

# **BOOK OF PROTOCOL FOR USE BY GRAND CHAPTERS AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS DIRECTLY UNDER GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

The Book of Protocol has been found to be a helpful guide for Eastern Star etiquette.

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## **Courtesies Extended to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron**

### **OFFICIAL VISITATION INFORMATION:**

- As soon as practical prior to your Official Visit, please make hotel room reservations for both the MWGM and MWGP. Two suites should be provided, one for the MWGM and one for the MWGP. Please let them know the name of the hotel, its location, phone number and hotel confirmation numbers so they will have this information for themselves and their families. Also, please inform the secretaries of all payments not covered by the host jurisdictions and required of the MWGM and MWGP.

- If possible, please email or mail a copy of your tentative program and information about any special pre-Session activities.
- If you would like a picture of the MWGM and the MWGP for your program, please contact the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office at (202) 667-4737 or email [rwgsecretary@easternstar.org](mailto:rwgsecretary@easternstar.org).
- Please appoint a Driver and a Page for both the MWGM and MWGP, and give the Most Worthys their name and phone number in case of delay.
- Please have the Driver at the airport to pick up the Most Worthys. If they are arriving by car, please have a Page available to meet them at the hotel. It would be helpful if the Driver/Page explains as much of the schedule of events as possible.
- If the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are not available when the Most Worthys arrive, a welcome call or note to their room is proper.
- The Driver should talk to the MWGM and the MWGP to confirm departure times and be sure arrangements are made so they can be at the airport at least 2 hours before their flight time.
- If there are OES functions outside the hotel, the Driver should provide transportation for the MWGM and MWGP as needed.
- Please put a copy of your Grand Chapter Program and any required tickets in the Most Worthys' hotel suites.
- Please send a copy of your correspondence or e-mails to the Secretary of both the MWGM and the MWGP. This practice will keep the necessary information available to everyone so things will move along smoothly.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Please send notifications of special events (multi-jurisdictional gatherings, Grand Chapter anniversaries, etc.) to the Secretaries of the MWGM and MWGP in the event they might desire to attend.

**GGC OFFICER HONOR EVENTS:** When the MWGM and MWGP have their Official Visit to the home jurisdiction of a General Grand Chapter Officer (elected or appointed), please attempt to hold the honor event within 24 hours (before or after) the formal opening when distinguished guests are presented (introductions/escort).

**GIFTS:** The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron fly to most Jurisdictions. If you present large or breakable gifts to them, you should be prepared to mail the gifts to their homes. An Honorary Membership is the best gift you can give them.

### **Courtesies Extended to Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons And Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons**

If Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons are in attendance at any Session, the courtesies extended to the  
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Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron should also be extended to them. They are to be assigned a Page and seated at the Head Table at banquets, luncheons, breakfasts and extended the courtesies of the East.

### **OPENING SESSION:**

Please see that seats have been reserved in the Grand Chapter Room for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons and the General Grand Chapter Officers (*including* the General Grand Chapter Trustees). The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron prefer to remain seated on the floor of the Grand Chapter Room prior to being formally introduced and escorted to the East. It is proper to extend the courtesy of asking the MWGM, MWGP, PMWGMs, PMWGP and GGC Officers to sit in the East following introduction during their visit.

If you are having a song or a tribute for the MWGM and MWGP, it should be done after they have been escorted to the East and have received Grand Honors. This will allow the membership to be seated while it is given.

The MWGM and MWGP should be invited to bring an official message to the Grand Chapter on your Formal Opening night after all General Grand Chapter Appointments (including Star Chasers) have been introduced. It would be appreciated if their remarks could be scheduled before 10:00 PM.

Please pay careful attention to when you take your guests out to line up for introductions. If possible, please see they will not miss the opening drills or a large portion of introductions.

NOTE: The General Grand Chapter Officers will not line up until after Grand Honors have been given to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

In the East, please reserve the front rows for the General Grand Chapter Officers, when possible. Pages should see that purses and wraps are brought to the East as soon as reasonable after the General Grand Officers have been seated.

**THE BADGE OF OFFICE:** The Badge of Office (if a pin) should be worn on the left side so it is on the same side as your heart. It is preferred *only* your badge of office be worn on your left side with no other pins, flowers, etc., on that same side.

