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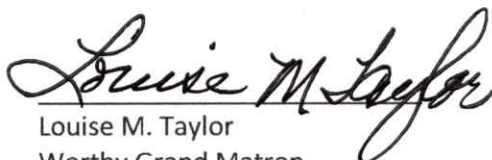
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We know that many of you are concerned about the future of our wonderful Order. We share your concerns. For that reason, we had a recent zoom meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the upcoming Grand Chapter Session to be held in June 2021. In attendance at this meeting were the following: the three members of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman of Jurisprudence, the Chairman of Finance, our Associate Worthy Grand Matron, Acting Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and the General Chairman for the "Plant Seeds of Friendship" Grand Session. Everyone had a chance to voice their concerns and make suggestions. In the end, our concerns for the safety and well-being of our Sisters and Brothers were the deciding factors in making a difficult decision. After weighing every possibility and polling everyone in attendance, it was unanimously decided that the Grand Chapter Session scheduled to be held at the Sheraton Imperial in June 2021 must be cancelled. All Grand Chapter Officers and Committees will remain in place until June 2022. If you have made your reservations, please do not contact the hotel. They have been notified and will take care of the cancellations and necessary refunds. The hotel is working with a "skeleton staff" and do not have the manpower at this time to field numerous calls.

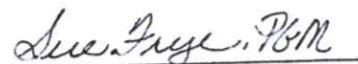
Please remember that North Carolina is not the only Jurisdiction facing this dilemma. You will see postings from many other Jurisdictions regarding their plans for their Sessions. While many of us in North Carolina can remember when attendance at Grand Chapter was threefold what it has been of late, we still outnumber many other areas. It is not logical to compare our number of chapters with a jurisdiction that has thirty or even less chapters. Our numbers alone make it impossible to entertain any plans for an "alternate" method of holding our Grand Chapter Session.

When we are able to return to our Chapters for meetings, there will be much work to be done. This will give you the needed time to concentrate on your individual chapters and members.

Fraternally,


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