

SYNOPSIS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
Official Visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Visalia, California
October 15-18, 2014

The Grand Officers for 2014 are:

Debbie Maiman	Worthy Grand Matron
Randy Cady	Worthy Grand Patron
Martha Peters	Associate Grand Matron
Roger Nieder	Associate Grand Patron
Maryann Barrios	Grand Secretary
Kimberly Cooke	Grand Treasurer
Chris Dias	Grand Conductress
Linda Hooser	Associate Grand Conductress
Robert Slater	Grand Chaplain
Alyson Grant	Grand Marshal
Karen Skelton	Grand Organist
Debbie Sanborn	Grand Adah
Laura Bouwens	Grand Ruth
GeeGee Querry	Grand Esther
Judy Schnabel	Grand Martha
Arnita Mitchell	Grand Electa
Fred Loeser	Grand Warder
Bob Moffat	Grand Sentinel

The Grand East was decorated with banners in blue, teal, and purple. The Theme "Dance with Hope" was displayed prominently in a glittery script, and silhouettes of dancers were on either side. The stage itself was decorated with flower pots of hydrangeas. The main podium in the East had the formal emblem of the Worthy Grand Matron on it, and the side podium in the East was covered by the formal emblem of the Worthy Grand Patron. On the floor in the front of the East were the fun emblems of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; they were pointing to a table with wine glasses on it, and a pair of cowboy boots and sparkly high heels near it. Topiaries of hydrangeas delineated the Grand Chapter room floor, with the emblems of the Grand Line officers at their stations. The entrances to the Grand Chapter room in the West were arches decorated with flowers and in the back of the auditorium behind the Grand Chapter room was a gazebo depicting a dance party with people dancing to different types of music.

At each Session, the Grand Representatives, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages and Grand Officers entered and assumed their stations. At each morning and afternoon session, the Hostess and Host greeted all. The Grand Chapter Room was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Chaplain led us in prayer. The Worthy Grand Matron declared each Session open, and the Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation. The Worthy Grand Patron made all necessary announcements.

Throughout the Sessions, we heard reports from the Chairmen of the Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter.

The delegates acted on proposed legislation during the Thursday afternoon Session, as well as the Friday morning and afternoon Sessions.

At various times during the Sessions, we enjoyed the music from our Grand Choir.

Wednesday night session, Informal Opening: Beverly Wade, PGM, Hostess and Larry Coffin, PGP, Host.

At 6:45 the Grand Chapter hosted a sock hop with music from the 1950s and 1960s. Evelyn de la Rosa played a prelude at 7pm. The Grand Officers, their escorts, their Grand Pages, the Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons danced into the Grand Chapter room, and then all were seated.

Honorary Marshals Sheri Weisser, Sherie Gustafson, Kathleen MacDonald and Barbara Scott, all PGMs, escorted Cynthia and Bob Murphy, General Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week, to the East. The Murphys welcomed everyone and then the hostess and host were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

An emblem ceremony was performed by Susan White, GGCCM (Martha), and Sue Bishop (Adah), Sue McKinney (Ruth), Karen Fletcher (Esther) and Denny Rae Grist (Electa), all PGMs. The Worthy Grand Matron's Bible was brought in by Hildegard Smith, PGM. The Worthy Grand Patron's Bible was brought in by Patti Cady, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron. Bible Escorts were Donna Herring, PGM, and Terry Holts, PGP.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and their escorts were escorted to the East, presented and given Grand Honors and a hearty welcome. The Hostess and Host presented the Worthy Grand Matron with her gavel. The Grand Officers and their escorts were presented in the East and given a hearty welcome. The Deputy Grand Matrons were then escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Leslie Caviglia, Assistant City Manager of Visalia was escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome. She welcomed everyone to Visalia for Grand Chapter.

The Hostess and Host welcomed all to the informal opening of the session. JD Hammett, PGP, gave the invocation. Bob Wade, PP, escorted the American Flag to the East, accompanied by Trudy Slater, PM; the Worthy Grand Patron gave the flag tribute, and the audience gave the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem.

