

## The Future

OES of NJ also supports Youth Groups that are part of the wider Masonic Family of Organizations:

## Order of Rainbow for Girls

Open to girls ages 5-10 as Pledges, and 11-20 as Rainbow Girls. An organization formed in 1922 with Assemblies throughout the world, Rainbow Girls participate in charity and service projects and learn skills that will serve them through life.

## Order of DeMolay

For young men starting at age 9 for Squires, age 12 to 21 as members, has the goal of preparing them by developing civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills. There are DeMolay chapters worldwide.



*Visit our website to find out more...*

[www.njoes.com](http://www.njoes.com)

*Call or write:*

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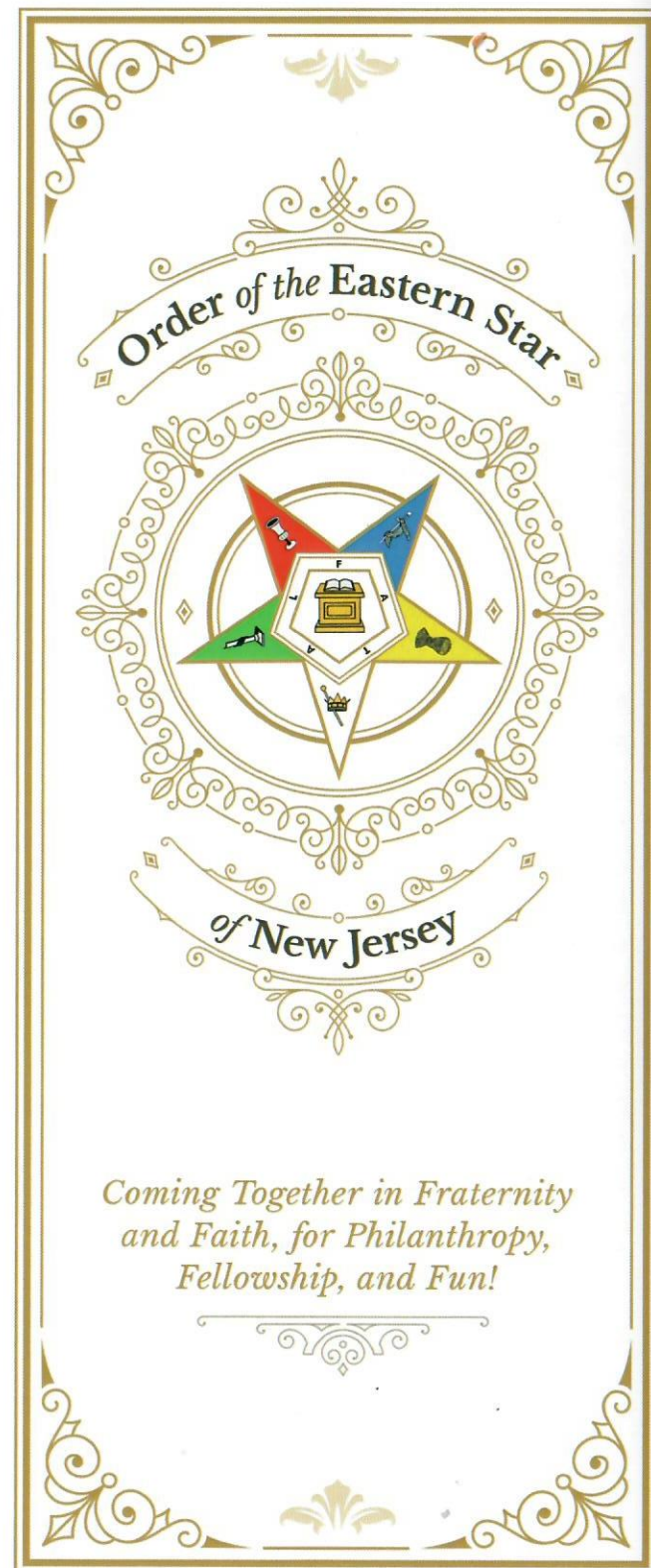
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*Our state office can put you in touch with the local chapter nearest to you!*





## Who are we?

A Fraternity with a rich history of 150 years and continuing, The Order of the Eastern Star is one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world whose membership is open to both men and women. Worldwide membership is over one million, from varied and diverse backgrounds. We are not part of the Masonic Fraternity, but share their desire for self improvement and service to others.

## Fraternity & Faith

Membership in The **Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey** is open to people of all faiths, as long as they believe in a higher power. Any woman over the age of 18 may apply, as well as any Master Mason in good standing. There are local chapters throughout the State, which are governed by the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Belonging to the Order gives you an extended family and, through our friendship and interaction with General Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, connections throughout the world.

## Philanthropy

Eastern Star members consider it a privilege to help one another. The tradition of its members helping one another and humankind in general is practiced extensively...

This extends to the communities where our Chapters are located, and individual chapters will determine which local charities and service projects to support each year. As well, the Grand Chapter each year establishes state service projects, and has supported such worthy causes as Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Breast Cancer Research, Cystic Fibrosis, Food Banks, and has distributed funds through the **Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ**.

The personal welfare of our members is a prime concern, and the Charity Foundation's mission is to "Live Our Obligation by providing aid to members in their misfortunes, and educational support for the future". Providing emergent and monthly assistance, as well as scholarships and life-skills grants, the **Eastern Star Charity Foundation** of NJ is an IRS 501 (c)3 charity.

We also support and maintain the New Jersey Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater, NJ, where members and non-members can receive Professional Care with the Feeling of Home". This non-profit nursing center provides residential, assisted living, and rehabilitation services, short term and long term, and is an outward and visible sign of our commitment to the welfare of others.

## Fellowship and Fun

As a member you will be able to attend functions locally, statewide, and across the country! While there are business meetings to oversee various projects, there are social activities such as dinners, trips, reunions, and fund raisers for the many charities we support. There are formal events and ceremonies as well.

The Star Journal is published twice a year and helps keep the membership informed on the activities going on statewide. Our website, [njoes.com](http://njoes.com), also provides information on events and important notices for members.

## Ceremonies

Eastern Star uses ceremonies for initiation of members, to open and close meetings, honor deceased members, and installation of officers. The Five Points of the Eastern Star are representative of five heroines of the Bible, each with an individual color and emblem. The stories of these heroines teach us valuable lessons through their examples of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, helping us navigate the labyrinth of life.

*Charity & Service*

