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TO: Worthy Grand Matrons (currently serving)  
FROM: Marianne R. Shenefelt *MRS Shenefelt*  
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DATE: May 16, 2020  
RE: Covid-19 Restrictions - MWGM Guidelines

I am proud of each of you as you negotiate this uncharted territory of a much different year than you anticipated when you started your journey. Thank you for your dedication and service to your Jurisdiction, and our Order.

First, it is essential we continue to follow the CDC health and safety restrictions to protect our members, ourselves and our loved ones from the virus. There have been a growing number of questions relating to returning to Chapter meetings with these restrictions in place in combination with the Ritual and the GGC Red Book. Doing so does present some unusual situations when it comes opening Chapter, Balloting, Initiation, Escorting and Introductions, etc. Attached are my official guidelines for **temporary modifications** for Chapter meetings during these unusual times. These are not permanent modifications. As the CDC restrictions are lifted, we will return to the specific instructions in the Ritual and GGC Red Book.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

attachment: MWGM Guidelines  
copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
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