

Should a Mason join the Order of the Eastern Star?

The answer is "Yes."

The female members of the Order are relatives of Masons. By joining the Order of the Eastern Star, a Mason and his wife can share in the benefits of being members of a worthwhile organization that is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. Joining the Order of the Eastern Star does not in any way diminish or alter the Mason's Masonic effectiveness. To the contrary, those men who have joined the Eastern Star have remained dedicated to their Lodges and the precepts of Masonry. Membership in the Order promotes the concept of the Fraternal Family. It provides a wholesome atmosphere where families can fellowship and work together for the good of others. Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is an enhancement to one's membership in the Masonic Fraternity. The Mason who joins the Eastern Star is committed to the promotion of fraternalism and its positive influence on his family.

Why should I join the Eastern Star?

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A fraternal organization dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness.

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 may belong. There are presently approximately one million members worldwide.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a social order comprised of people with deep spiritual values; however, it is not a religion. A belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is a requirement for membership.

A strong fraternal bond exists between its members. A wholesome relationship of sisterly and brotherly love is brought about through the high principles which are exemplified in the lives of the members. The personal welfare of the members is vital to all of those in the Eastern Star, and it is considered a privilege to help another member whenever a need arises.

The Order was founded in the mid 1800's by a Master Mason named Rob Morris who originated the idea that the female relatives of Master Masons should share the benefits of Masonry. After years of study and planning, the Order of the Eastern Star was established as a fraternal organization whereby both men and women could become members and work side by side in the promotion of charity, truth, and loving kindness.

Purposes

The stated purposes of the organization are charitable, educational, and fraternal. Dr. Rob Morris founded the 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 build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service.

Charitable:

The membership raises thousands of dollars annually through fund-raising activities to support Eastern Star charities and local communities. In North Carolina, the primary focus is the Masonic and Eastern Star Home located in Greensboro, North Carolina. This home provides assisted living and advanced medical care for the elderly. Masonic affiliation is a requirement for admission.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina is committed to helping young people who are seeking to further their education and may have financial restraints. We award hundreds of scholarships each year to deserving young men and women. Two types of scholarships are awarded: ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) and Grand Chapter Scholarships. North Carolina members also sponsor a camp for girls in the beautiful mountains of Boone, North Carolina.

Local Chapters are encouraged to promote community awareness through volunteer services and financial assistance to the needy. A Disaster/Benevolent Fund is maintained by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina to assist members who experience loss of personal property as a result of a disaster such as a tornado, hurricane, flood, fire, etc.

Who may join?

- Master Masons in good standing
- Female Relatives of Master Masons
- Wives
- Widows
- Daughters
- Sisters
- Mothers
- Step-mothers
- Granddaughters
- Half-sisters
- Step-daughters
- Step-sisters
- Grandmothers
- Daughters-in-law
- Great Granddaughters
- Nieces
- Great Nieces
- Mother-in-law
- Sisters-in-law
- Legally Adopted Daughters
- Members (either active for three years or majority) of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

How to join.....

To obtain a petition for membership, you may contact a current member or a chapter in your area. To find chapters in your area, contact The Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of The Eastern Star.

The Order strives to select persons of moral and spiritual quality who will work together in harmony to perform its objectives.