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SECTION 8 - POWERS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

1. To convene the Grand Chapter in special cases of emergency.
2. To appoint all committees not otherwise specifically appointed.
3. To see that the rules and regulations of the order are strictly enforced.
4. To exercise during the vacation of the Grand Chapter all of its executive powers, except those specifically assigned to the Worthy Grand Patron.
5. To decide all questions of law and usage submitted to her and, until reviewed by the Grand Chapter, her opinion or decisions rendered in reply to such questions shall be taken as the interpretation of the law, but shall not become a permanent law unless incorporated in the Constitution or Bylaws as an amendment as required by the Constitution and Bylaws.
6. To convene any Chapter within the jurisdiction, to preside therein, to inspect its proceedings and to require its conformity to the laws of the Order.
7. To place any subordinate chapter on a "Chapter Improvement Plan" specifically structured to guide and assist the Chapter to meet its obligations according to the rules, regulations, laws, goals, and aims of the Order and the Grand Chapter. The requirements of the "Chapter Improvement Plan" shall be specific to the identified issues and are to be accomplished within a designated time frame. (2018)
8. To appoint a "Special Deputy" to assist the Chapter in completing the "Chapter Improvement Plan". The "Special Deputy" need not be a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron. (2018)
9. To arrest the charter of a Subordinate Chapter until the next annual session of the Grand Chapter.
10. To suspend the meetings of any Subordinate Chapter until the next annual session of the Grand Chapter unless such suspension is sooner revoked.
11. To suspend the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron until the next annual session of the Grand Chapter unless such suspension is sooner revoked.
12. To grant all special dispensations except that
  - a) A Worthy Grand Matron may not issue dispensations to receive or ballot upon petitions at a special meeting or at an earlier hour than that which is set in the Bylaws of a Chapter, and,
  - b) May not issue dispensations that conflict or are in violation of the laws of the State or of the United States. (2015)
13. To provide for instruction of Subordinate Chapters as follows: The Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon having been divided into the "Eastern Central/Southern Area," "Northwest Area" and "Willamette Valley Area" the Worthy Grand Matron shall assign the work of instructing to the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, each to an area as closely as possible. To equally

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34 divide the number of visitations for each officer within the year, the Worthy Grand Matron shall have  
35 the prerogative of assigning a Subordinate Chapter from one Area to another to evenly distribute the  
36 visitations, keeping in mind that during the three years of instructing each officer shall serve in all three  
37 areas unless unusual circumstances prevent this from happening. To observe and evaluate the work of  
38 each instructing officer as often as is deemed necessary to maintain continuity in the uniform work of  
39 the Order. (2009)

40 14. Through a series of Grand Visitations, the Worthy Grand Matron shall visit all Chapters in the state  
41 during her term as Worthy Grand Matron, subject always to the right of a Chapter to refuse to  
42 participate in a Grand Visitation, knowing, however, that a separate visitation from the Worthy Grand  
43 Matron will be held. A quorum of each participating Chapter must be present. (1996)

44 15. At Grand Initiation, the current Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron may vouch for any  
45 current Grand Chapter Officer, but not their substitute under Proving Membership. Any substitute for a  
46 Grand Chapter Officer will have their membership proven as specified in the UWB Page 5-7 Proving  
47 Membership. (2015)

48 16. To negotiate reciprocal agreements with adjacent Grand Jurisdictions relative to a Chapter receiving  
49 petitions from residents of the adjacent Grand Jurisdiction.

50 17. To have and to use a Worthy Grand Matron's seal of which the following imprint is a representation:



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Seal 1981

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53 **Change to read as:**

54 SECTION 8 - POWERS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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66 11. To suspend ~~the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron~~ **any elected**  
67 **officer of a subordinate chapter** until the next annual session of the Grand Chapter unless such  
68 suspension is sooner revoked.

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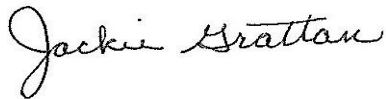
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76 **Rationale:** Allows the WGM to suspend a member who is not performing their elected duties  
77 adequately.

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79 *This legislation, submitted over the signatures of the Worthy Matrons of Roseburg Chapter #8 and*  
80 *Meridian Chapter #179 was received by the Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the*  
81 *Jurisprudence Committee for presentation to the membership, and subsequently reformatted by the*  
82 *Grand Secretary for printing purposes as directed by the Jurisprudence Committee.*

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