

1 PROPOSED LEGISLATION 2023

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3 Section 217 Bylaws pertaining to Subordinate Chapters

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5 CURRENTLY READS:

6 SECTION 217 - INITIATION

7 1. Should any petitioner fail to present herself or himself for initiation or to present
8 satisfactory excuse for such failure within six months from the date of election, the
9 election is void and the fee forfeited.

10 2. A Chapter may, upon the duly authenticated request of a constituent Chapter of this
11 Grand Jurisdiction, confer the degrees upon a candidate of the requesting Chapter
12 and, in such case, the conferring Chapter shall have no jurisdiction over the
13 candidate.

14 3. Upon a request of the Worthy Grand Matron of a foreign jurisdiction and by the
15 direction of the Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction, a Chapter may
16 confer the degree by courtesy upon a candidate who has been elected to
17 membership in a foreign jurisdiction which uses the Ritual prescribed by the
18 General Grand Chapter.

19 4. If a Chapter in this jurisdiction desires the degrees be conferred by courtesy in a
20 foreign jurisdiction, such request shall be made by the Chapter through the Worthy
21 Grand Matron of this jurisdiction. The foreign jurisdiction must be one using the
22 Ritual prescribed by the General Grand Chapter. (1982)

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25 AMEND TO READ:

26 SECTION 217 - INITIATION

27 1. No change to this paragraph

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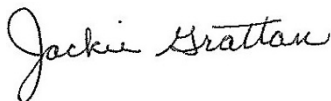
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31 **5. Upon the request of a Subordinate Chapter(s) and with the approval**
32 **of the WGM, the Grand Officers of this jurisdiction may confer the**
33 **degrees by courtesy on candidate(s) who have been elected to**
34 **membership in a subordinate chapter in this jurisdiction. The degrees**
35 **can be conferred at a Special Meeting, Stated Meeting or a meeting**
36 **held for Grand Visitation as long as a legally chartered chapter**
37 **complies with the laws governing opening and closing a meeting. (It**
38 **is not legal for visiting officers to open or close a chapter.) The home**
39 **secretary for each of the candidate(s) must have their:**
40 **Membership Roll Book for the new member(s) to sign after the**
41 **Initiation and the WM must report at her next stated meeting, having**
42 **taken part in the meeting with only the host Chapter taking minutes.**
43 **[See also Section 204 - Meetings, UWBI Chapter Preparation, Section**
44 **8 Powers of the WGM, 15, Section 9 Powers of the WGP, 3.]**

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46 RATIONALE: This will clarify the way a Grand Initiation for a Subordinate
47 Chapter can be accomplished. The Special or Stated meeting must be
48 opened and closed by the host Chapter and comply with Section 204 -
49 Meetings Section 6 and as per Ritual Page 164, before any business can
50 be conducted.

This legislation, submitted over the signatures of the Worthy Matrons of Trinity #175 and Barzillai #16 was received by the Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for presentation to the membership, and subsequently reformatted by the Grand Secretary for printing purposes as directed by the Jurisprudence Committee.



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