

HOW EASTERN STARS CAN INFORM
NON-EASTERN STARS ABOUT EASTERN STAR FRATERNITY

WHAT EASTERN STAR IS:

It is a voluntary association of women, men are accepted.

It is a system of moral conduct.

It is a way of life.

It is a fraternal society.

It is religious in its character.

It teaches the Golden Rule.

It seeks to make good women better women.

It teaches morality through symbolism.

It uses secret rites and ceremonies to instruct its members.

It is based on a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul.

Its tenets are ethical principles such as are acceptable to all good women. It teaches toleration toward the beliefs of others, and charity toward all mankind. Eastern Stars should be proud to proclaim that their fraternity consists of women bound together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection, universally applicable throughout the world.

Most members of the Eastern Star are inarticulate about Eastern Star when attempting to discuss it with non-members. Perhaps they are thus reticent because they do not know how to answer the question, "What is Eastern Star?" Perhaps they need instruction as to what can be told publicly about our great fraternal order. Certainly, the answer to the question will frequently determine whether we gain or lose a member. Every Matron should inform herself on this subject.

WHAT EASTERN STAR IS NOT:

It is not an insurance or benefit society.

It is neither a religion or a creed.

It is not a charity organization.

It is not organized for profit.

It dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular.

It seeks no advantages for its members through business or politics.

It is not a forum for partisan affairs.

It is not a secret society as it does not conceal its existence.

Eastern Stars teaches love and kindness in the home; honesty and fairness in business or occupation; courtesy in social contacts; help for the weak and unfortunate; resistance to wickedness; trust and confidence in good men; forgiveness toward the penitent; love toward one another; and, above all, reverence for the Supreme Being.