You Can Be a Star!
Joining the North Dakota Order of the Eastern Star

Charitable Projects

Nationwide OES Projects:
- ESTARL: Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership provides financial grants to students preparing for full-time Christian service.
- Service Dogs: training service dogs for North Dakotans needing their support.
- Regenerative Medicine: research in replacement of tissues and organs.

Statewide Projects:
Each year the leadership at the state level selects the ND charitable work they would like to support. Examples of these are organizations like Brave Kids, Bold Cures, ND; Masonic Youth Organizations; and support for ND families traveling to check-ups at Shrine hospitals. You can find the current year’s projects listed on our website at www.ndeasternstar.org.

Local Projects:
Each local chapter can also choose local charitable organizations to support. Past efforts have included homeless shelters, libraries, Special Olympics and local youth organizations.

How to Join OES

1. Log on to our website: www.ndeasternstar.org and click “Join OES” to be taken to our membership page.

2. Print out a Petition Form, fill it out and mail or email it to the secretary of your closest local chapter. Contact information for each chapter can be found by selecting the “Local Chapter” link.

3. You will be contacted by the chapter secretary and get the opportunity to talk to several of the chapter members so they can get to know you better.

4. The chapter will vote on your membership and you will be contacted by the chapter secretary to arrange your initiation upon a favorable vote.

Have questions about the Order of the Eastern Star or how to join? Please contact: Heather Bushaw, Grand Secretary grandsecretaryndoes@gmail.com or 701.740.0660

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What is the Order of the Eastern Star? (OES)

The Order of the Eastern Star is an organization that teaches members to have high moral standards and to be good citizens by practicing love and service. The lessons it teaches are based on biblical teachings that represent charity, truth and loving kindness. Even though our order is biblical in character, it is not a religion and its members come from all denominations. OES is a masonic organization which both women and men can belong. Men must be a Master Mason and women must be related to a Master Mason or be majority Rainbow Girls or Job’s Daughters.

Why Join Eastern Star?

- Help serve your community
- Meet new people
- Friendship and fellowship with people who share the same values
- Develop leadership, speaking, and communication skills
- Generosity of time and spirit
- Opportunity to mentor youth in the masonic community
- Become part of a tradition

Meetings and Activities

You will be able to attend functions locally, statewide, and across the country. These functions will include business meetings, social activities, dinners, and fundraisers.

Youth Groups

The Order is associated with masonic youth groups that teach young people leadership, confidence, respect, and how to be good citizens. In addition to financial support from OES, many members volunteer as advisors for these youth organizations.