



## Eastern Star – A Way Of Life

Eastern Star is a social organization comprised of persons with deep religious convictions and spiritual values, but it 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, not because of secrets for these are but means of confirming the identification and eligibility to work together and to establish trust. It is the wholesome relationship of brotherly and sisterly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our daily lives which makes us near and dear to one another. While this is an organization 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 O.E.S. members and it is considered a privilege to help whenever we can.

## Swope Park 520

Swope Park chapter meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm. They join with the Master Masons in sponsoring the William F Kuhn DeMolay, Job's Daughters Bethel #1, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Adult leaders in these groups are members of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Swope Park Chapter also contributes to causes in the community such as Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders, Hope Network, Ronald McDonald House, Harvesters, and Christmas at the VA Hospital. They also assist local food pantries, schools and people with one time needs.

### For more information please contact

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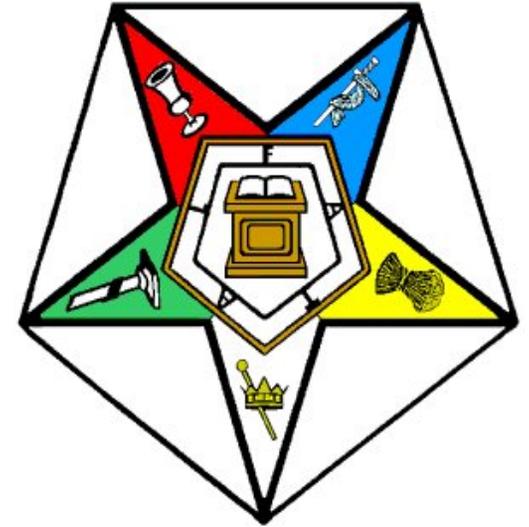
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## Purposes

The Order uses beautiful and inspiring biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values to portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of the members of Eastern Star. Eastern Star strives to accept and initiate good people and through uplifting associations of love and service, as well as precept and example, to build an Order which is truly dedicated to Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindness. The magnitude of the Order has grown beyond the fondest dreams of its founder – proof of its need, its worth and its value to society.

## Eligibility

**The Order of the Eastern Star is open to both men and women. Prospective members submit a petition to the Eastern Star chapter they wish to join. Membership requires a man to be a Master Mason in good standing and female petitioners must be at least 18 and have a Masonic family relationship, such as wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, granddaughters, step-mothers, step-daughters, and step-sisters.**

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**The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Its lessons are Scriptural, its teachings are moral, and its purposes are beneficent.**

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*Together We Build A Better Life*

## 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 the many projects that benefit all mankind. The charitable nature of the organization's membership repeatedly demonstrates, through the donations of money (millions of dollars raised to date), time and talents, its support of various worthy causes, such as ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), educational loans and/or grants, cancer research, arthritis and heart funds, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children, and many grass-roots charities within each Chapter's individual community. Thousands of members have contributed their time, energy and wisdom in unselfish service for the good of the world.