

Stardom Began in 1850

The origins of the Order of the Eastern Star date back to the mid-19th century.

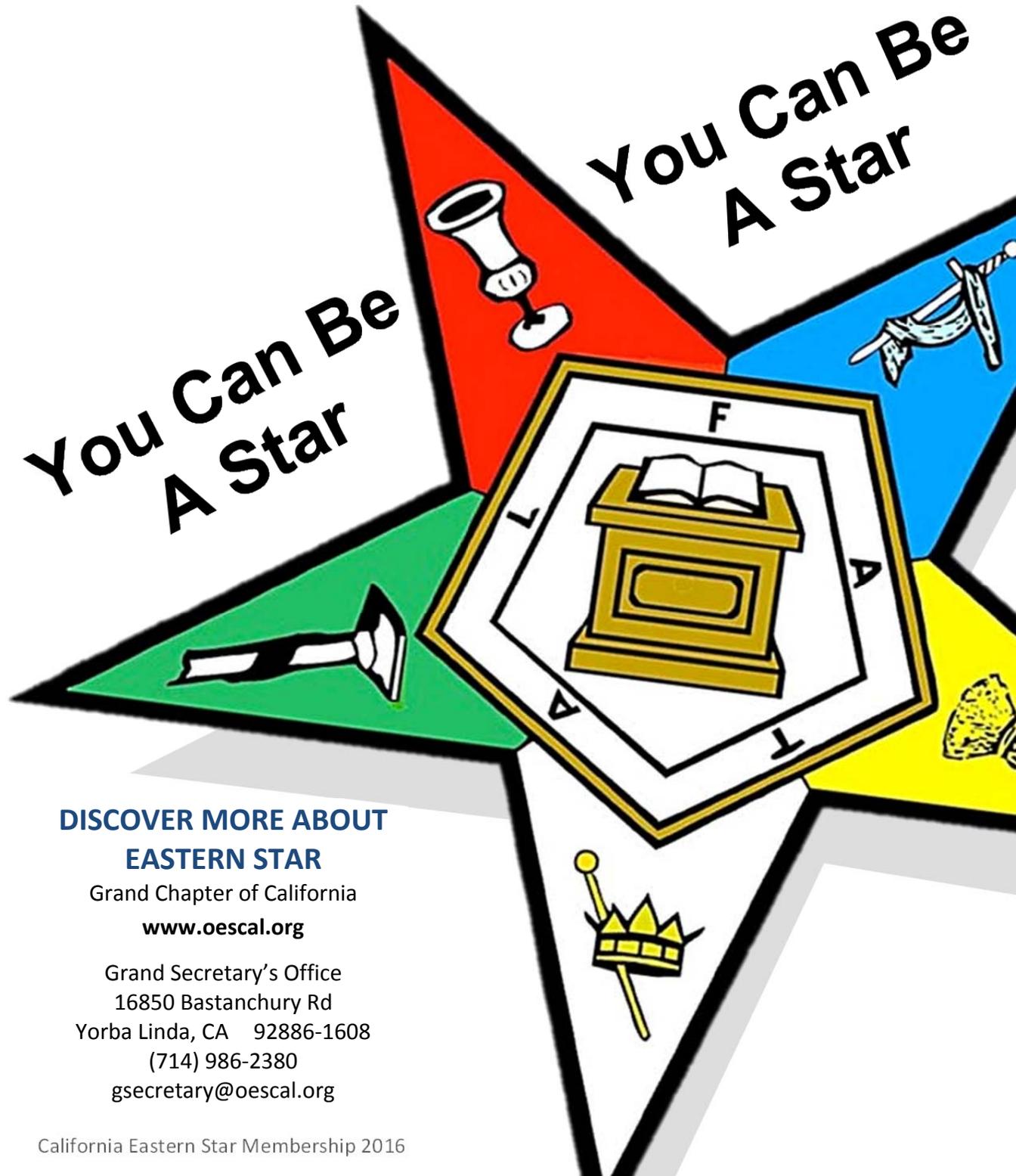
Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, is acknowledged as the “master builder” of the Order. A teacher and school administrator, he wrote more than 400 poems and several books which continue to be valued references in today’s Masonic libraries. 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 1800’s.

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

In 2016, California Eastern Star celebrated 143 years of service to the community!



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Are You Ready To Be A Star?

If you are a person who wants volunteer opportunities and giving back to your community while engaging in fun-filled activities and fellowship, then Eastern Star is for you.

Eastern Star is a unique organization with many qualities where you will find beautiful ceremonies, lessons that focus on moral values, and the friendship of sisters and brothers around the world.

Here are some of the reasons why the Order of the Eastern Star is so very special.

We Welcome Men and Women

With more than 500,000 members worldwide, the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. In Eastern Star, members promote the values and charitable purposes that are an important part of the Masonic fraternity.

Men seeking membership must be members in good standing of a regular Masonic lodge. Women must be at least 18 years of age and be related to a Master Mason or may qualify as a Majority Member of Rainbow or Jobs Daughters.

We Share Good Times

Eastern Star members have an active social life! Activities include dinners, holiday parties, game nights, trips to sporting events and theater outings.

We Are Multi-Generational

A typical Eastern Star Chapter has members of all ages. Some are young men and women who are in college or just beginning their careers; “Baby Boomers”, “Gen-Xers”, or “Millennials”; others have been members of the Order for 50, 60, and even 75 years. 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.

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 a belief in a Supreme Being. The Order of the Eastern Star is not a substitute for religion but, rather, a complement to each member’s faith.

We Are Involved In The Community

OES chapters serve their communities in a variety of ways. Such as:

- ⊕ Collecting food for needy families,
- ⊕ Supporting youth sports groups,
- ⊕ Donating school supplies to students, &
- ⊕ Participating in walkathons.

Chapters also work to support several statewide charities including medical and cancer research. California Eastern Star members proudly support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

We Support One Another

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

We’d Like to Make You a Star

The Order of the Eastern Star seeks members of all ages who are trying to better themselves and the community around them. If you would like to be a Star, contact a member of a local chapter, or visit the California Eastern Star Web site:

www.oescal.org

The Web page includes details on membership eligibility and a directory of chapters in California.