### **BIBLE AND EMBLEM PRESENTATIONS, ALTAR SERVICES**

#### **Bible and Emblem Presentations:**

**Please stand at all times when the Bible is being presented at the Altar, i.e., stand and assume the Reverent Attitude when the Bible bearer enters the Labyrinth and remain standing until she/he retires from the Labyrinth (Pages 16-17, Ritual).** For this reason, please have the Bible presented first or last, but do not have the

membership stand during the entire presentation.

### **Altar Services:**

The Ritual, pages 16-17, gives the specific times and the manner of Altar Services. The Reverent Attitude is not a secret sign; therefore, it should be used any time there is an Altar Service being conducted in a public ceremony or in a closed Chapter meeting. All members should turn and face the Altar. The Chaplain and Conductress do not assume the Reverent Attitude while marching.

### **FLAG PRESENTATIONS**

When presenting the American Flag, please have it taken to the East, posted to the right of the presiding officer, give the pledge and sing the National Anthem. All U.S. members stand at attention with the right hand over the heart when the flag is presented, while the Pledge of Allegiance is given and during the singing of our national anthem.

In the United States, the American Flag is posted on the extreme right of the presiding officer. (Note: If the flag staff has an eagle as a finial, face the wings of the eagle toward the audience as a symbol of protection over those present.) The American Flag should be carried at a 45-degree angle on the left side of the body with the right hand across the heart holding the flag staff.

If possible, please stand for the presentation of the American and Canadian Flags (or other national flags depending on the location of the assembly). Veterans may stand for the flag of their branch of Service (optional, not required). The MWGM, MWGP and GGC Officers will stand for the Arizona and Kentucky flags; others may also stand for these flags if desired.

**U.S.: Please post the Canadian Flag at all U.S. Grand Chapters after the American Flag.** It is posted to the presiding officer's right (the audience's left) next to the American Flag (to the immediate right or inside, if facing). After posting, please sing the Canadian National Anthem, "O' Canada." You should not play "O Canada" while the flag is being presented; "The Maple Leaf Forever" is acceptable.

**Canada: Please post the American Flag at all Canadian Grand Chapters after the Canadian Flag.** Please post the American Flag, followed by the singing of the U.S. National Anthem.

*If special tributes are given for the American Flag and/or the Canadian Flag, and/or all other flags, please have them given before or after the flags have been presented so the membership can be seated for the tributes.*

Each country has its own flag protocol and we should always be mindful of any differences from our own and show respect.

**MWGM and MWGP STATE FLAGS INFO:** The MWGM and MWGP will have their own Jurisdiction's flag with them; however, the host Jurisdiction will need to provide a staff for the flag. Please assign someone to take down their flag and return it to them prior to their departure from your Grand Chapter.

## ESCORT AND INTRODUCTION

**Who:** It is the duty of the (Grand) Conductress to introduce all visitors. When there are Brothers to be escorted, the Associate (Grand) Conductress assists with escort only; she does not make the introductions. When there are only Brothers, the (Grand) Conductress escorts and introduces them. The (Grand) Conductress, with the assistance of the Associate (Grand) Conductress, should ascertain the name and title of all visitors before making the introductions in order to extend the courtesy of correct pronunciation of name and proper title.

**When:** All distinguished guests should be introduced immediately after the Chapter or Grand Chapter is declared open and the flag ceremony has been completed.

### INTRODUCTIONS IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION:

If both the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are present, they shall be introduced together. This rule applies to all other guests of equal rank, Sisters and Brothers being received together. (Per General Grand Chapter Red Book protocol, Sisters and Brothers of equal rank are received together, introduced and escorted to the East: Sisters on the North side of the room and the Brothers on the South side of the room. Do NOT stand in front of the open Bible on the Altar or cross between the open Bible on the Altar and the East. This North/South protocol and respecting the open Bible on the Altar is for **all** introductions.)

► **Introduced at the Altar, to the East, Grand Honors** (those entitled to Grand Honors [see Ritual, pg. 17] are escorted to the Altar, i.e., Sisters between Martha and Esther; Brothers between Ruth and Esther).

