Proposed Amendments:

No. 1 Adopted.
Except for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron who are ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, elected Grand Officers cannot serve as a Trustee of the Eastern Star Home, and if they are a Trustee and elected to a Grand Officer position, they must resign as a Trustee.

No. 2 Adopted.
The Associate Grand Matron may recommend a member to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron as Co-Chairman of Credentials, Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program, and Housing. The Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress may each recommend one of the two Co-Chairmen to Membership; The Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress intend that the member appointed is to serve as Chairman of their committees during their years as Worthy Grand Matron; however, this does not mean that the member must be appointed as Chairman; that the member to be appointed is willing to serve as Chairman; except for cause, the Worthy Grand Matron shall make this appointment; and in the absence of the Chairman they do not automatically assume the chairmanship - if the chairmanship is vacated, the new chairman is appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

No. 3 Adopted.
In order to move the location of an anteroom meeting, a Special Dispensation is required, unless the meeting is being moved for the purpose of the Official Visit. In which case, no special dispensation is required, only notice to the members.

No. 4 Adopted.
All three members of every Chapter involved in a consolidation must be present at all meetings of the consolidation committee; that if any member of the consolidation committee cannot attend one of the meetings, she or he must inform the Worthy Matron of her/his Chapter; that upon being informed that a consolidation committee member cannot attend one of its meetings, the Worthy Matron shall appoint a replacement member. That appointment does not have to be permanent, but may be pro tem.

No. 5 Adopted.
A Plural Member, who seeks to join with a new Chapter upon institution, must first demit from one of her/his Chapters and request a Certificate of Good Standing from the other, which shall be presented with the member's Petition to Affiliate upon Institution. A member of a single Chapter who wishes to affiliate with a new Chapter upon institution and retain membership in only that Chapter must request a demit from her/his current Chapter. This request may be made either before or after joining with the new Chapter.

No. 6 Not Adopted.
No. 7 Not Adopted.
No. 8 Adopted.
If a Chapter is on probation, the secretary may only issue a Certificate of Good Standing to a member with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron.

No. 9 Adopted.
Sec. 236 will be corrected to read "Any member who is not in good standing because of expulsion after trial in the Order, may be restored to membership in the Order, at the sole discretion of the Grand Chapter, and be entitled to receive a Certificate of Restoration" A Brother who is not in good standing because of suspension or expulsion from a Lodge, may be restored to membership in the Order only after being restored to membership in the Lodge. A Brother who has been suspended may be restored by the normal procedure for reinstatement after loss of Masonic Standing. A Brother who has been expelled may only be restored to membership by the Grand Chapter.

No. 10 Adopted.

It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to review the materials to determine if all the necessary documentation for a bylaw change was received. If all of the necessary documents were received, then, before being forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron, or Worthy Grand Patron, if appropriate, the documents, or copies, shall be sent to the Constitution and Bylaws committee for review and recommendation. Once approved, or disapproved, a copy of the bylaws and the approval form shall be sent to the Chapter with all of the other documents placed in the Chapter's file in the Grand Chapter office. When the approval, or disapproval, is received by the Chapter Secretary, just the approval, or disapproval, shall be read at the next stated meeting of the Chapter, and a record entered into the Chapter's minutes.

No. 11 Adopted.

Chapters must include in their financial records the gross receipts and expenses of all events, including events held by subordinate clubs. Failure to keep proper financial records and report all income and expenses may result in the placing of a Chapter on probation or suspension or revocation of its charter.

No. 12 Adopted.

The annual reports to the Chapter will be given at the first meeting after Nov. 30.

No. 13 Adopted.

A member of a Chapter, whose charter has been suspended, may be permitted to receive a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary.

1. The member's dues and assessments must be paid to the end of the preceding month;
2. A dual or plural member may not receive a Certificate of Good Standing from a Chapter with a suspended charter;
3. Any request for a Certificate of Good Standing shall be sent to the Grand Secretary;
4. Before the Certificate is issued, the Grand Secretary must obtain the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron that the member is entitled to the certificate and that she is permitted to issue the certificate to that member.

