

The Order of The Eastern Star is comprised of people with deep religious convictions and spiritual values, open to all faiths except no faith.

The degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star teach lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love.

Each of us has an inner need to do something for others and sometimes it is difficult to determine just how to begin. The Order of the Eastern Star offers that guidance as well as a resource center.

If you find that the Order of Eastern Star is worthy of your interest, time and talents, contact:

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Jurisdiction of Alabama, PHA

Q. What is the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. The Order of the Eastern Star is an adoptive rite of Freemasonry with teachings based on the Bible and objectives that are charitable and benevolent.

Q. What are the requirements for membership?

A. Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is open to a wife, mother, daughter, sister or widow of a master mason. At any appointed time women 18 years or older who demonstrate good moral characteristic are also granted membership. Master masons in good standing in their lodge are also eligible to join.

Q. Is the Order of the Eastern Star a religion?

A. No. The Order of the Eastern Star is not a religion, even though we are religious in character. It does not pretend to take the place of a religion, or serve as a substitute for the religious beliefs of its members. Our members do come from all denominations.

Q. Is my religious faith allowed In the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. Yes. Members of all religions may belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. We only require a belief in a Supreme Being.

Q. Is the Order of the Eastern Star a secret society?

A. No. Secret societies are underground and hard to find. We are easily found within the community but we enjoy a distinctive means of identifying each other. Only members are allowed in a closed meeting.

Q. What are the purposes and goals of the Order?

A. To provide an organization where women and men with high moral and social character, can join together and contribute time, energy and wisdom to our Order with Charity, Truth and Loving-kindness for the good of all mankind throughout the world.

Q. Can I afford membership In the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. Yes. Financial position is not considered in the Order. Members come from all economic stations of life. However there are dues and fees just as in any organization.

Q. Is the Order of the Eastern Star time consuming?

A. After your Initiation into our Order, you are required to attend meetings as often as your schedule permits. Meetings are usually held once a month unless there is a need for a special meeting.

Q. Is there any memory work?

A. There is no mandatory memory work except the means of making yourself known if you wish to visit a Chapter or if you become an officer. A short proficiency examination is strictly voluntary, but encouraged.

Q. Is there any social involvement?

A. Yes. The Chapter has numerous fun activities for all members and their family and friends. Usually, the Worthy Matron (head of the chapter) has a number of social events to supplement her planned activities.

Q. Does the Order of the Eastern Star have any special projects?

A. Yes. The Order of the Eastern Star supports many charitable organizations and programs locally and statewide in many different ways.

Charities: Local Eastern Star chapters select their own charities and places of service in their own communities. Some statewide projects include scholarships for students, disaster relief to members, donations to children group homes and support to other organizations. Each year special charities are selected for that year's emphasis and might include volunteer programs in elementary schools or volunteers in literacy programs or some other specific community outreach.