

Charities We Support:

At its core, the charitable nature of the Order is well documented by the millions of dollars raised by its members along with the time and effort spent to support many charities and not-for-profit organizations. Each year a new charity or special project is chosen. Some of these have included the Diabetes Foundation, military and veterans projects, homeless and battered women's shelters, suicide prevention and so many more. There are also many causes that are supported on a regular basis such as ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership and Education), Regenerative Medicine, Shriners Hospitals and Masonic Youth Groups—Demolay International for Young Men and International Rainbow for Girls.

Service Dogs

Eastern Star's main charitable mission, however, is devoted to Service Dogs. In 2015, General Grand Chapter voted to make Service Dogs the primary focus of our Order. These dogs are specially trained to assist their handler in a multitude of needs such as hearing and sight impairment, autism, diabetic alerts, seizure response and emotional support. We have thus far raised over one million dollars in support of this essential service program.

(L) Service dog with one of our members (R) Service dogs class



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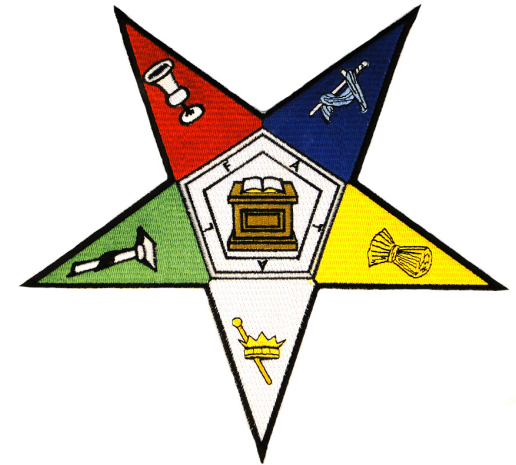
View of a Chapter Room



"Honoring Our Veterans" Ceremony
Hope Chapter, No. 41 Attleboro, MA

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Becoming a Member of the Order of the Eastern Star



Dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness

What is Eastern Star?

- An organization of women and men supported by Freemasonry who are devoted to the ideals of charity, truth and loving kindness.
- Giving Service to others – Community, Family, Friends, and to OES.
- Supporting Masonic Youth Groups
- Working together to strengthen our benevolent funds, scholarships and local charities.

Founded

The Order of the Eastern Star was founded by Dr. Robert Morris in 1850, the Poet Laureate of Masonry. He went on to create the degrees of the Eastern Star around the lives of five biblical women: Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and the elect woman. These heroines represent the tenets of the Order: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.

What Can Eastern Star Do For You?

- **Build Character** – working together in charity, truth and loving kindness helps us build character and become better versions of ourselves.
- **Leadership Skills** – by attending monthly meetings, members learn about meeting protocol and ritual recitation, skills necessary for good civic leadership in areas of:
 - public speaking
 - critical thinking
 - organizational development
- **Access to beneficent programs** –
 - Scholarships
 - ESTARL Awards (members seeking religious leadership and education)
 - Isadore Forbes Benevolent Fund and Eastern Star Charitable Foundation (for members in need)

- **Life-long Friendships in a World-wide Community** –

As the largest world-wide fraternity for both women and men, you will find that wherever you travel, you can always find a local chapter... YOU ARE NEVER ALONE! "Star" is a place where life-long friendships are made. As an active member in your local chapter, you will get to know many people throughout the State as well as other countries, thus forming great friendships to last a lifetime.



Grand Officers of 2023-2024
Top Right: Welcoming four new members-2023

Grand Representatives meet in Scotland

What Can You Expect?

- Most chapters meet once each month.
- You can be as active as you choose.
- Working together, 18 officers along with other members, work to carry out the duties of the Chapter to fulfill its goals and charitable purposes.

Eastern Star is also about having fun!

Our members plan and organize many charitable fundraising and social events; there's something for everyone. Share your own ideas.

- 2 multi-day trips a year (ex: Washington DC, PEI, cruises) and day trips
- picnics, ball games, hikes

- formal dinners and dances
- bazaars, craft days, workshops
- board, card, lawn game competitions
- fun after-meeting activities to grow friendships

Something for all interests and abilities.



(L) Recent Caribbean Cruise
(R) Grand Officers Event

Halloween Party Fun Night

Who can join?

- Any Master Mason in good standing
- Any and all female relatives of a present or deceased Master Mason in good standing.
- Majority member or a member for at least three (3) years or more in:
 - The International Order of Rainbow for Girls and/or Job's Daughters.
 - 18 years of age to join
- A living Master Mason does not have to be a member of OES for the female relative to join.
- Applicants must be of good moral character, believe in a Supreme Being, and be willing to assume the obligation of the Order.