A member of a Chapter, whose charter has been suspended, may be entitled to receive a Demit from the Grand Secretary.

1. The member's dues and assessments must be paid to the end of the preceding month;
2. Any request for a Demit shall be sent to the Grand Secretary;
3. Before the Demit is issued, the Grand Secretary must obtain the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron that the member is entitled to the demit and that it may be issued to that member;
4. The member shall be issued a Demit or a Certificate of Discontinuance of Multiple Membership as appropriate.
Decisions ratified:

1. An amendment to the California Masonic Code passed in 2013 and concerned the publishing of information about members. The amendment is not binding on Grand Chapter, so the Eastern Star members do not have to follow it. The California Masonic Code provides only that other Masonic organizations are subject to the same "standards of conduct and propriety" as are lodges. Other Masonic organizations are not subject to the administrative rules of Grand Lodge. As the recent amendments do not relate to "standards of conduct and propriety" they are not binding on Grand Chapter.

2. Résumés submitted by candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes shall contain only statements of his or her qualifying training and/or experience and may not contain statements concerning why they are running for the Board and/or what they hope to accomplish if elected.

3. The Book of Instruction provides that in general, pictures must not be taken during any ritualistic ceremony but may be taken at open installations and receptions. Pictures are permitted at all times when ritual is NOT being performed from Ritual or the Instruction Book. This would include 25 or 50 year pin presentations, the Deputy Grand Matron's reception during which she is in the East but no ritual is being performed and at other times, such as Good of the Order, which is not ritualistic in basis.

4. A Chapter may amend its bylaws to set its initiation fee to include the purchase of a ritual for a new member. However, if the cost of a ritual increases they may not increase the initiation fee unless they change their bylaws.
October 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Holiday season is quickly approaching and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff and Residents of the Senior Living Community we wish health and happiness for you and your families.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Martha Peters, and Worthy Grand Patron, Roger Nieder, and their Grand Officers will be visiting with the residents during this holiday season, and we hope you will be able to come by sometime during the season to visit, also. The residents enjoy visiting with the members of our Order whenever possible.

Once again we are asking our members for donations to help make the Holidays more joyous for our residents, not only for the season fast approaching but also for the other holidays throughout the year. Any donations can be made through your Chapter Secretary who would gladly see that it gets to our Senior Living Community.

Many accomplishments have been made in this past year at our Home, successes that would not have been possible without the support of our membership and we thank you so very much for your caring.

Happy Holidays to all of you from all of us!

Fraternally,

Jim Whiteley, PGP; President
Home Board of Trustees

Kimberly Cooke, Executive Director
Senior Living Community for the Eastern Star in California
August 25, 2014

Dearest Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, and Friends,

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you to the Belmont Ball, a celebration of the Belmont Mansion, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star International Headquarters, held in honour of the 95th anniversary of the visit of HRH Edward, Prince of Wales to the Belmont Mansion.

We are eagerly awaiting your arrival. The floors are being polished, the silverware is shining and we are rolling up the rug in the Ballroom for dancing on Saturday night, November the 8th.

Please, join us in our celebration of this magnificent building and the stories it holds. All of the proceeds from the Donor Dinner, Belmont Ball, Belmont Ball Auction, and the Souvenir Program will go to support, restore, and maintain this treasure.

If you need more information I invite you to visit the General Grand Chapter, OES website (http://www.EasternStar.org). Look under the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Calendar, The Belmont Ball. Alternatively you may just use this link http://www.EasternStar.org/belmont-ball-2014. If you prefer to pay electronically you may do so at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-belmont-ball-tickets-12320395635. Please, call me at 443-804-4142 if you have any other questions.

I hope that you will join us for Donor Dinner on Friday the 7th of November and/or the Belmont Ball and Auction on Saturday the 8th of November, 2014. If you will be visiting from out of the Metropolitan Area please consider extending your stay and enjoy all (or just some) of the wonderful things to do and see in Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

Please, purchase your tickets early for both events as space is limited and I would hate for you to miss out on this historic event. If you wish to have your name listed in the program as a special donor or place an ad in the Belmont Ball Souvenir Program, you must not only respond you must have your electronic copy or listing into Victoria Lynn Johnson (VLJohnson@EasternStar.org) by October 1st, 2014.

