



Grand Chapter of Virginia Order of the Eastern Star

Invitation to Partner with Virginia Masonic Youth – Legacy Letter Program

Dear Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and Chapter Members,

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sandra Pelter and Worthy Grand Patron Carl Peacock Jr, and with the permission of the Supreme Deputy of Virginia Rainbow Erin Pendleton, Executive Officer of Virginia DeMolay, David Murray and Grand Guardian Virginia Job's Daughters, Carly Francisco, we are pleased to introduce a meaningful new opportunity to strengthen the bond between our youth and the Order of the Eastern Star: the Legacy Letter Program.

At its heart, this initiative is designed to foster genuine, intergenerational connections through supervised letter and card correspondence. The purpose is simple yet powerful — to provide encouragement, mentorship, shared values, and connection, particularly for members who may not be able to attend meetings or events regularly.

How the Program Works

- Participating OES Chapters will be invited to sponsor a small number of youth members (or Assemblies, Chapters, or Bethels).
- Pairings will be coordinated through designated state and local adult liaisons to ensure thoughtful and appropriate matches.
- Correspondence will consist of letters or cards exchanged at least six (6) times per year (holidays, milestones, or general encouragement).
- All communication will be conducted through adult liaisons and in full alignment with established Youth Protection guidelines.
- No direct exchange of personal contact information will occur between youth and members.

Why This Matters

This program:

- Honors the shared values of our Masonic family
- Encourages written communication, reflection, and personal growth among our youth
- Provides companionship and meaningful connection for OES members, especially those who may feel isolated
- Builds lasting legacy relationships grounded in service, respect, and tradition

Participation is entirely voluntary, and each Chapter may determine which members would most enjoy and benefit from this correspondence. Detailed guidelines and coordination support will be provided to ensure consistency and safeguarding across the state.

Enclosed are brochures for each organization for you to share with your Chapter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of our liaisons for additional information or to schedule an information session or youth organization visit with your Chapter.



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We sincerely hope your Chapter will consider joining us in this effort. Your participation would be a lasting gift — strengthening our youth, uplifting our members, and reinforcing the legacy of our shared organizations. If your Chapter is interested in participating, please contact one of the liaisons listed below for next steps and coordination details.

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Please reach out to the appropriate liaison with any questions regarding the youth groups or to express your Chapter's interest.

With Star Love and appreciation,

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