

JERUSALEM GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, PHA

ESU

EASTERN STAR UNIVERSITY



- Jerusalem Grand Chapter, almost 3 years old

- We should be walking... we're still crawling

- Same issues

- Misuse of funds

- Un-Sisterly Conduct

- Inappropriate pictures on Facebook

- Your Obligation is a contract

- We are governed by a Grand Chapter, which makes our laws and regulations..... We are bound to obey these laws, regulations and by-laws.....

- ...cautiously avoid speaking evil of your sisters, or performing any acts of injustice or unkindness toward them.

- Be careful when you make a vow/promise to God

- Today is the start of

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For Excellence!!*

- Quality Not Quantity
 - You should be very selective about who you allow to join your chapter
- Every Chapter should have 2 meetings a month – One Business, One Study Session
 - No more “Going in the Dark”
 - You can reduce your meetings to one Study Session a month during the summer months
- Worthy Matrons, train your Associate Matron and Conductress for advancement to the East
- Q-Stars (Quality Stars)

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➤ ESU University

➤ Worthy Matron Class

- Every Worthy Matron required to go through class
- Will receive the tools needed to lead

➤ OES Basics

➤ OES Advance

➤ Looking for Lecturers

- Must have passion for the Order
- Knowledge of the Order
- Must be able to travel
- Must be a Past Matron/Patron as of Feb 2012
- At least 2 will be chosen from each Zone



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➤ Tentative Dates for Classes

- Feb 18, 2012 – Zone 1
- Feb 25, 2012 – Zone 2
- Mar 3, 2012 – Zone 3
- Mar 17, 2012 – Make-up Class

Odds & Ends



- ✓ New Member Petition, ESBA Donee Form, Annual Return and \$50.00 are to be sent to Grand Secretary within 10 days after initiation
- ✓ All Subordinate Chapter dues and assessments must be paid prior to sending in Grand Assessments
- ✓ Matrons, read the **entire** communication that comes from the Grand Chapter in open meeting.....
Members go to meeting so you can hear it

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Odds & Ends



- ✓ Be cautious how you talk to each other
- ✓ To get respect you have to give respect
- ✓ Humility is power under control

- ✓ Have package for every Worthy Matron, Deputy & Council President
 - ✓ Subordinate Chapters By-Laws status
 - ✓ PLEASE follow the directions
 - ✓ Chapter & Council Election Forms
 - ✓ Please see Grand Secretary

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~ ~ **THEY SAID** ~ ~

- ✓ Every Directive coming from the Grand Chapter is in writing
- ✓ Military Relations Forms
- ✓ Traveling Cards
 - ✓ Deadline to receive your card in January, is Dec 3
 - ✓ Next set will be issued in April

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Front of Card



**Jerusalem Grand Chapter of Florida
Order of the Eastern Star
Prince Hall Affiliated**

Grand Worthy Matron *
Patricia A. Stafford

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Member - Past Worthy Matron - Past Worthy Patron

Back of Card

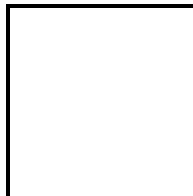
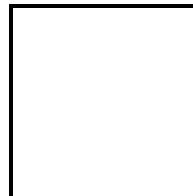
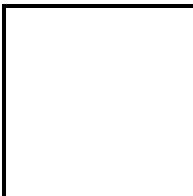
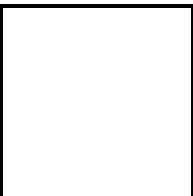
Removable Stickers

Patricia A. Stafford

Grand Worthy Matron

Ruth F. Johnson

Grand Secretary



Fees Paid Sticker disintegrates in the attempt of removal.

