REVISION TO OPEN INSTALLATION

Book of Instruction, page 38

Effective with the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year, there is a REVISION to the OPEN INSTALLATION Ceremony, Book of Instruction, page 38. Please use the following information regarding the OPEN INSTALLATION ceremony until the Book of Instruction is updated.

For a **CLOSED INSTALLATION** on a stated meeting night, the officers enter the Chapter room in the regular manner, in same way as a regular stated meeting. The Chapter is opened in Ritualistic form. If a short form opening is used, it "counts" for the "out-going" WM. Remember, for Chapter's who meet once a month, 2 short form openings are permitted from Installation to Installation. If the Chapter meets two times a month, 4 short form openings are permitted. (Grand Law, page 35, b)

GENERAL PROCEDURE For an **OPEN Installation**: **REVISION** is noted below

WP enters alone. DOES NOT go through Labyrinth. Proceeds on South Marching line to the East Line and to the East. Raps Gavel one time.

The Worthy Patron welcomes all present; asks for silencing of all cell phones and then explains the raps of the gavel. (BOI page 38, change from WM explaining raps)

3 raps: everyone stands

2 raps: Officers only stand

1 rap: everyone is seated

WP: *"The Officers will enter the Chapter Room".* (BOI page 38)

Rap three times.

WM: *"Sister Conductress, you will attend at the Altar".*

After Bible is opened

*"Please join me in repeating the Lord's Prayer*."

*"I now declare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ open for the Ceremony of Installation.*

Rap one time

WP: *"Please join me in pledging Allegiance to the Flag of our Country; followed by the singing of our National Anthem."*

WM: Seats Chapter with one rap.

WM: Presentations

Presentations per the BOI, pages 13-18, take place. For the 2019-2020 year, the WGM is requesting the presentations to only include GGC Officer(s), GGC Committee Members, PGMs/PGPs, GO, and DGM. All other groups will be recognized by standing when the group name is called and will be seated when the next group is called. This is out of no disrespect to anyone, as all will have signed the Registration Sheets and all names/titles will be expected to be recorded in the Minutes. Purpose is to decrease time spent on Presentations during Inspections, Installation, Visitations, and other special meetings and focus on the purpose of the meeting for the evening.

WM: “Sunshine Collection tonight will be donated to (describe where the donation is going.”

The remainder of the information for Open Installation has not been changed. Please proceed according to the BOI, page 38.

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