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My Sisters and Brothers,

In light of the extended timeline regarding the observation of the guidelines for the health and safety of everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am updating my initial proclamation regarding *Grand Chapter Officer* installations.

- By the authority vested in me as the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I hereby suspend the requirements in the Ritual and the GGC Red Book that the full ceremony be performed for the installation of Grand Officers. This is due to the health and safety guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. **This proclamation is in effect until further notice.**

An "installation ceremony" must be performed that includes (at a minimum) the Installation Prayer, the Obligation of Officers and the Proclamation of the Officers being duly **installed**. These portions of the Installation Ceremony in the Ritual **must** be accomplished. It is okay to use a conference call or video conferencing to do this, but it *cannot be accomplished in person* in order to safeguard the health and safety of our members until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Worthy Grand Matrons, I hope my guidance relating to the Installation of Grand Officers is helpful. As you assist your Subordinate Chapters, I hope you find this same guidance beneficial.

In these uncertain times, the health and safety of all members needs to be the very first concern. I commend you for your continued efforts to protect the membership. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. "Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" –Maya Angelou

In friendship and love,

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