

We are pleased to WELCOME YOU to our Chapter as a new member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

You are now a member of the largest fraternal organization in the world for both men and women. Our members are comprised of both men who are Master Masons and women with specific Masonic relationships. In addition, membership comes from two Youth Organizations; the International Order of Rainbow and the International Order of Job's Daughters. Eastern Star encircles the world with members in the United States, Canada, and over 18 other countries. Subordinate Chapters are grouped together to form a jurisdiction called a Grand Chapter. Our Chapter is a member of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star. The Grand Chapters are under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Though our teachings are based on the Bible, our Order of the Eastern Star is not a religion, and is neither secret nor political. Our spiritual symbol is the Star of Bethlehem. Thus, the five-pointed star is our accepted emblem. Your initiation was symbolic of the road of life. This guidebook may help you better understand the teachings, obligation, and lessons of our order.

Eastern Star as a fraternal service organization strives to build a better, more fulfilling way of life. Many of our members dedicate themselves to supporting a variety of local and national charities. Millions of dollars are raised annually in support of humanitarian causes.

As you read this *New Member Guidebook*, you may have a number of questions. You have been assigned a Mentor to assist you in discovering the world of Eastern Star. Your Mentor will be contacting you to visit about your initiation experience and welcome you. It would be helpful to sit with your Mentor at Chapter meetings whenever possible.

Where do I start? What will be expected of me?

Dues Card

Sign your dues card when it is received. Carry your dues card with you to Chapter meetings and when visiting other Chapters.

WELCOME!

The Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star warmly welcomes you into an organization dedicated to making the world a better place. We hope you will, with passion, embrace your new membership and your new worldwide family of sisters and brothers.

The Order of the Eastern Star

- Is an International Fraternal Organization for Women and Men; a part of the Family of Freemasonry.
- Conducts Fraternal, Social and Charitable activities; local and national charities, religious and other scholarships, homes for seniors.
- It is comprised of persons with religious convictions, but is not a religion.
- It is respected for family values, honesty in business and life, service in the community and fraternal love among its members.
- Eastern Star is many things to many people, but most important of all, it is a way of life.

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