

1 **Proposed Amendment to Change the Uniform Workbook of Instruction**

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3 **Chapter Preparation**

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5 **CURRENTLY READS**

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8 must wear the appropriate jewel.

9 When there are not enough members to fill all offices, but a quorum is present, the following must be
10 filled: Worthy Matron (or Worthy Patron), Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain,
11 Warder and Sentinel. (Reference “Quorum”-Ritual, page 164) (2005) Every officer of a Chapter,
12 wearing the appropriate jewel, should be in her/his proper station during the ceremony of Opening and
13 Closing Chapter. The Sentinel notes if all the officers are present before the Opening of the Chapter;
14 informs the Worthy Matron if any are absent so the Worthy Matron may fill the vacancy. The Worthy
15 Matron has the right to ask ANY member to fill another office pro tem. Members of the presiding
16 Chapter should be asked first. When necessary, the record should show the regular officer present
17 when acting pro tem in another station. It is permissible to invite guest officers to preside during
18 initiatory work or to perform any ceremony appropriate to the work of the Order.

19 Promptly at the hour specified in the Bylaws of the Chapter, the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron,
20 Associate Conductress and the Organist assume their stations. The Worthy Patron ascends the dais in
21 the East and sounds the gavel. The Ritualistic Opening of the Chapter begins at this time.

22 **NOTE:** If a program precedes a Chapter meeting, it must be concluded at the stated hour.

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24 **PROPOSED TO READ**

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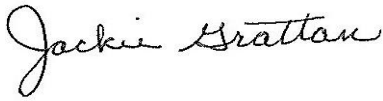
28 When there are not enough members to fill all offices, but a quorum is present, the following must
29 be filled: Worthy Matron (~~or Worthy Patron~~), Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain,
30 Warder and Sentinel. **If both the WM and AM are absent, it is the duty of the WP to appoint**
31 **a Sister to fill each of these stations, choosing a Past Matron if possible.** (Reference
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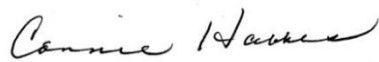
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47 **RATIONALE:** This implies that the Worthy Patron may open a Chapter if the Worthy Matron is absent.
48 “Nothing in our Constitution, Bylaws or Uniform Workbook shall be interpreted in any way as modifying
49 or superseding any part of the Ritual of the Order” (Section 7). The Ritual on Page 164 “Officers” states
50 the WM must be a woman therefore the WP can’t preside in the absence of the WM.
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53 *This legislation, submitted by the Revision of Constitution and Bylaws Committee was received by the*
54 *Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for presentation*
55 *to the members, and subsequently reformatted by the Grand Secretary for printing purposes as directed*
56 *by the Jurisprudence Committee.*
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