To appreciate and receive inspiration for our Order

Study the Ritual

Study the Bible

Ask Questions

Apply the lessons in your daily life

Discovering the answers add flames to the imagination

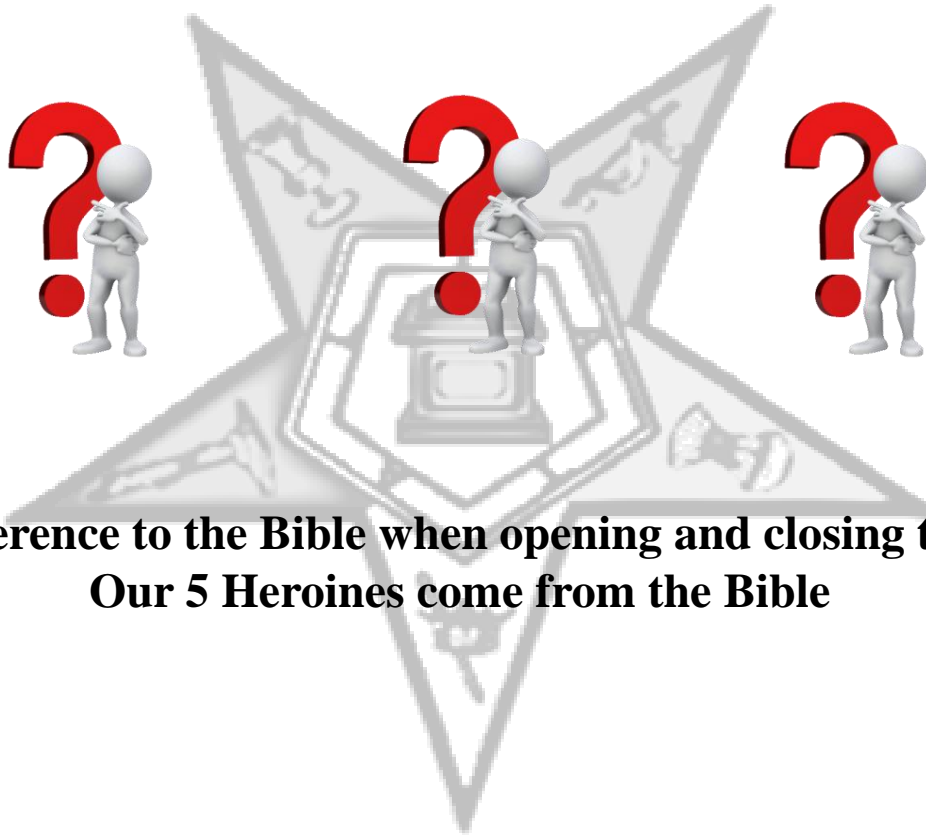
No disgrace to admit “*you don’t know*”

The true disgrace lies in committing the same mistake over and over and not finding out the correct answer

If an error is made, ask, learn and correct the error

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OES requires only the belief in a Supreme Being our degrees are based on both the Old and New Testaments. While non-Christians are welcome to become members, it would seem to be difficult to be other than a Christian to belong to the Order.



**We pay reverence to the Bible when opening and closing the Chapter
Our 5 Heroines come from the Bible**

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**Only those who do not understand have the
desire to change or destroy**

**THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
IS NOT A CLUB NOR A SORORITY**

**Adoptive Masonry (Rite)
What is it?**

Ceremonies and Lesson Lectures communicated to certain classes of ladies, who from their blood relationship or marriage to a Master Mason in good standing were entitled to the attention and respect of the entire fraternity

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What is the Definition of Insanity?

