

members with sincere and purposeful objectives.



PROJECTS

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



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

The Order of the Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. These fine young people who are training themselves to be leaders are likely prospects to become valued Eastern Stars.

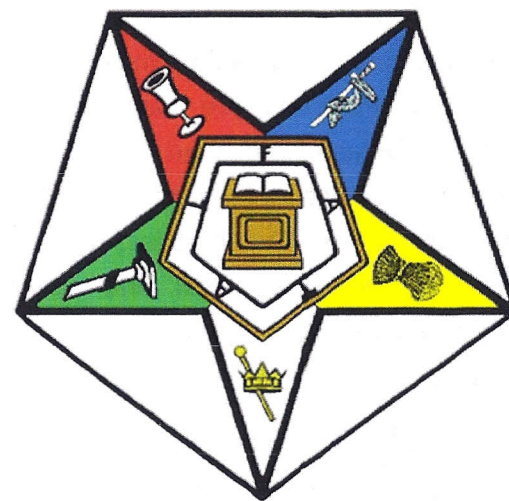
The Masons are highly commended for their interest in sponsoring DeMolay for Boys.



MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Order of 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 the many projects that benefit all mankind.

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



Building a Better Life

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 desiring membership must petition to do so. Petitions are carefully read, eligibility investigated and election to membership must be by a positive vote of the Chapter. The Order strives to select persons of mental, moral and spiritual quality who will work together in peace and harmony.

PURPOSES

Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Masonry, founded this Order using beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values to portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Stars. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, through precept and example, build an Order which is truly dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving-kindness. Dr. Morris wanted a way to share our Masonic ideals with our female family members.

GOVERNMENT

The heart of 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, thus making it an international organization. In those cases where there are too few Chapters to form a Grand Chapter the General Grand Chapter has jurisdiction over these subordinate Chapters with a membership in excess of half a million who serve this Order.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE

The beautiful International Temple located at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009, is the headquarters for all the General Grand Chapter.

ELIGIBILITY

Master Masons in good standing, the wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, step-daughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great-granddaughters, nieces, great-nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts and 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 to members – either active for three (3) years or majority – of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom have attained the age of eighteen(18) years, are eligible for 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 convictions 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, not because of secrets, for these are but means of identification and eligibility to work together and to establish trust. 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. It is a social Order of