

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Only men who are Masons are eligible, and only women with specific Masonic affiliation may be members.

HOW DOES ONE BELONG?

Those seeking membership must petition to do so. Petitions are carefully read, eligibility investigated and election to membership is made by a Chapter ballot. The Order strives to select persons of mental, moral and spiritual quality who will work together in harmony to perform its objectives.

PURPOSES

Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Masonry, founded this Order using beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example, to build an Order which is truly dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

GOVERNMENT

The heart of the Eastern Star is in the subordinate or local Chapter. For proper administration these Chapters join to form a larger Province or State organization, the Grand Chapter. To facilitate uniformity and coordination of effort, these jurisdictions work together under a General Grand Chapter.

In those cases where there are too few Chapters to form a Grand Chapter, the General

Grand Chapter has Jurisdiction over these Subordinate Chapters. There are five thousand Subordinate Chapters with a membership of over 500,000 which serves this Order. The membership encompasses fourteen countries which have active Chapters, and others have expressed interest in becoming associated with the beneficial work of the Order.

INTERNATIONAL EASTERN STAR HEADQUARTERS

The awe-inspiring International Eastern Star Headquarters, located at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549, is the headquarters for all the Chapters and Grand Chapters throughout the Eastern Star World. A once-in-a-lifetime contribution of five (5.00) dollars per member to each Chapter to which you become a member helps with the maintenance of the Headquarters. Many sources of information and supplies are available from the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP - Eligibility for the Degrees

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, the wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, daughters of sisters or brothers of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as members of either active for three (3) years or majority of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

EASTERN STAR - A WAY OF LIFE

Eastern Star is a social Order comprised of persons with deep religious beliefs and spiritual values, but is not a religion. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the refreshing and character-building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in its ritualistic work. A deep fraternal bond exists between its members. It is the wholesome relationship of brotherly and sisterly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our daily lives which makes us near and dear to each other.

While this is an Order composed of people of deep spiritual convictions it is open to all faiths, except no faith. The personal welfare of our members is vital to all Stars and it is considered a privilege to help one whenever we can. It is a social order of members with sincere and purposeful objectives.

PROJECTS

Concrete evidence of the charitable nature of the organization as it affects others is the millions of dollars which have been raised within the membership to support ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), Cancer Research Project, Arthritis Fund, Heart Fund, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Orphanages, and many other charities within each Grand Jurisdiction. Many Grand Jurisdictions have Homes for their senior members.

**General Grand Chapter, OES
47th Triennial Assembly
"The Nature of God's Love
Around the World"**

**November 1 – 9, 2012
Fort Worth, Texas**

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

The International Peace Garden is located on the boundary between North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star donated a lovely Chapel to the Peace Garden and provide for it through a Maintenance Fund.

YOUTH GROUPS

Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of Rainbow for Girls, Jobø Daughters, and the Order of DeMolay. These fine young people who are training themselves to be leaders are likely prospects to become valued Eastern Stars. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic fraternity are highly rewarded by their support of and interest in these youth organizations

MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind.

The Eastern Star Chapter meetings are interesting and important. We need the energies of our members to increase the membership of our Order.

We are proud of our Order's heritage. Thousands of our members have contributed their time, energy and wisdom in unselfish service to our Order and for the good of the world. It is through this fraternal service to humanity that together we build a better life for all.

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