Other flags escorted to the East were:

California: Gary Gole, PP, escorted by Janyce Mathis, PM

Canadian Flag: Alan White, PP, escorted by Kathie Theener, PM
West Virginia: Tom McKinney, PP, escorted by Ken Querry, PP
Washington: Scott Smissen, PP, escorted by Andy Bouwens, PP
Eastern Star: Darrell Willoughby, PP, escorted by Karen Nuccio, PM
Masonic Flag: John Scott, PP, escorted by Bob Mitchell, PP
Christian Flag: Junior Bishop, PP, escorted by Cyntra Gibboney, PM

Escort: The following were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors:

Bobbi White, MWGM; Loyal Stark and Bill Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons; Dennis Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Marilyn Myers, Worthy Grand Chaplain; Debbie Dhayer, Worthy Grand Adah; Joy Lough, Worthy Grand Ruth; Beverly Haave, Ambassador to Australia; Helen Walker, Ambassador to Peru; Billie Bradfield, GGCCM, Shrine Charities; Mary Lynne Nealts, GGCCM, Registration; Russell Trout, GGCCM Cancer; Jerrie Wilcox, GGCCM credentials; Kim Hegg, GGCCM, Credentials; Frank Young, GGCCM, Jurisprudence; Janet Robinson, GGCCM, Eastern Star Journal; Sue White, GGCCM, ESTARL; Don Snyder, GGCCM, Public Relations; Shilora Hudlow, WGM, Nevada; Ronnie Dollgener, WGP, Arizona; Donna Parish, WGM, Arizona; Mary Jackson, PGM, Arizona; Vera Nisely, PGM, Colorado; Robert Hudlow, PGP, Illinois; Jim Krass, PGP, New Mexico; George Lang, PGP, Nevada; Joseph Leininger, PGP, Arizona; David Wilcox, PGP, Colorado; Larry Decker, PGP, Missouri; Hildegard Smith, Earlynn Albright, Jerry Creager, Barbara Pierce Kathleen MacDonald, Sherie Gustafson, Denny Rae Grist, Sue McKinney, Sheri Weisser, Sue Bishop, Danna Willoughby, Donna Herring, Norma Stilwell, Karen Fletcher, Collette Serio Gole, Barbara Scott, Linda Bernhard, Sarahann Shapiro, Earl Eckert, David Von Bima, Terry Holts, Jim Chormicle, Steve Nicholas, Dave Buck, Mike Cornell, Jim Whiteley, JD Hammett, Steve Johnson, and Art Weiss, all PGMs and PGPs of California.

The following were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome:

Sharon Grecian-Hoff, AGM Nevada; Maggie McClure, AGM, Arizona; NanC Krass, GC, New Mexico; Tori Loll, AGC, Arizona; Doreen Santos, Grand Organist, Arizona; Carol Lattin, Grand Esther, Kansas; Kathy Kelley, Grand Martha, Arizona; Terry Loll, Grand Warder, Arizona; Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary Emeritus; Donna Tucker, Erla Hildebrand, Beverly Cratsenburg, Tacy Lee and Fred Schulenburg, Past Grand Treasurers.

The Worthy Grand Matron welcomed everyone to the Session. The Worthy Grand Patron welcomed the new members and members of other Jurisdictions. Bobbi White, MWGM, gave her address to the members. Loyal Stark, PMWGM, addressed the delegates, and Dennis Jordan, RWGTrustee, gave the response on behalf of the distinguished members. Dennis also announced his pages for General Grand Chapter: Sue White, GGCCM, Barbara Scott, PGM, Don Snyder, GGCCM, and Mike Cornell, PGP.

Don Snyder and Evelyn de la Rosa sang for the membership. Dennis Jordan played the piano.

The Grand Representatives presented the cavalcade of flags. Joseph Fischer was announced as the new Grand Representative of Michigan in California. They were welcomed by Martha Peters, Associate Grand Matron, with Nancy Sharpe, President of the Southern Grand

Representatives Association, giving the response.

Announcements were made, and the Closing Ode was sung; Bob Slater, Grand Chaplain, gave the benediction and the evening adjourned so that an informal reception could be held for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and California General Grand Chapter officer and appointments

Thursday morning session, Formal Opening: Sarahann Shapiro, Jr. PGM, and Art Weiss, Jr. PGP, Hostess and Host.

