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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It has been brought to my attention some members have not understood that in my letter to the Chapters dated December 28, 2020, I gave a **Direct Order**, no member, including Officers, should be coerced or even encouraged by another member to attend a Chapter meeting if they were concerned for their or their family's health and safety. This was not a suggestion it was a Direct Order.

In our Legal Code Chapter 1 Article 500 defines Offenses which are punishable by which a member may be expelled or suspended if found guilty. One of the offenses defined is "**willful disobedience of any lawful order of command of any subordinate or Grand Officer**". I consider the order to be lawful, as I am charged with the responsibility of overseeing the actions of all members in the Grand Chapter of Texas regarding meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The pandemic is very frightening to many of our members and others throughout the world. I understand the recovery rate is in the high 90s percentile. However, I do not want one of our members or any of their family or friends to be in the small percentile who succumb to the virus. It is for this reason I will use all of the power vested in my Office as Worthy Grand Matron to enforce the above stated order.

Sincerely,

Linda Rose Winn-Christenson
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