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Happy New Year Everyone!

We sincerely hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season and a safe and wonderful New Year! We are excited to get back into full swing with California Eastern Star after our Holiday Break and hope you are too!

January brings the last 6 All Member Instructionals. That's right, these are not just for Officers, please come on out and meet the Grand Family and see them demonstrate the work of our Order. We will even throw some fun in at the same time! We have 20 Grand Representative Announcements to make between these 6 AMIs. Please make sure you RSVP to the chairman of each AMI as soon as possible.

Your Deputy Grand Matron will be receiving a bucket for our Crinkle vs Jingle challenge this year. This is similar to the Penny Wars that was started last year. Each Chapter will receive their bucket in January and are being asked to turn it in at the WGM/WGP's reception in September. All money collected will be donated to Paws for Purple Hearts. The rules? Coins count towards the positive, paper money (including checks!) counts towards the negative. In your own Chapter's bucket, you want to add coins. In another Chapter's bucket, you want to put paper money. Any paper money in a bucket count against the coins. The Chapter with either the highest coin amount (after all paper money has been subtracted from the coin total) or if all Chapters have a "negative" number, the one closest to 0, will win a personally cooked meal for the Chapter members from Kimberlie & Gary. The date will be decided/arranged after Grand Chapter. Let's have some fun with this and raise money for this worthy cause!

January's Foundation Charity is Scholarship. Please consider making a donation to help boost this fund to present as many scholarships to all who apply. You may donate on the Eastern Star Website at oescal.org under Foundation or send your check to the Grand Chapter Office made out to CA Eastern Star Foundation with Scholarship in the memo line.

We again are looking forward to a wonderful 2023 year with all of you and hope to see many of you along the Southwestern Trail at one of our events this year!

With a huge elephant trunk hug and a chimpanzee kiss,

Kimberlie Kruse, WGM & Gary Dunham, WGP

Tammy Kinzy, Gr Secretary.