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**Doing the same thing over and over
and expecting different results**



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Complacency Within the Chapter

Are your members Bored.... Restless..... Uninterested in learning

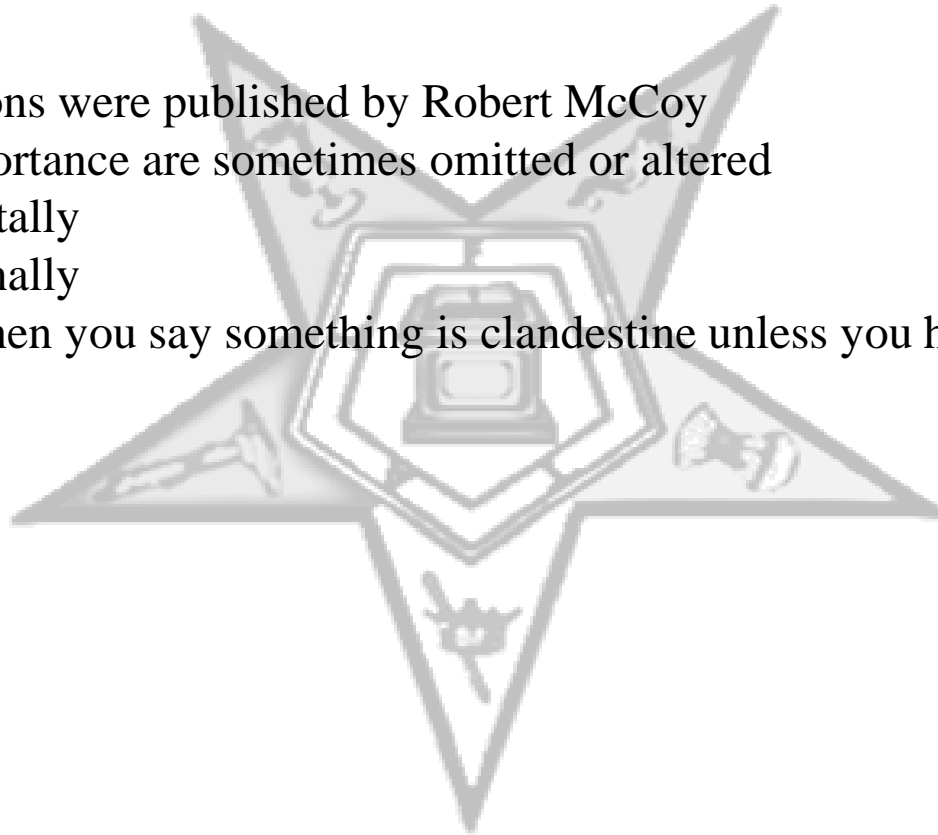
- A candidate comes in darkness and unless you present your work frequently they will be disappointed with the Order and will not desire to return
 - Warn against coming in because of curiosity
- Each officer should memorize their work, speak plainly, pronounce your words correctly, remember you are a teacher of your lesson and station
- Officers.... Know the opening, initiation and closing
 - You will enjoy your work and membership
- If we could only understand the beautiful teachings of the Order
- If we would study our Ritual and read the Biblical lessons
- If we would familiar ourselves with the symbolic meaning of our we

