

## Stardom Began in 1850

*The origin of the Order of the Eastern Star dates back to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.*



*Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry and a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, is acknowledged as the "master builder" of the Order. A teacher and school administrator, he wrote more than 400 poems and several books which continue to be valued references in today's Masonic libraries. He also made it his mission to share the tenets of Masonry with women.*

*With the help of his wife, Charlotte, Dr. Morris developed the beautiful initiatory degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1850. The ceremony focuses on selected women of the Bible who demonstrated heroic conduct and high moral values. The five degrees use these examples to teach the Masonic principles of charity, truth and loving kindness — qualities that are as necessary in today's world as they were in the 1800s.*

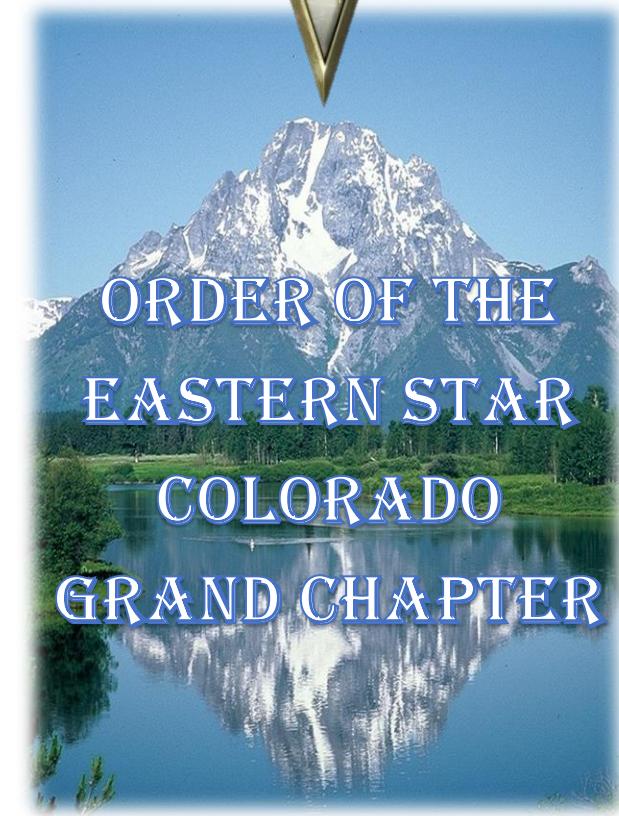
*While the Order of the Eastern Star has evolved over time, it remains rooted in charitable endeavors and fraternal fellowship and offers its members a wide variety of opportunities for personal growth and community involvement.*



**If you are interested in obtaining further information or would like to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact:**

**Colorado Grand Chapter Website**  
[www.oes-colorado.org](http://www.oes-colorado.org)  
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## You Can Be a Star



If you are looking for a way to help others, and have a great time in the process, you should consider membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, where

you can find fun and fellowship with people who want to give back to the community – people like yourself.

Eastern Star is a unique organization with many qualities you won't find anywhere else – beautiful ceremonies, meaningful lessons that focus on moral values and the friendship of sisters and brothers around the world. Members find that, wherever their jobs or circumstances take them, they can be assured of a warm welcome in an Eastern Star Chapter.

Would you like to know more? Here are some of the reasons why the Order of the Eastern Star is so very special.

## We Are Co-Educational

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong with more than 500,000 members in 5,000 Chapters worldwide. In Eastern Star Chapters, Masons and their female relatives promote the values of charitable purposes that are such an important part of the Masonic fraternity. Male petitioners must be members in good standing of a regular Masonic Lodge. Female petitioners must be at least 18 years of age and be related to a Master Mason, past or present. A woman always serves as the presiding officer of an OES Chapter, but Masons are there to advise and support.

**"I love being able to share this Masonic experience with my wife. We have made so many friendships and memories over the years."**

- Charles, age 57

## We Believe in a Supreme Being

Like the Masonic fraternity, membership in the Order is open to members of all religious affiliations, but petitioners must profess belief in a Supreme Being. The Order is not a substitute for religion, but rather a complement to each member's church and faith. The initiation ceremony features character-building lessons based on Biblical characters found in the Old and New Testaments.

**"Being in OES has given me the chance to engage my community in a way I never thought possible."**

- Stephanie, age 29

## We Do Good Works

OES chapters serve their communities in a variety of ways. They collect food for needy families, donate funds to train service animals, donate school supplies to disadvantaged students, offer scholarships, support hospitals, participate in walk-a-thons to fund research to cure cancer and other deadly diseases, and sponsor Masonic youth organizations (Job's Daughters International, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay for boys). Chapters also

work together to support several charities. You can view additional information about our charities on our website, [www.oes-colorado.org](http://www.oes-colorado.org).



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## We Support One Another

Eastern Star members call each other Sister and Brother because the organization is very much like a family. In the Order of the Eastern Star, members become fast friends who not only work together for good causes, but also support one another in good times and bad.



## We Are Inter-Generational



An Eastern Star Chapter has members of all ages. Some are young men and women who are in college or just beginning their careers. Some are "Baby Boomers" or "Gen-Xers", and still others have been members of the Order of the Eastern Star 50 years or

more. It is an amazing mix that results in shared wisdom and ideas as members grow to appreciate and learn from the knowledge and talents of their sisters and brothers, both young and old.

**"I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself."**

- Bridgette, age 38

## We Share Good Times

Eastern Star members have an active social life, as well. Activities range from road trips, dinners and dances to Christmas parties for children, picnics and potluck gatherings.



## We'd Like to Make You a Star

The Order of the Eastern Star is always on the lookout for adults of all ages who are trying to better themselves and the community around them. If you would like to add your light to our constellation of stars, contact a member of a local chapter, or go to the Colorado Eastern Star Website:

[www.oes-colorado.org](http://www.oes-colorado.org)

The Web page includes details on membership eligibility and a list of chapters in Colorado, as well as more information about the tenets and purpose of the Order of the Eastern Star.