- 1. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron**  
(always introduced first in their own Jurisdiction)
- 2. Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. When both are present, they shall be introduced together (Constitution, GGC, Article III).**

They shall be escorted to the Altar together and proper introduction made by the (Grand) Conductress, i.e., first the Most Worthy Grand Matron, then the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

- 3. Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons**
- 4. Elected General Grand Chapter Officers (this includes the Right Worthy Grand Trustees)**
- 5. Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers**
- 6. General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members**

Ambassadors in order alphabetically *by area appointed to*, i.e., Alaska, Aruba, etc.; followed by GGCCMs in alphabetical order *by title of committee*, i.e., Appeals & Grievances, Benevolence, etc., and “*inside*” the *committee*—chairman first, followed by remaining

committee members in alphabetical order)  
Deputies of the MWGM and MWGP who are a PGM or PGP

**7. Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons**

**8. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons**

(If PGM or PGP has additional title(s), give additional title(s) at this time, i.e., General Grand Chapter Emeritus; Special Appointment of MWGM/MWGP, if a Past Grand)

► **West of Esther’s station, to the East outside the Labyrinth, given a hearty welcome** (introduced west of Esther’s station and escorted to the East outside the Labyrinth; the Sisters on the North side and the Brothers on the South side of the room).

**9. Elected Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions (visiting)**

**10. Appointed Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions (visiting)**

**11. Those who are not Past Grands, but have General Grand Chapter special appointments**

(for example, Triennial Assembly Finance Chairs, Parliamentarian, Webmaster, Escorts, Secretaries, International Grand Representatives Association, etc) **and Deputies of the MWGM and/or MWGP who are not Past Grands** (in order listed in the 2024-27 Who’s Who Book)

**12. Those who are not Past Grands, but are Special Appointments of the MWGM and MWGP**

(i.e., special designated titles given by MWGM and MWGP, such as “Star Chasers” or similar)

**13. Grand Representatives**

At Grand Chapters, all Grand Representatives are escorted to the Altar, to the East and given Grand Honors. **Grand Representatives receive Grand Honors ONLY at Grand Chapter.**

NOTE: Please do not use the term “Grand Rep” when referring to Grand Representatives; always use the full term “Grand Representative.” The Jurisdiction that is *not* the home Jurisdiction of the Grand Representative being introduced is stated first, followed by their home Jurisdiction. For example: “Sister Jane Doe, Grand Representative OF (other Jurisdiction) IN (home Jurisdiction).”

**Information regarding the MWGM and/or MWGP Deputies:**

In Subordinate Chapters directly under General Grand Chapter, if the Deputies of the MWGM and/or MWGP are acting officially, i.e., making an Official Visit on behalf of the MWGM in her absence. They are presented at the Altar, escorted inside the Labyrinth to the East, are given Grand Honors and invited to seats in the East.

**Note:** If the Deputy is visiting at other times and it is not on behalf of the MWGM for the Official Visit, they are not escorted to the Altar or given Grand Honors unless they hold the title of Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron. They are escorted West of Esther’s chair and given

a hearty welcome. They should be invited to sit in the East.

***Note: The instruction regarding introductions is General Grand Chapter protocol. Additional escort and introductions are not a requirement of General Grand Chapter protocol.***

### **MASONIC COURTESIES:**

Masonic introductions follow all Eastern Star introductions. The Grand Master is always invited to speak. Brothers ONLY stand when the Grand Master is introduced. If a Brother is a Past Grand Master of Masons, they should be recognized.

### **RECEIVING LINES**

When there is to be a reception and a receiving line for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Worthy Grand Matron shall notify them (and anyone else who is expected to participate, such as GGC Officers, etc). Each should have an invitation to be in the line and information as to the type of dress. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would be first in the receiving line and should make an effort to keep the line moving. Please have chairs for those in the receiving line in case they should desire to sit down.

#### **Order of the Receiving Line:**

1. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron (always first in their own Grand Jurisdiction)
2. Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
3. Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons
4. General Grand Chapter Officers
5. General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

#### **OPTIONAL:**

6. Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
7. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
8. Grand Officers
9. MWGM and/or MWGP Deputies

#### **SUGGESTED Head Table banquet seating** (space permitting)

Introduction of Distinguished Guests should be in order of rank, no matter where they are seated at the Head Table.

#### To the right of the podium when facing the audience:

1. Master of Ceremonies (may be on the left side if necessary)
2. Worthy Grand Matron  
\*Escort
3. Most Worthy Grand Matron  
\*Escort
4. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron(s)
5. Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, including Right Worthy Grand Trustees  
\*Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers

To the left of the podium when facing the audience:

1. Worthy Grand Patron  
\*Escort
2. Most Worthy Grand Patron  
\*Escort
3. Past Most Worthy Grand Patron(s)  
\*Escort
4. Grand Master  
\*Escort
5. Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, including Right Worthy Grand Trustees  
\*Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers  
*\*these people are optional to be seated at Head Table*

Space permitting, others may be seated at the Head Table, such as an Invocator, those giving a welcome/response, making introductions, etc.

