

Article IV Duties of Grand Officers

SECTION 1. WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Subsection N

Now Reads:

(n) The Worthy Grand Matron, at the time of her official visit to each subordinate chapter, shall request the officers to exemplify the initiatory ceremony and she shall make note of such corrections required as are provided in the Ritual and Secret Work of the Order and give to the District Instructor of that chapter for correction

Proposed change:

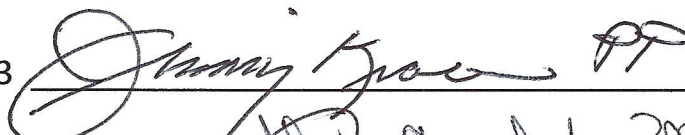
(n) The Worthy Grand Matron, at the time of her official visit to each subordinate chapter, ~~shall~~ **may** request the officers to exemplify the initiatory ceremony and she shall make note of such corrections required as are provided in the Ritual and Secret Work of the Order and give to the District Instructor of that chapter for correction.

Strike the word {shall} add the word {may}.

Rationale:

- 1 The subordinate chapters of this grand jurisdiction with the exception of a (very few chapters), sadly no longer have a full core of officers to perform the initiatory ceremony that is to be evaluated by the WGM. Nor is there any reason to believe that the condition of our chapters and membership numbers will be reversed any time soon.
2. Much of the initiatory work is exemplified by the Grand Officers due to there not being enough members to fill the stations at official visits.
3. The word (shall) actually hinders the WGM to the extent that she can't possibly evaluate the work being done {by others} who are not members of the subordinate chapter at their official visit.
4. By changing the word (shall) to the word (may) will empower the WGM to ask for exemplifications of parts of the initiatory ceremony (if she chooses) to be done by the members of the chapter who are present at the Official Visit
5. This change in (no way) prevents any chapter from performing a first time initiation for a newly elected candidate to receive the Degrees of the Order at their Official Visit.

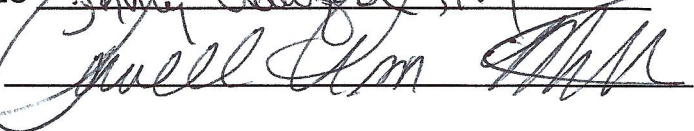
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