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Subject: Conflict in reference to Worthy Patron and Associate Patron Procedures in the absence of the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Oregon Eastern Star:

The Jurisprudence Committee and I agree we have a conflicting reference in our Uniform Workbook with the Ritual. In the UW under "Chapter Preparation", it implies that the officers required to open a chapter are the WM or the WP but the Ritual on Page 164 "Officers" states the WM must be a woman therefore the WP can not preside in the absence of the WM.

Per Section 7 of our CBL, "nothing in our Constitution or Bylaws shall be interpreted in any way as modifying or superseding any part of the Ritual of the Order".

Chapters will follow the following procedure as outlined in our ritual: The officers required to open a Chapter are WM, AM, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder and Sentinel (page 165 Ritual "Quorum"). The GGC Book of Instructions states "if both the WM and AM are absent, it is the duty of the WP to appoint a Sister to fill each of these stations, choosing a Past Matron if possible."

I have charged the Revision of Laws Committee to initiate an amendment to correct this conflicting reference in our UW Per Section 121(3) in the CBL.

Respectfully yours,


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