



General Grand Chapter

Order of the Eastern Star™
Established November 1876

June 17, 2021

Sisters and Brothers,

TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

As we enjoy less Covid restrictions in some areas, we would ask you to please continue to be watchful of the health and safety of our Sisters and Brothers.

With the cancellation of the 50th Triennial Assembly in Salt Lake City, Oct. 29-Nov.5, 2021, plans are being made to move General Grand Chapter forward into the 2021-2024 Triennium. Below is information about the plans. Please read this information carefully.

ASSEMBLY

Virtual Assembly. There will be a two-day, virtual Assembly. The dates are Wednesday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 4th. November 3rd will be the Business Session and November 4th will be the Installation of the 2021-2024 General Grand Chapter Officers. Both days will be livestreamed from our OES Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Please watch for more information regarding the links, etc., which will be sent out when the plans have been finalized.

REGISTRATION - DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

All registered and fee paid members will receive by mail an attractive souvenir Welcome Bag and the specially designed 50th Triennial Assembly badge.

A NEW Registration Form has been developed for your use. The form is available in two formats:

1. Online with payment options of credit card or PayPal.
2. PDF fillable form to be completed, printed and mailed along with your check.

NEW Registration Form for Voting Members. The NEW registration form offers voting members their choice of voting using an electronic ballot or a mail in paper ballot.

- **Have you already pre-registered and paid your fee?** You will be contacted by the Registration Chairman to complete a new form so you can mark your choice of how you want to vote: electronically or mail-in. If you complete this form online, the Registration Chairman will receive your form automatically after you complete it. If you fill out a paper form, please make your choice and return your completed form to the Registration Committee Chairman by mail. The deadline is September 1, 2021.
- **Do you need to register and pay your fee?** The registration form is available on the GGC website: www.easternstar.org under the Triennial Assembly tab. You can choose to register either by registering and paying your fee online (the Registration Chairman will receive your form and payment automatically) or by completing a paper form to be printed and mailed along with your payment to the Registration Chairman. The deadline is September 1, 2021.

NEW Registration form for Non-Voting Members. All non-voting members who register will receive an attractive souvenir Welcome Bag and the 50th Triennial Assembly badge. Please complete a NEW registration form. You can choose to register either by registering and paying your fee online (the Registration Chairman will receive your form and payment automatically) or by completing a paper form to be printed and mailed along with your payment to the Registration Chairman. The new registration form is available at www.easternstar.org under the Triennial Assembly tab.

- **Have you already pre-registered and paid your fee?** You will be contacted by the Registration Chairman so you can say whether you would like to receive the souvenir Welcome Bag and 50th Triennial Badge or a refund of your money by September 1, 2021.
- **Do you need to register and pay your fee?** Please use the Registration form available at www.easternstar.org under the Triennial Assembly tab. Please complete the form by choosing to register and pay online (the Registration Chairman will receive your form and payment) or by completing a paper form to be printed and mailed along with your payment to the Registration Chairman. After the close of Registration (September 1, 2021), you will receive your Welcome Bag and a beautiful 50th Triennial Assembly badge by mail.

This is the mailing address to send your registration form and fee:

Jeanine Cole, PGM, Registration Chairman
3870 Kitt Drive
Helena, MT 59602

ELECTIONS

2021-2024 Elections. Eligible voting members will be given a choice of voting electronically or by a mail-in paper ballot on the Registration Form.

- Electronic voting will be conducted starting at 12:01am EDT, October 31st and voting will end at 4:00pm EDT, November 2nd.
- Mail-in voting will begin mid-September when paper ballots will be mailed to voting delegates who are unable to vote electronically. To be counted, the completed mail-in paper ballot *must* be received at OES Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in the designated envelope by October 31, 2021.

We are appreciative of your patience and understanding regarding the unusual circumstances surrounding conducting the 50th Triennial Assembly. Every effort is being made to share information in a timely manner and to accomplish the important business of General Grand Chapter in the best way possible.

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."

—Buckminster Fuller

In friendship and love,

Marianne R. Shenefelt

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Most Worthy Grand Matron



Henry S. Martin

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Most Worthy Grand Patron

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GGC Jurisprudence Committee
GGC Elections Committee