Any General Grand Chapter Officer(s) and/or escorts who are not seated at the Head Table should be seated at a *sub-head table or at reserved tables directly in front of the Head Table*.

It is courteous to avoid having the MWGM and MWGP, and other General Grand Chapter Officers, standing in line to get into a banquet room.

### **INTRODUCTIONS AT MEALS**

**It is the request of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron to limit introductions at meal functions.** It is acceptable to introduce only the Head Table and sub-head tables while acknowledging all other Distinguished Guests collectively with a warm welcome. If the guests at the Head Table are introduced as they are escorted in, please do not introduce them again. If other Distinguished Guests are in attendance, it is acceptable to recognize them in groups, greet them with words of welcome and acknowledge their formal introduction will take place later. Similarly, if they have been formally introduced in Session prior to the meal function, it is not only acceptable, but desirable not to introduce them again. It would be courteous, however, to recognize them as a group and extend words of welcome.

### **MULTI-STATE FUNCTIONS**

At a Multi-State Function, the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of the participating Jurisdictions should be seated at the Head Table because it is THEIR particular function as heads of the host Jurisdictions. Should the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons be in attendance, they also should be at the Head Table.

### **50-YEAR OR MORE PIN RECIPIENTS**

These members will be escorted to the Altar with the Sisters entering between Esther and Martha and the Brothers between Ruth and Esther. They shall be introduced by name and escorted to the East.



The 50-year or longer membership pin shall be presented, the Worthy Matron shall call up the Chapter and Grand Honors shall be given. The Recipients may be invited to sit in the East or taken back to their seats in the Chapter room. (Ritual, Page 17 and GGC Book of Instruction, Page 162) **The honor of being received behind the Altar and receiving Grand Honors for receiving a 50-year or longer pin is only given once.**

**DUES CARDS:** Visitors in a Chapter who do not know anyone in the Chapter MUST have a General Grand Chapter Dues Card. It should be compared to your own to make certain it has all the same information and insignias on it. If there is *any* variance, they will not be admitted. If you are satisfied the Card is authentic, the Worthy Matron should be notified to have the Examining Committee check the Visitor per the Instructions. (Ritual, Page 17 and GGC Book of Instruction, pages 138-141)

### **BALLOTING**

Instructions for the ballot for Subordinate Chapters are contained in the Ritual, pages 13-15. The General Grand Chapter Book of Instruction, pages 171-177, gives more detailed information on the procedures for Balloting, placement of the Ballot Box, the method of Balloting and the results of Balloting.

### **INITIATION**

This very important Ceremony is the first official impression of those who have petitioned and been approved for membership (Ritual, Pages 49-91). These important people have been approved and are ready to be a part of our organization. We owe them the most beautiful Ceremony we can provide.

Please welcome the candidates warmly upon arrival at the Chapter and have someone sit with them outside the Chapter room until it is time to start the Ceremony.

Strive to LEARN the work. Appoint one prompter so the Officers will know how to receive assistance should it be needed. After Initiation, get the new member(s) involved in the Chapter activities as soon as possible.

### **INSTALLATION**

Pertinent directions for Chapter Installations are can be found in the GGC Red Book, Book of Instruction, on pages 190-196, and pages 93-125 of the Ritual. Please note the Installing Marshal always has the Officer being installed to her/his right at the Altar.

When multiple Officers are to be invested with the badge of their office, they should all turn to face the Installing Marshal who places the badge on each Officer, after which the Officer should face the East and remain until all have been invested with their badges. Then on instruction from the Installing Officer, the Installing Marshal escorts them to their proper stations.

Since there may be non-members present at Installation, this would be

a fitting time to give a message about Eastern Star history, as well as a report on the charitable giving in the local area and the General Grand Chapter worldwide.

## **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was legitimately organized by a Convention of Delegates of Independent Grand Chapters on the fifteenth and sixteenth days of Nov. 1876. Now, therefore, the twenty-fifth Triennial General Assembly of said General Grand Chapter, acting as a constitutional convention, does hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the government of the Order within its jurisdictions (Page 3 Constitution)

**TITLE:** The organization shall be styled and known as: "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®." The purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star are as follows: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific. (Page 6, Constitution)

**CHARTERS:** Every Grand Chapter must hold a Charter issued by the General Grand Chapter (Page 163, Ritual) The Most Worthy Grand Patron must be contacted concerning all matters for Institution and Constitution of Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters before any official acts occur.

