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To: All Texas Grand Chapter Subordinate Chapter Worthy Matrons, Secretaries
& members.

Re: Suspension of members for non-payment of Dues.

Sisters and Brothers,

Once again, I want to stress, I hope and pray the current Health Crisis will subside or level off sooner rather than later. I, like all of the government leaders in our country, have no crystal ball to enable me to see into the future. I cannot give a definitive answer as to when our Chapters will be meeting again. The Corporate board and I will evaluate the current situation once again on April 1st. I am hopeful Chapters will be allowed to hold limited meetings at that time, however I can not say this for certain. This will depend on the recommendations of the Government and CDC.

I have been asked what a Chapter is to do in the event they are unable to hold a meeting in May with regards to suspending members for failure to pay dues. It is my opinion this is covered in our Code of Laws.

The suspension of a member for non-payment of dues is covered in the following section of our Code of Laws. **See page 182, Chapter 12, Article 267 g 2.**

*** g. Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. Any member, who at midnight on May 31st of any year, is in arrears for one year is automatically suspended, unless her or his Dues have been mailed on or before May 31st and are received by the Secretary prior to the Chapter Installation. If such Dues are postmarked prior to midnight of May 31st and are received prior to Installation, such member shall be reported in good standing.**

(1) The names of members of any Chapter who will be automatically suspended at midnight on May 31st of any year if their Dues are not paid by that time, shall be read in open Chapter at the last Stated Meeting of such Chapter prior to May 31st of such year.

(2) If the list of delinquent members is not read at the last Stated Meeting before 31st day of May , or if names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, then the Chapter shall continue to carry such members on their roll and pay the Per Capita fees for that year; however, if such list is not read or if the names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, the Chapter shall have a right to suspend such members by a vote thereon at a later date.

(3) At the first Stated Meeting of such Chapter after May 31st the names of such members actually suspended at midnight May 31st shall be read by the Secretary and recorded in the minutes.

(4) Chapter Dues shall not accrue during the suspension of a member.

It is my opinion, if a Chapter is unable to hold a meeting in May to read the list of members subject to suspension for failure to pay dues, the Chapter could at the next stated meeting after May 31st call for a vote to suspend any member who is in arrears on their Dues for one year. I hope this will clarify this matter for anyone who has questions on Suspension of members for failure to pay their dues.

My prayers are for the Lord to watch over and care for all of his children during these times of uncertainty.

Sincerely,



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