The emblem ceremony took place, with the Grand Marshal and Grand Star Point officers participating. The Grand Conductress escorted the Holy Bible into the Grand Chapter room, and the Worthy Grand Patron's Bible was escorted to a place of honor by the Grand Secretary's desk by Patti Cady, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron. The Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room.

The Hostess and Host welcomed the members to the Session. The Grand Chapter was then proved and the 141st Annual Session was formally opened.

Escorted to the East and given Grand Honors were Pamala James, GGCCM, Youth; Jean Lewis, PGM, New Mexico and Andrea Storjohann, PGM, Idaho.

Kim Hegg, GGCCM, Parliamentarian, moved that the parliamentary rules and procedures as printed and distributed be approved. The motion carried.

Sister Elsa Templin gave the report of the Election Chairman, Jackie Bozeman, who was unable to attend Grand Chapter due to family issues.

Reports were given by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. Entertainment was given by Merribeth May, PM, and by Nellis Johnson, PM, and Mary Jackson, PGM of Arizona and member of Elk Grove Onisbo Chapter No. 109.

Reports were given by the Board of Trustees of the Senior Living Community, the Finance Committee and the Eastern Star Foundation

Our membership, as gathered from the Annual Reports of the 161 Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, is as follows:

Membership as of June 30, 2013	24,737
Gained by Initiation	337
Gained by Affiliation from inside the Jurisdiction	156
Gained by Affiliation from outside the Jurisdiction	11
Gained by Reinstatement	52
Deceased in Error	6
Total Gained	562
Loss by Demit	396
Loss by Resignation	28
Loss by Consolidation	35
Loss by Suspension for nonpayment of dues	446
Loss by Suspension for other causes	7
Loss by Death	1,024
Presumed Deceased	94
Total Lost	2,030
Total Membership as of June 30, 2014	23,269

Of this figure, 4,564 are fifty-year life members, 1752 are residents of charitable homes, 195 had medical exemptions and 524 had their dues remitted. This brings the total of dues paying members to 17,814. Life Sponsors of the Eastern Star Home total 12,774. There are 1,161 members who belong to two Chapters in California. All Chapters have paid their per capita assessments timely.

The 2104-2015 budgets of the Eastern Star Homes, the Eastern Star Professional Plaza, California Eastern Star Foundation and the Grand Chapter were approved.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and approved to continue the \$5.00 Home Assessment for the 2014-2015 year.

The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements, and the Session was called from labor to refreshment.

Thursday afternoon session: Kim Hegg, GGCCM, Credentials and Don Snyder, GGCCM, Public Relations, Hostess and Host.

The Grand Officers, Grand Pages, DGMs, and Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter room. All were welcomed by the Hostess and Host.

Bobbi White, MWGM, addressed the delegates.

Jennifer Craig, PM, and Bonnie Jain, PM sang "Country Roads" in honor of Bobbi White, MWGM.

Genie Wilcox, WGM of Colorado, Celia Bradshaw, PGM of South Carolina, David Wilcox, PGP of Colorado, and Pansy Bates, Grand Representative of California in South Carolina, were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

It was moved by Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary, and seconded to consider the proposed amendments as printed and distributed read. The motion carried.

Reports from the Distribution Committee, Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, Audit and the Election Committee were given.

Howard Freelove, PP, sang "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" for the membership.

The delegates considered and voted on proposed amendments number 1 through 10.

Necrology was held Thursday afternoon. A luminary ceremony was performed by the Past Grand Treasurers and the former Grand Esthers with a narration by Sue White, GGCCM. The Altar was draped, and In Memoriams were read for Ardath Garst, PGM of 1984, Vernon Gordon, PGP of 1992 and a Past Grand Master of Masons of California and Hawaii in 1980, and Irvin "Bill" Betts, PGP of 1995. The Grand Star Point officers placed flowers on the altar in the memory of our departed members.

Announcements were made, and the session was called from labor to refreshment. A question and answer forum was held after the session to discuss the proposed reorganization of Part One of the Constitution and Laws, after which was the all-member dinner.

Friday Morning session: Susan White, GGCCM, and Steve Nicholas, PGP, Hostess and Host.

The Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter room. The delegates were welcomed by the hostess and host. The Grand Chapter was proved and the Session was declared opened.

Dorothy Langston, Grand Representative of Kansas in Texas, was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

The Worthy Grand Patron made several announcements. A montage of stars singing "God Bless America" was played in the arena.

Instructions for election procedures were given, and the following members were unanimously elected to fill the offices of our Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

Worthy Grand Matron	Martha Peters
Worthy Grand Patron	Roger Nieder
Associate Grand Matron	Chris Dias
Associate Grand Patron	John Scott
Grand Secretary	Maryann Barrios

Grand Treasurer Sandra Geanoulis
Grand Conductress Linda Hoerer
Associate Grand Conductress Alyson Grant

As there was more than one nominee for Trustees for the Eastern Star Homes, elections were held and the following were elected to the position of:

Home Board Trustee, North (one position): Fred Loerer
Home Board Trustee, South (one position): Linda Dolman

Reports were given by the Scholarship committee, the Consolidation Committee, the Benevolent Committee, the Membership Committee and the Leadership Committee. Merribeth May and Don Snyder entertained the delegates.

The Bible was closed informally so that the Annual Site Selection committee could report, and representatives from Ontario, Visalia and Fresno could make presentations.

The Worthy Grand Patron made several announcements, after which the Altar was attended to and the Session was declared from labor to refreshment.

Friday afternoon session: Norma Stilwell, PGM, and Michael Cornell, PGP, Hostess and Host.

The Grand Officers, Grand Pages, DGMs, and Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter room. All were welcomed by the Hostess and Host. The Grand Chapter was proved, and the session was declared from refreshment to labor.

The delegates considered and voted on proposed amendments 11-13.

The ritual competition winners were announced:

Christine Hull, Ken Miller, Kitty Wilson, David Carr, Suzanne Hughes, Terri Bauchman, Melissa Graham, Beth Massengill, Susie Reynoso, Trish Davidson.

Wayne Adams reported that the Annual Session Site committee makes no recommendation between Ontario and Visalia for our Grand Chapter sessions for 2017-18-19. It was moved and seconded to choose Visalia as our session site for 2017 through 2019. The motion carried.

Suzanne Gallichio gave the report of the Ritual Competition committee. The story of Esther was given by the competition winner Suzanne Hughes.

Kim Cooke, Grand Treasurer and Executive Director of the Eastern Star Home, gave her report on the Eastern Star Home. Some of the residents of the SLC who have formed a kitchen band, gave a performance for the delegates.

John Herring, PP, then performed a special ceremony called "A Table for One" in honor of those who died serving in the military. The members who served in the military were then called to the East and honored for their service.

The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements and the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

State dinners were held in various locations Friday night.

Saturday morning session: Linda Bernhard, PGM, and Steve Johnson, PGP, Hostess and Host.

The Grand Officers, Grand Pages, DGMs, and Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter room. All were welcomed by the Hostess and Host.

Don Snyder, GGCCM, sang "The Last Dance", to which the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron danced.

The Grand Chapter was proved, and the session was declared from refreshment to labor.

Rob Scott, Chairman of Jurisprudence, presented four decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron for the delegates to approve. The decisions were adopted, and are included at the end of this synopsis.

The parliamentary procedures were amended to limit debate to 3 minutes per speaker, 10 speakers per side regarding the proposal to reorganize Part 1 of the Constitution and Laws; a proponent may speak first and a separate proponent may speak last. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the consideration of the reorganization until Grand Chapter 2015. Discussion was held. A written ballot was taken. The motion was not adopted.

The Proposed reorganization of Part One of the Constitution and Laws was discussed, and a written ballot taken. The proposed reorganization was adopted.

It was announced that the donations made to the JC Lee Cancer fund totaled over \$77,000.

