

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

We are 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 female relatives related by birth, marriage or adoption of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as members – either active for three (3) years or majority – of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters International, 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. People of all faiths may belong; we only require a belief in a Supreme Being. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the beautiful and character-building lessons that are portrayed in its ritualistic work. It is the fraternal 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.

PROJECTS

Concrete evidence of the charitable nature of the organization is the millions of dollars which have been raised and the countless hours of service donated by the membership to many organizations including:

- Service Dogs – Our premiere project
- ESTARL - Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership
- Regenerative Medicine
- Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- Shriners Hospitals and Transportation
- Military & Veterans Projects
- Masonic Youth Groups
- Scottish Rite Learning Centers and Hospitals

General Grand Chapter, OES
51st Triennial Assembly
“Worldwide the Family of God
Marches Together”
Sheraton Myrtle Beach
Convention Center
Myrtle Beach, SC
October 24 – November 1, 2024

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, Job's Daughters, and the Order of DeMolay. These fine young people who are training 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.

We are proud of our Order's heritage. We need the energies of our members to increase the membership of our order. Thousands of our members have contributed their time, talents 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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