**RED BOOK:** The Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instructions for General Grand Chapter are informally known as the "Red Book."

**LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER:** It is hereby declared that the Declarations and Landmarks are a perpetual obligation. (Page 3 of the Constitution; Pages 164-165 of the Ritual). These are not to be confused with the Historical Landmarks of General Grand Chapter -- the International Headquarters, International Peace Garden Chapel, the Little Red Schoolhouse and the Rob Morris Home.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The General Grand Chapter shall convene in General Assembly every third year in a Grand Jurisdiction chartered by the General Grand Chapter, at such time and place as may be determined by vote at its previous General Assembly, but the first five officers, acting as a committee, may change the time or place of meeting in case of an emergency. (Page 9, Constitution)

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP:** The voting delegates of General Grand Chapter shall consist of the Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction when present in person; all Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons and Associate Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction or their legally appointed proxies; the three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter or their legally appointed

proxies, as directed by our laws, except that their Chapter must not be in arrears for dues; the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron appointed for the current Triennial, when present in person, except as Delegate Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, they will have a vote as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron only.

**LEGISLATION:** The aforementioned delegates vote on all amendments to any parts of the “Red Book,” i.e., Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Book of Instruction, etc., at the Triennial at which the amendment(s) is properly submitted. No changes can be made to any General Grand Chapter Law except in this manner.

Decisions made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron are in effect only during her tenure. Proposed amendments to put them into Law must be presented at the General Grand Chapter Assembly and voted on by the delegates.

**POWERS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:** The General Grand Chapter shall be supreme in all matters pertaining to its own organization and work therein, and shall have exclusive sovereignty over the written and unwritten work of the Order, and shall have exclusive power to prescribe its Landmarks, Ritual, Obligations, Degrees, Lectures, Installation, Memorial and Burial Services and all other matters pertaining to the Ritual, Ceremonies, and Work of the Order. (Page 14, Constitution)

It shall be the exclusive judge of the qualifications of its own members, shall prescribe and determine the qualifications for membership in the Order, and shall prescribe and determine the color, format, design and contents of the Official Dues Receipts (Cards) for all members of the Order. (Page 15, Constitution)

All Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter are obligated to obey the Ritual as promulgated by General Grand Chapter. No innovations are permitted and no Ritual ceremonies may be changed by additions or omissions. No authority is given to any Grand Chapter to adopt its own interpretation of any of the ceremonies included in the Ritual. (Page 133-134, GGC Book of Instruction)

**SECRET WORK:** The Secret Work of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star<sup>®</sup>, is copyrighted and no copies in any form are to be made of the Secret Work. Watermark copies of the Secret Work in several languages may be ordered by contacting the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Contact information is located on the General Grand Chapter website at [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org)

**RITUALS AND OES SUPPLIES:** General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star<sup>®</sup>, Rituals and printed supplies may be ordered by contacting the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Rituals may be printed in other languages and in other countries under specific instructions. For further information, please contact the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** All Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters under the direction of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star MUST submit an annual report in a timely manner. Annual Reports of Grand Chapters are scheduled with varying dates depending on the fiscal year and reporting dates for each Grand Jurisdiction. Annual Reports are mailed from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to each jurisdiction's Grand Secretary.

The completed annual report along with an updated list of Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Grand Line Officers and the Per Capita and International Headquarters fees are due prior to an established due date. Any reports submitted after the established due date must be accompanied by a \$50 penalty fee.

Annual Reports of Subordinate Chapters directly under the direction of General Grand Chapter are for the reporting year of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. In the Fall, Annual Reports are mailed from the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to each Subordinate Chapter Secretary. The completed annual report along with an updated list of the Subordinate Chapter membership, per capita and International Headquarters fees are due by March 1.

**FORMATION OF NEW GRAND CHAPTERS AND CHAPTERS DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:** The formation of new Eastern Star Chapters directly under the supervision of the General Grand Chapter and in a location where there's not an existing Grand Jurisdiction are under the authority of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Prior to any paperwork being completed, the MWGP is to be contacted for direction and information regarding the process for the formation of a new Chapter.

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