

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



CHAPTER No _____

_____, 20____

I am directed to inform you that you have been elected for membership in this Chapter. You will please present yourself at the Chapter Room at our next stated meeting on _____
_____, at _____ o'clock for initiation.

By order of the Worthy Matron.

Secretary

You have applied for membership in the Eastern Star. You are about to take the vow required and become acquainted with the purposes of this great Order, claiming the largest membership of any organization for women in the world.

How are you preparing for this rite?

First, put forever from your mind any thought that there is any levity connected with initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star, or that your friends will play any jokes upon you. From the questions asked you upon the petition which you signed, it should be evident to all that initiation into the Eastern Star must be dignified, beautiful, and impressive, and that it has a real part to play in life.

Everyone who seeks admission to our Order should know that we require a pledge from them - a pledge that will permit of no mental reservation, and which, though not always easy to follow, is still livable and sane.

We acknowledge our belief in a Supreme Being, as a requirement of the Order; we take our name from the Star which heralded the coming of Christ; our every lesson is based upon the principles which He taught, and we combine with this a pledge of fraternal love that should overlook faults - a charity that should refrain from acts of unkindness or injustice; a pledge to "do unto others as we would that they should do unto us."

Therefore, the ceremony you are about to take part in will be a very serious one. The promises you make, the new associations you form should bring a new purpose into your life, a new feeling toward mankind, a new generosity and charity.

Therefore, come not with any thought of advancement or of personal gain. If you do not intend to regard your Obligation seriously, do not take it, and do not think the ideal is too high. It is only as we seek the best that the best things are attained, and in the Order of the Eastern Star you will find yourself one of a vast company who are endeavoring to find the best in life for themselves and to give to others the help, the sympathy, the love that will enable all to keep the Vision of the founders of this beautiful Order.

Therefore, come to your initiation purged of all insincerity, all prejudices, all jealousy - clean in body and soul, and for you, your initiation Will be a beautiful ceremony, full of meaning, and for you, too, membership in this Order will be an inspiration and a privilege.