I have made arrangements for us to stay at the Dupont Circle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue., NW, Washington, D.C. Reservations may be made by calling: 855-523-6953 and referencing the event name "General Grand Chapter, OES". Cost is $179.00 per night, plus tax and parking. Though it is just a five minute walk to the Mansion, cabs are available.

Driving in? The Dupont Circle Parking Garage is $18.00 for the evening and closes at 11:00 p.m.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of our International Headquarters of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and the 1618 Project.

We are diligently working on a weekend to remember! I do so look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

Wilma J. Thompson, GGCCM
Belmont Ball Committee Chairman
443-804-4142
wiljon12@comcast.net

For your tax records: The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and its International Headquarters is a nonprofit 501(c)10 a charitable and fraternal organization.
the Belmont Ball

You are cordially invited to attend

in Honour of the
Ninety-fifth Anniversary of the visit of
HRH Edward, Prince of Wales to
Washington, D.C. and the Belmont Mansion
to support the Belmont Mansion

at
the International Headquarters
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
1618 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20009-2549

on
Saturday the Eighth of November
of Two Thousand and Fourteen
at Six O’clock in the evening

Please find further details, pricing,
and response information enclosed
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (GGC, OES)  
International Headquarters  
1618 New Hampshire Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2549  
202-667-4737

For more Information Please contact:  
Wilma Thompson, GGCCM  
Belmont Ball Committee Chairman  
443-804-4142  
wiljon12@comcast.net

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Reservation Card
Please Indicate your level of Support

확 Diamond - $1,000 or more
★ Two (2) tickets for Friday night Donor Appreciation Dinner  
★ Two (2) tickets for the Belmont Ball  
★ Your name listed in the Souvenir Program Book  
★ Submit up to a full page ad for the Souvenir Program Book

확 Platinum - $500 to $999.99
★ One (1) ticket for Friday night Donor Appreciation Dinner  
★ Two (2) tickets for the Belmont Ball  
★ Your name listed in the Souvenir Program Book  
★ Submit up to a half page ad for the Souvenir Program Book

확 Gold - $250 to $499.99
★ Two (2) tickets for the Belmont Ball  
★ Your name listed in the Souvenir Program Book

확 Silver - $125 to $249.99
★ One (1) ticket for the Belmont Ball  
★ Your name listed in the Souvenir Program Book

확 Ticket - $100
★ One (1) ticket for the Belmont Ball

확 Donation - $________
★ We/I am unable to attend but I still want to support the Order of the Eastern Star International Headquarters Building

Please make check payable to:  
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (GGC, OES)

Please submit this form with payment and send to  
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (GGC, OES)  
Belmont Ball  
c/o Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary  
1618 New Hampshire Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2549

If you would like to pay via credit card please visit  
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-belmont-ball-tickets-12320395635

For inclusion in the Souvenir Program please return this form  
(and any ad information if applicable) by  
Wednesday, 1 October 2014

(electronic copy for the ads should be emailed to VictoriaLynn at  
VLJohnson@EasternStar.org)

Other responses should be returned by Friday, 17 October 2014

Donor Dinner Food Concerns: ___________________________________________
I.M.P.A.C.T. 2015

Pit Stop

“It’s time to tune-up and realign your leadership and membership skills”

Workshop Locations & Site Coordinators:

Saturday, February 21
Sacramento
George Primrose Masonic Center
Laura Askins
Camellia108mom@yahoo.com
(916) 752-9896

Saturday, March 7
Fresno
Scottish Rite Center
Juliet Vitz
redjuliet50@sbcglobal.net
(559) 381-6432

Sunday, March 8
Castro Valley
Castro Valley Masonic Center
Kelley James
k-james@sbcglobal.net
(510) 329-5519

