out to the best of our abilities for the good of this Grand Chapter and all of our members. We will also look to some of you for support and guidance to keep our order moving forward to grow and strengthen our bonds with each other and our communities.

“Always be Humble and Kind” is our motto for this year. We firmly believe that if we all remember and follow the obligation we took when we joined this beautiful order, we can continue to thrive as an organization. We need to be kind to each other and to ourselves as you never fully know what someone else may be going through. However, that little bit of kindness could be the one thing that helps them through a difficult time.

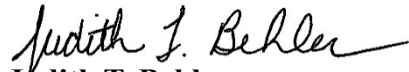
We look forward to visiting all of our chapters not only for Official Visitations, but for other special nights that chapters have going on. Please feel free to reach out to us and let us know of any special events that your chapters may be having so we can try to attend. At Official Visitations we would like permission to use any traveling paraphernalia that we may have, but we would also understand if you have a special meaning to your own paraphernalia, then you may certainly use your own.


Two trips are planned: One to Boston (July 25th) for Lunch at Margaritaville in Quincy Market followed by a Whale Watch. The second trip is to Washington DC (Oct. 19th-20th) where we will Tour the GW Masonic Memorial and have dinner at Tony & Joe’s along the river on day 1, and on day 2 we will visit the International Temple (The Harry Belmont Mansion) and then have lunch at the Pentagon City Mall before we head home.

Several pins will be sold this year to help fund our ESTARL funds and a beautiful handmade afghan made by Sister Michelle Tetrault, will be raffled off at the last Official Visitation at Lucia Chapter in December to support our Service Dog project “Puppies Behind Bars”.

Mickey’s Mighty Warriors Grand Family looks forward to coming to all of your chapters and sharing the excitement of another wonderful year!

In Star Love and Mickey Mouse Hugs,

  
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