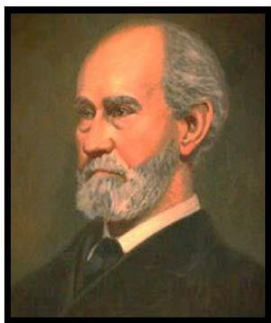


## WHAT IS EASTERN STAR?

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong.

The organization was created in the United States in the late 1800's by Dr. Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky And "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry".



His vision was to create a fraternal organization where men and women could participate together to share the benefits of knowledge and self-improvement that Freemasonry made available to men.

It has now grown world-wide with over 500,000 members in chapters in most of the 50 states and in 17 countries. Members strive to live their lives by the enduring beliefs of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, along with core values of Friendship, Community Service, Diversity, Charity, and Patriotism.

## JOIN US!

*Want to be a part of this journey?*

Ladies who are majority members of Job's Daughters International or the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are automatically eligible, as well as those who are 18 years old and have been active in their respective organization for 3 years.

Women who are related to Master Masons (active or those in good standing when they deceased) in these ways are eligible:

- ★ wives
- ★ widows
- ★ mothers
- ★ stepmothers
- ★ mothers-in-law
- ★ grandmothers
- ★ daughters
- ★ legally adopted daughters
- ★ stepdaughters
- ★ daughters-in-law
- ★ granddaughter
- ★ great granddaughter
- ★ sisters
- ★ half sisters
- ★ stepsisters
- ★ sisters-in-law
- ★ aunts
- ★ nieces
- ★ great nieces
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins

Master Masons in good standing are eligible to join. Senior DeMolay, although not automatically eligible, can join if they become a Master Mason.



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP

We have fun and fellowship at a variety of social events.

We provide opportunities for personal growth and understanding your relationship and place in the world.

We provide opportunities for leadership skills development.

We support development of our youth through organized activity.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN SERVICE

Join us in Community Service as we donate to and support philanthropic causes, such as Cancer Research at Oregon Health Sciences University, the Heart Research facility at St. Vincent's Hospital, Shriner's Hospital for Children, ALS Research and Others.

We offer Educational Scholarships to qualified applicants such as E.S.T.A.R.L. (the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), Dorothy Dewing and the Leslie S. Parker scholarship.

We help support the continuing retirement community called Jennings-McCall Center at Forest Grove, Oregon and the OutReach Services for members to help them remain in their own homes.

## How Can Eastern Star Benefit Me?

Members strive to live their lives by the enduring beliefs of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The three basic tenets of Masonry, along with the core values of Friendship, Community Service, Diversity, Charity, and Patriotism, much like the lessons you learned in Job's Daughters and Rainbow.

The ritual is some of the most beautiful and meaningful in the Masonic orders. The five degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star are taught by five heroines from the Bible who offer lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. Each time you hear an initiation or even the opening charges at a meeting, the lessons take on richer significance and applicability to your life.

Your fellowship experience expands to include even more people from the Masonic family. You will be able to gain precious multi-generational friendships. It's like having another grandmother or aunt and lots of sisters and brothers to turn to as you mature and face life's challenges and wonders! We take the words 'sister' and 'brother' seriously and support each other.

## FAQs on Taking the Next Step

### What kind of time commitment is required in membership in Eastern Star?

After your Initiation into the Order, you may attend as your time permits. You may put in as much or as little as your other life commitments allow. Chapters meet once or twice per month. Social activities are scattered throughout the year to allow the members fellowship time outside the regular meetings.

### How can OES help me in my career?

The more people you meet the wider your network. Our members represent a variety of professions. Your membership in our Order and attendance at the meetings and social events allow you many networking opportunities with persons of like interests.



## Oregon Eastern Star

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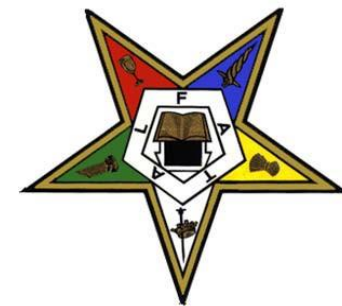
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