Don't be so eager to reach the East only to embarrass the Station

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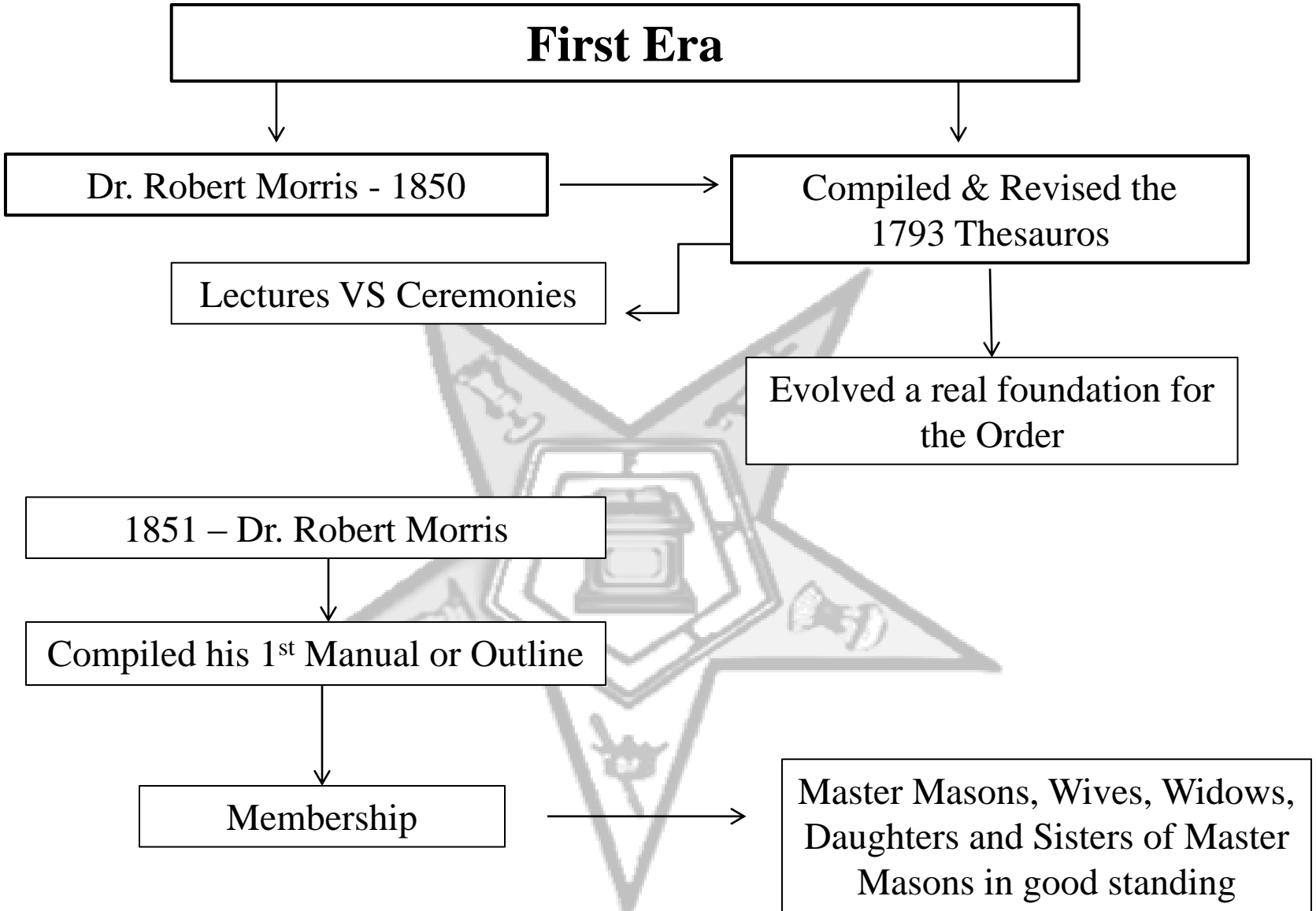
Let's look at our beginnings

- Several editions were published by Robert McCoy
- Areas of importance are sometimes omitted or altered
 - Accidentally
 - Intentionally
- Be careful when you say something is clandestine unless you have done in-depth studying