MOTION: It was moved by Martha Peters Associate Grand Matron, and seconded that the Grand Chapter of CA continues their support of the We Care Program. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Martha Peters, Associate Grand Matron, and seconded that the CA Eastern Star Foundation cancer research fund be continued for 2015 and the net proceeds going to American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Martha Peters, Associate Grand Matron, and seconded that the Grand Chapter of CA support the Grand Chapter Heart fund as the WGM and WGP of 2015 special project with the net proceeds going to the Grand Chapter Heart Fund of the California Eastern Star Foundation. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Martha Peters, Associate Grand Matron, and seconded that the Grand Chapter of CA support the Blue Star Mothers as a special project of the WGM and WGP

of 2015 with the net proceeds going to the Blue Star Mothers. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Chris Dias, Grand Conductress, and seconded that the Grand Chapter and its members participate in a fundraising project by securing advertising in the Grand Chapter roster, with the proceeds going to the Grand Chapter office. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Chris Dias, Grand Conductress, and seconded that the Grand Chapter participate in fundraising with their members by selling pocket calendars with the proceeds going to the Grand Chapter office. The motion carried.

The following committees gave their final reports: Distribution, Credentials, Jurisprudence and Constitution and Bylaws. The committees were thanked for their service.

Cindy and Bob Murphy, General Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week, introduced their committee members.

Announcements were made, and the Session was proclaimed from labor to refreshment.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were given their Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron jewels at this time

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron gave their farewell remarks.

A special recessional was held and the 2014 Grand Officers retired their badges.

The Masonic Family Honor Session, "Dancing with the Eastern Stars," was held Saturday afternoon. Collette Serio Gole, PGM, and Jim Whiteley, PGP, were hostess and host. Serving as judges were Karen Fletcher, PGM, JD Hammett, PGP, and Gary Gole, PP.

The heads of the various concordant bodies were escorted to the East and welcomed.

The heads of the Ethan and Teyler Totes project were escorted to the East and presented with many tote bags for their project.

The following youth leaders addressed the delegates:

Miss California Job's Daughter, Rachel Halliday; Southern California Jurisdiction, DeMolay Jurisdiction Master Councilor Ryan Tondares; GT Brown, Past Jurisdiction Master Councilor NorCal DeMolay; International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Worthy Advisor Lauren Hicks.

Youth Service awards were given.

Saturday Evening Session, Installation of 2015 Grand Officers: Susan White, GGCCM, served as Hostess. Organist for the evening was Darlene Cross, Grand Organist 2011

The theme for the Installation of Grand Officers was "Race to the Championship".

An Emblem Ceremony took place, with

Janet Robinson, GGCCM, Honorary Grand Marshal; Sue Bishop, PGM, Adah; Sherie Gustafson, PGM, Ruth; Karen Fletcher, PGM, Esther; Linda Bernhard, PGM, Martha; and Donna Herring, PGM, Electa

Denny Rae Grist, PGM, carried in the Bible, with Norma Stilwell, PGM, and Kathleen MacDonald, PGM, serving as Bible escorts.

The Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter, followed by the 2014 and 2015 Deputy Grand Matrons.

The 2014 Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room, with Sarahann Shapiro, PGM, and Art Weiss, PGP, acting as Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

The American Flag was brought in by Jim Whiteley, PGP

The other flags escorted in were:

California State Flag: Steve Johnson, PGP

Eastern Star Flag: David Von Bima, PGP

Christian Flag: Jim Chormicle, PGP

Canadian Flag: Larry Coffin, PGP

The Hostess gave her address of welcome, and the installing team was introduced. A recess was then called.

The 2015 Grand Officers were then installed in ritualistic order, including the appointive Grand Officers, who are:

William Netemeyer (181/292)	Grand Chaplain
Terri Ewing (33)	Grand Marshal
Margaret Burke (1/604)*	Grand Organist
Lorene Luce (212)	Grand Adah
Valmarie Duncan (62)	Grand Ruth
Ris Prentiss (163)	Grand Esther
Penny Kincaid (358)	Grand Martha
Tamra Keen (135)	Grand Electa
William Tripler (143)	Grand Warder
Bob Davis (555)	Grand Sentinel

* Margaret Burke was unable to attend and will be installed at a date in November 2014

The 2015 Grand Officers were proclaimed installed. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron addressed the members and guests.

The Closing Ode, "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" was sung, and the 142nd Annual Installation of Officers was closed.

The next session of Grand Chapter will be held in Visalia, California, from October 14-17, 2015

Legislation acted on at the 2014 Grand Chapter Session

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.