

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

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3 **PROVING MEMBERSHIP**

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5 **CURRENTLY READS**

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8 (Reference Ritual, pages 26-27)

9 The Associate Matron sees that the Conductress and Associate Conductress, prior to the opening of the
10 Chapter, have verified that all members and visitors are holding current, signed dues receipts. The
11 prescribed form per ritual is to be followed. If a “member” without a receipt, the Conductress or Associate
12 Conductress must ask the host Secretary if she can vouch for the member. If a “visitor” without a receipt,
13 the Conductress or Associate Conductress informs the Worthy Matron who appoints an Examining
14 Committee to investigate the visitor. Note: “Member”, “Visitor”, and “Member of the Order” are defined
15 as follows:

16 Member: a member of the host Chapter

17 Visitor: a visitor visiting the host Chapter

18 Member of the Order: may be either a member or visitor (2015)

19 The Associate Matron should rise and remain standing during the proving of the Chapter. (1998)

20 When the Associate Matron directs the Conductresses to prove the Chapter, these officers rise, (when
21 addressed) and remain standing until the Associate Matron has finished speaking; then, keeping opposite
22 each other, they march directly to the East. The Conductresses carry their receipts in the right hand (at
23 their side) until turning Southeast/Northeast corners. When turning to face each other, they hold receipts
24 open with both hands at waist level, thumbs on top edge, fingers on bottom edge. When in front of the
25 East, they **bow** to each other; face East and **bow**; return on South/North marching line; proceed West,
26 examining all receipts, while working independently.

27 The Conductresses must ask all members and visitors with whom they have not personally sat in
28 Chapter, to stand and be vouched for individually. When the Conductress/Associate Conductress comes
29 to a person not known to be a member, she says, "Please rise." She then addresses the Associate Matron
30 and reports there is a visitor, or member, in the South/North, for whom she cannot vouch, or a member
31 without a receipt. All visitors not known to be members of the Order by the Conductresses, must be
32 reported. The Conductresses ask the visitor to stand before reporting to the Associate Matron.

33 A member can vouch for a visitor in the Chapter Room only by having sat in Chapter with the visitor
34 or by having examined the visitor with the committee appointed for that purpose. The Secretary of the
35 member’s Chapter is the only one who may vouch for a member without a receipt.

36 When membership has been proved, Conductresses drop receipts to side and wait for each other on
37 the West marching line. When both are through, they approach each other in front of the Associate Matron
38 and Associate Patron’s stations on the West marching line and the Associate Conductress gives her report
39 to the Conductress. After she reports, they both turn toward the Associate Matron and the Conductress
40 gives her report to her. They turn toward each other when the Associate Matron addresses the Worthy

41 Matron, and face the East. When the Worthy Matron says, "It is well", they **bow** to her and return to their
42 stations. From their stations, both bow to the Associate Matron at the same time and she **bows** straight
43 ahead.

44 As soon as the Associate Matron and the Conductresses have bowed, the Worthy Matron immediately
45 calls up the officers and proceeds with the Opening Ceremony. (The Associate Matron and Conductresses
46 remain standing.) (1998)

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56 the Conductress or Associate Conductress ~~informs the Worthy Matron who appoints an Examining~~
57 ~~Committee to investigate the visitor.~~ **must ask the Secretary of the visitor's Chapter who may vouch**
58 **for that visitor without a receipt, as long as the visiting Secretary has been properly vouched for.**

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60 No change to remaining paragraphs

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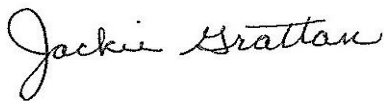
62 **RATIONALE:** The purpose of the change in our UWI is that our Bylaws state clearly that a current receipt of dues,
63 or demit or Special Visiting Permit must be presented for admission to a meeting. Section 224 – Visiting, 1 (a) Upon
64 presenting a current receipt for, or other written evidence of payment of dues and 1 (d) Or by the Secretary of the
65 visitor's Chapter who may vouch for that visitor without a receipt as long as the visiting Secretary can be properly
66 vouched for.

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69 *The legislation is submitted by the Revision of Constitution and Bylaws Committee was received by the*
70 *Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for presentation*
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