



Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star

December 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

'Tis the Season. We commend you all during these uncertain times. You have been "Shepherds of Good Will". The contacts each of you have made to members by phone, texting, distance visiting and letters have given hope and joy to those who felt alone. Keeping in touch to find out what is happening in each other's lives is one of the Fraternal purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star.
"The Candy Cane"

*A significant symbol of Christmas
Is the simple candy cane.
Its shape is the crook of a Shepherd,
One of the first who came.*

*The lively peppermint flavour
Is the regal gift of Spice.
The white is Jesus' purity
The red, His sacrifice.*

*The narrow stripes are friendship
And the nearness of His love ----
Eternal, sweet compassion,
A gift from God above.*

*The candy cane reminds us all
Of just how much God cared.
And, like His Christmas gift to us,
It is meant to be broken and shared.*

May you spend time with the ones you care about and love. Giving each other support, we can endure all. Merry Christmas and may 2021 bring Happy Memorable Adventures to each of you.

Fraternally and with Star Love

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