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Historical Landmarks

To: Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons  
And Subordinate Chapters

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to be named the Chairman of the Historical Landmarks this year and I thank the WGM, Sister Mary Ann for this privilege. There are four Historical Landmarks of our beautiful Order which are as follows:

1. The "Little Red Schoolhouse" located 50 miles north of Jackson, MS and is the place where Dr. Robert Morris wrote the degrees of our Order. Crowds assemble there in August from all around and it is open daily from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at no charge.
2. The "Rob Morris Home" is in LaGrange, KY. Dr. Robert Morris moved his wife and their nine children in 1860 where he worked at Kentucky Masonic College. In 1862 he purchased the house. The home is a 501-C3 entity. He and his wife are buried at the Valley of Rest Cemetery within the town limits of LaGrange, KY.
3. The third landmark is the "Perry Belmont House" located in Washington, D.C. and is the International Headquarters of the Order of the Eastern Star. Did you know that a portion of this house is the residence of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary! It was built in 1909 and has a Parisian influence boasting eleven fireplaces most of which are hand carved marble from Italy. The three-story wedged shaped building occupies an entire city block and tours are available.
4. The fourth landmark is the International Peace Garden located on the boarder of North Dakota, US and the Providence of Manitoba, Canada. There are over 2300 acres nestled in the Turtle Mountains and are beautifully landscaped with flowers, fountains, a chime, lodge, museum, hiking trails, and scenic drives. The Peace Chapel was built in 1968, a beautiful stone structure with imported French colored glass panels. It sits straddling both US and Canada and was sponsored by General Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

More information about all these precious landmarks can be obtained by visiting the General Grand Chapter website [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org).

In Star Love and Service

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This letter sent with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.