THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Is the largest fraternal organization in the world in 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 unanimous vote. 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 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 8,000 Subordinate Chapters with a membership of 1,045,000 which serves this order. The membership encompasses fifteen countries which have active Chapters, and others have expressed interest in becoming associated with the beneficial work of the Order.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE
The awe-inspiring International Temple, located at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., 20009, is the headquarters for all the chapters and Grand Chapters through out the Eastern Star world. A once in a lifetime contribution of five dollars per member from each Chapter to which you become a member helps with the maintenance of the Temple. Many sources of information and supplies are available from the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP
Eligibility for the Degrees are: affiliated Master Masons in good standing, the wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great-granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, 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 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 having obtained the age of 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 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. It is the wholesome relationship of brotherly and sisterly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our daily lives which make 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, except no faith. The personal welfare of our members is vital to all Stars and it is considered a privilege to help one whenever we can. It is a social order of members with sincere and purposeful objectives.

PROJECTS
Concrete evidence of the charitable nature of the organization as it affects others is the millions of dollars which have been raised within the membership to support ESTARL: (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership). Cancer Research projects, Arthritis fund, Heart Fund, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children, Scottish...
Rite Language Disorder Clinics, and many other charities within each Grand Jurisdiction.

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 GROUP
Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay. These fine young people who are training themselves to be leaders are likely prospects to become values Eastern Stars. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic fraternity are highly rewarded by their support 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. The Eastern Star Chapter meetings are interesting and important. We need the energies of our members to increase the membership of our Order. 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.

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