

About Us!



History

- The first Chapters instituted in Vermont were Mt. Anthony Chapter No. 1 and Ascutney Chapter No. 2 on December 21, 1869.
- The Grand Chapter of Vermont was organized on November 12, 1873.
- The First Era of the Order of the Eastern Star extended from 1850-1866 under the leadership of Dr. Rob Morris, poet laureate of Masonry.
- The Second Era of the Order of the Eastern Star extended from 1866-1876 under the leadership of Robert Macoy of New York.
- The Third Era, 1876 to the present time, saw the establishment of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Of these Eras, the first is perhaps the most important since it prepared the way for the other two.
- We are an active and successful worldwide fraternal, charitable service organization with dedicated members who are making a positive difference in their local communities and ultimately, the world.

The Heart of Eastern Star is the Local Chapter

Membership

Who Can Join?

- Women who are at least 18 years of age who are sponsored by two members, one Sister and one Brother.
- Women who are relatives of past or present Master Masons in good standing of a regular Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity. The necessary relationship is by birth, marriage or adoption.
- Women who are majority members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or Jobs Daughters International® or have been active for 3 years, who have reached the age of 18.
- Men who are Master Masons in good standing of a regular Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity.

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Grand Chapter of Vermont Order of the Eastern Star

*Charity, Truth and
Loving Kindness*

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. Our mission is to help others, give to charity, promote core values and attract new members.



Charitable Giving

Projects

- The Order of the Eastern Star membership has raised millions of dollars to support charitable giving locally and globally.
- In Vermont, each year the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron select a special project for their charitable contributions. Recently these have included Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Cancer Patient Support Foundation, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, Vermont Paws & Boots, and Make-A-Wish.
- We are fortunate in Vermont to have a substantial Benevolence Fund that assists those in need as well as Vermont Charities.

Vermont Star donates \$25,000 to benefit food banks throughout the state

Submitted by Deb Litchfield, PGM
Grand Chapter of Vermont

John Sayles, CEO of the Vermont Food Bank stopped by Summit Lodge, in Williamstown, Vermont on April 21, 2025. He was presented a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the grant program of the Vermont Food Bank, by Sister Sherrill Gould, PGM and President of the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Eastern Star Home. This money will benefit all of the food shelves throughout the State of Vermont.

Board members looking on were: Rod Churchill, PGP, Vice President; Deb Litchfield, PGM, Secretary; Doris Graves, PGM, Treasurer; Erron Carey, PGM, Assistant Treasurer; Melissa Chancey, WGM; Palmer Martin, WGP; Kathleen Lamberton, AGM; Michael Wood, AGP; Heather Hineley, PM; Jody Small, PGP and Donarae Metcalf, PM.



Why Join?

The Order of the Eastern Star is about charity, service and fellowship. Join a Chapter near you to gain lifelong friendships and treasured experiences.

Scholarships

- Flora E. Lyons Educational Scholarship Fund – Grants are available to seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen in college.
- Philip and Alice Angell Eastern Star Scholarship Fund – Assists worthy Vermont students in pursuing post-secondary education.
- ESTARL – These scholarships are offered to any person who is in the field of religious leadership, such as ministry, Christian education or church music.
- *Applications provide additional details and criteria.

Activities

Community Service

- Awareness Campaigns
- Care Packages for the Homeless
- Community Clean Up & Beautification
- Food & Clothing Drives
- Fundraisers
- Mentoring
- Nursing Home Visits
- Supporting First Responders
- Volunteering

“We are good people doing good things for the right reasons, and thoroughly enjoying it.”

- Rennie Ofton, PMWGM

Group Events

- Fun Trips & CANAM Exchanges
- Game Nights
- Grand Chapter Session (Annual Conference)
- Ice Cream Socials
- International Travel
- Karaoke & Lip Sync Battles
- Local Parades & Town Events
- Murder Mysteries
- Paint & Sip Parties
- Picnics & Rob Morris Campout
- Pinewood Derby Races

