

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is open to any adult who. . .

- ◆ Is 18 years old or older
- ◆ Has proper Masonic Affiliation
- ◆ Has a good moral character
- ◆ Believes in a Supreme Being
- ◆ Not convicted of a felony under the laws of any state in the United States
- ◆ Meets eligibility requirements

ELIGIBILITY

A Prospective member must be a Master Mason in good standing or related to a Master Mason in good standing in one of the following ways:

Wife or Widow
Daughter or Stepdaughter
Legally Adopted Daughter
Daughter-in-Law
Mother or Stepmother
Sister, Stepsister or Half-sister
Sister-in-Law
Niece
Granddaughter
Great Granddaughter
Grandmother
Aunt

Active for three (3) years or a Majority Member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters

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 part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind.

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.

COME AND JOIN US!

We have a chapter near you!

For more information on how to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, contact

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Also, check out our website at:
www.scoes.org

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



IS MEMBERSHIP FOR YOU?

WHAT WE DO

The Order of the Eastern Star supports a vast number of charities at the local, state, and national levels. Some projects supported by members are:

- ◆ College Scholarships
- ◆ Cancer Research and Support Groups
- ◆ Heart Research
- ◆ Local Food Banks
- ◆ Children's Programs
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)
- ◆ Visiting Shut-Ins and Nursing Home Residents
- ◆ Assistance to Families in Need
- ◆ Public School Tutorial Programs
- ◆ Adult Literacy Programs
- ◆ Scottish Rite Clinics for Childhood Language Disorders
- ◆ Hospice
- ◆ Domestic Violence Programs and Women's Shelters
- ◆ Fire and Police Departments
- ◆ Shrine Hospitals for Children

The Order of the Eastern Star very actively supports the following youth groups:

* The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, whose purpose is to assist young women in cultivating social virtues and developing a sense of charitable responsibility. Membership is open to young women ages 11 to 20.

* The International Order of Job's

Daughters, which prepares young women for business, civic, religious, fraternal and social activities. Membership is open to Masonically affiliated young women ages 11 to 20.

* DeMolay International, dedicated to guiding young men to lives dedicated to service, good character and leadership. Young men between the ages of 12 and 21 are eligible for membership.

These organizations teach our youth to be our civic leaders of tomorrow and to seek meaningful ways of community involvement.

WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women belong. Our teachings are based on the Bible; however, the Order of the Eastern Star is not a religion and is neither secret nor political. Our symbol is the Star of Bethlehem with the five-pointed star as our accepted emblem. Our lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth are portrayed through biblical heroines in our ceremonies. Business meetings are conducted with an open Bible on the altar and the flag of our country displayed.

In these days of troubled times and moral conflict, Eastern Star provides us with an avenue of compassion and concern, not only for our fellow Sisters and Brothers in the Order of the Eastern Star, but for our Country, our faith, and ourselves.

- ◆ Opportunities of social interaction and enjoyment
 - ◆ An organized way to be involved in your community or around the world.
 - ◆ Meaningful ways to give guidance, assistance and direction to youth in your area
 - ◆ A consistent arena for having fun and fellowship with like-minded people in your area, your state, your world.
 - ◆ A non-threatening environment in which to hone your speaking, communication, organizational skills. If you wish to do so.
- Most importantly, the Order of the Eastern Star takes good citizens and makes them even better. We continue to be central in the development of the American promise of human opportunity and personal fulfillment

MISCONCEPTIONS

The Order of the Eastern Star is not a "secret society". Secret societies are underground and hard to find. We are easily found within the community, but we do enjoy a distinctive means of identifying each other. Only members are allowed in a closed meeting.

You can afford membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Financial position is not considered in the Order. Members come from all walks of life. Members of all religions may belong in the Order of the Eastern Star. We only require a belief in a supreme being.