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PLEASE READ IN FULL AT YOUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Grand Chapter was a wonderful time! We renewed friendships, ate lots of cookies, and missed those of you who could not attend. Congratulations to PGM Gace Bick and PGP Keith Sorge for a job well done! We are also looking forward to the upcoming year with WGM Terri and WGP Jeff.

Enclosed are two copies of the 2026 Grand Officer and Committee Directory. Feel free to make additional copies for your members and note that it is printed on legal sized paper. Please let me know if we need to make any changes or corrections. This document is not available on the website as it contains personal information.

There was 1 (one) housekeeping amendment and 1 (one) bylaw amendment that were presented to the membership during Grand Chapter. The full text of the amendments is available on the Grand Chapter website. The result of the vote on the amendments is as follows:

1. Housekeeping: Section 132, a. Qualification of Candidates, page 76. A Resolution to the Bylaws at General Grand Chapter resulted in a change to our Blue Book. Affiliation for women will also include being sponsored by a sister and brother who are members of the Order.
2. Amendment: Section 53, Standing Committees. An amendment to add a new standing committee for Regenerative Medicine was voted down.

Please note that the small tan rituals are no longer available from General Grand Chapter. Additionally, with additional charges being passed down to us due to the tariffs, the prices of items may vary from the current supply list. These increases will be reflected in the invoices presented to the chapters.

As a final note, please remember to submit your Elected Line Officer sheet to my office within 5 days of your chapter elections. I have received some already – way to go Subordinate Secretaries!

Wishing you the very best!

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Grand Secretary