Saturday, March 21
Yorba Linda
Senior Living Community
Elizabeth Lopez
elizabeth.lopez3@hotmail.com
(949) 212-1984

All Members Welcome
New Program
Sessions 10 am - 3 pm
Cost $10
RSVP to your local Site Coordinator
Ladies & Gentlemen – Start Your Engines

Come to the All Member Instructional on
Sunday, December 7, 2014 at
San Pedro Harbor Chapter

When: Sunday, December 7, 2014
9:30am to 4:30pm
(Check-in begins at 9am - don’t forget your dues receipt)

Where: Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Center
1640 W 9th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Why: Come and greet the Grand Family of 2015 and
meet your Grand Officer for one-on-one training

Learn what’s new for 2015 and come away feeling
rejuvenated about our Order!

Cost: $10 per person WHEN you RSVP
$15 per person WITHOUT an RSVP
Two snacks and lunch will be provided

Dress: Appropriate business attire - no jeans, please

RSVP to: Melissa Cronin - RSVP by 11/28/2014
Phone: (310) 324-2020
Email: gmcronin@live.com

Proceeds will be used to support the sponsor’s fraternal purposes
Let’s Race to the AMI

With Martha Peters, WGM & Roger Nieder, WGP

And the 2015 Grand Family

Saturday, December 13, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Molino Masonic Lodge

25020 Tehama-Vina Road

Los Molinos, CA

Current dues receipt required

Lunch will be served with snack during the morning and afternoon breaks. Cost $7.00

Any proceeds from the cost will be used to support the sponsor’s fraternal purposes.

**DRESS**: Appropriate business attire - No jeans PLEASE.

**PLEASE RSVP** to Karen Skelton at 530 990-1830 or karenlskelton@att.net
All Member Instructional

Sunday, December 14, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Roseville Masonic Temple
235 Vernon Street
Roseville, CA 95678

Come and meet the Grand Family of 2015
Refresh your Knowledge of our Order
And Learn what is new for 2015

$10 with RSVP/$15 at the door
Snacks and Lunch will be served

RSVP by December 5, 2014 to: Debra Knutson
E-mail: Dknutson@aol.com - Home Phone: (916)331-0686

Appropriate Business Attire Requested – No Jeans Please.
Current Dues Receipt Required

“Proceeds will be used to support the sponsor’s fraternal purposes”
Singers Wanted

5th Annual
Christmas Concert & Sing-a-long
Senior Living Community
16850 Bastanchury Road
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Saturday December 20, 2014

Possible Lunch with Residents at 11:30am
Lunch availability and price will be provided at a later date
RSVP before December 6, 2014
Lunch must be prepaid to attend

12:30pm Practice

1:00pm Concert & Sing-a-Long

Please Contact
Wanda Preuss, PM
wlpreuss@yahoo.com
(619)952-0914
Take the Carousel ride to the Inland Empire Masonic Center
260 S. Palm Ave., Rialto, Calif.
Sunday November 2nd, 2014
at 2pm,
(Don’t forget to set your clocks back)
To honor
Sister Barbara Woolery
Grand Representative of Connecticut in California

Refreshments to follow

RSVP to Lorene Luce, (909) 793-4100
onreelori@earthlink.net
or
Cindy Renner, (951) 351-8158
kcjren@msn.com
Santa was looking for an elf to help with all the kids in Vermont. He searched all over the world until he finally got to California. He remembered a little red-headed girl, who was oh so special, and thought that she would be an ideal choice. When he finally found her, her hair had tuned to snow. That was OK since there was lots of snow in Vermont.

Who's this little girl who is so special?? Why...it is our own Karen Nuccio, Grand Representative of Vermont in California!

COME HONOR KAREN Nuccio WITH LINDEN CHAPTER

DECEMBER 12, 2014

DINNER AT 6:15 PM, ANTEROOM MEETING AT 7:30 PM, HONOR NIGHT TO FOLLOW

AT THE LINDEN FRATERNAL HALL

4971 MILL ST., LINDEN

RSVP to Peggy LeClerc, 988-7589 or pegswey@aol.com