



The Grand Chapter of Colorado
Order of the Eastern Star

April, 1971

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of Colorado, Order of the Eastern Star:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The International Temple, Order of the Eastern Star, is located in Washington, D. C. The resolution proposing such a Temple was introduced in July, 1919; however, it was not until 1922 that the General Grand Chapter definitely committed the Order to the construction of an International Temple.

Historical references of the actions and plans between 1922 and 1934 are vague. However, a committee appointed in that year secured the Perry Belmont Mansion at 18th and New Hampshire Avenue, N. W. Perry Belmont, a Master Mason, felt that the Eastern Star would retain the beauty of his mansion and was very cooperative in the settlement of the property.

No flag flies over the Temple because of the significance of being International in scope. A star within a pentagon, with a circle, is brilliantly lighted as it sends forth rays of Faith and Hope for all to see.

Our Past Grand Matron, Sister Lois Lord, was installed at General Grand Chapter in Milwaukee as a member of the International Temple Committee for General Grand Chapter. I am sure that any of you who are in Washington, D. C. would enjoy visiting the Treasure Room, the Chapel and the Chinese Room, and the State Dining Room of the International Temple and seeing the many antiques which are there. I am sure that the furnishings and the treasures from world over would be marvelous for you to behold. The stone and marble work is delightful to observe, as it was shipped in from a foreign country in the early 1900's.

Sincerely and fraternally,

International Temple Committee

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