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First Era



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In the Beginning

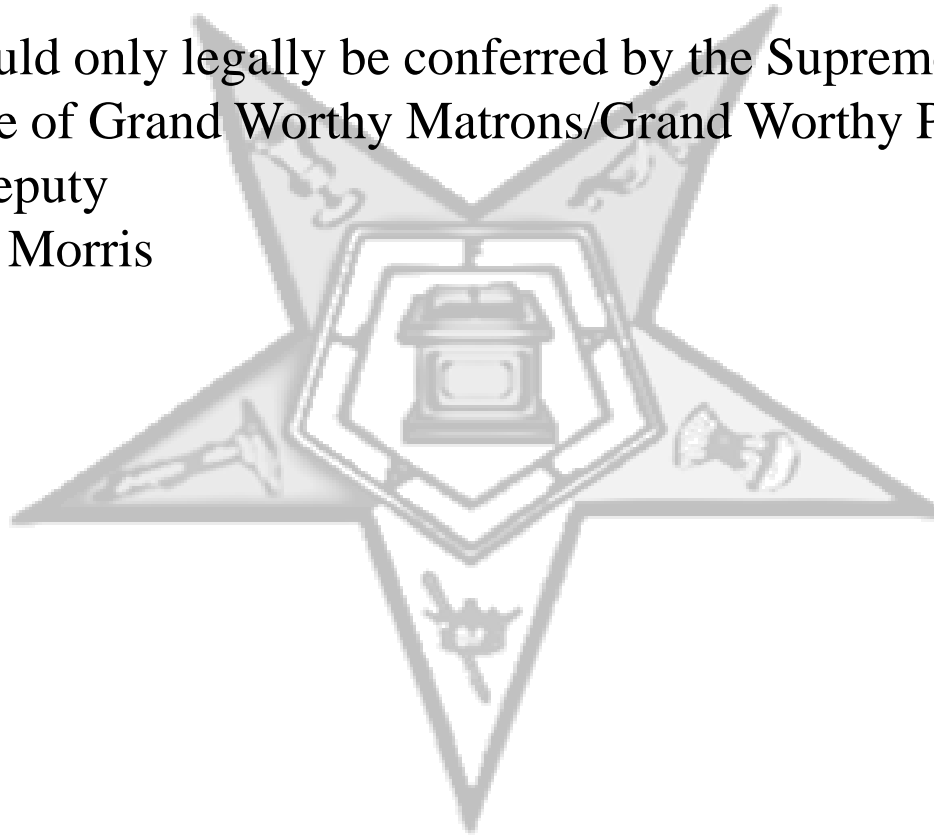
- Original Membership – relationship to Master Masons
 - Daughters
 - Widows
 - Wives
 - Sisters
 - Sisters in Law
 - *Mothers were not mentioned in the earlier manuals*

- Our current ritual
 - Landmark #2.....to the wives, widows, daughters and sisters of Masons
 - Membership, pg 18.....who are wives, **mothers**, widows, sisters or daughters of Master Masons in good standing

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In the Beginning

- Brothers were allowed as Protectors
 - Had to be Master Masons in good standing
 - Brother Protectors will be a wall so that no evil approach the sisters
- Degrees could only legally be conferred by the Supreme Council (Conference of Grand Worthy Matrons/Grand Worthy Patrons)
- Or Their Deputy
 - Robert Morris



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In the Beginning Continued

- **The first degree was conferred in a single meeting to give the initiates time to understand the degree**
- The Five Degrees
 - Degree First – Initiatory Degree – Jethapha's Daughter
 - Color – Blue – advise us constantly of the cerulean hue which appears in the clear heavens to win us upward to those still higher mansions not made with hands but eternal in the heaven
 - Emblem – The Sword – a weapon of might to cut asunder (into parts) all unholy ties and prove the sword of the spirit which is the sword of God
 - Regalia – The Apron – to caution you to keep your garments unspotted from the world
 - Virtue – Obedience – May your obedience be as exemplary as that of Jephthah's daughter
 - Class – Mason's Daughters

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In the Beginning Continued

- Degree Second – Passing Degree - Ruth
 - Color – Orange – May it continually suggest to your mind amidst the spring and summer of life, that when its autumn cometh on and the winter of death draweth nigh, your ripened sheaves shall be acceptable and the Lord of the harvest give you an eternal rest among those pronounced worthy, god and faithful servants
 - Emblem – Sheaf of Wheat – May it move you to produce an hundred told of the peaceable fruits of righteousness
 - Regalia – The Glove – May it warn you of those thorns and asperities which will everywhere be found until “he that cometh, shall come.”
 - Virtue – Attachment – be like that of Ruth, both to the service and the people of God

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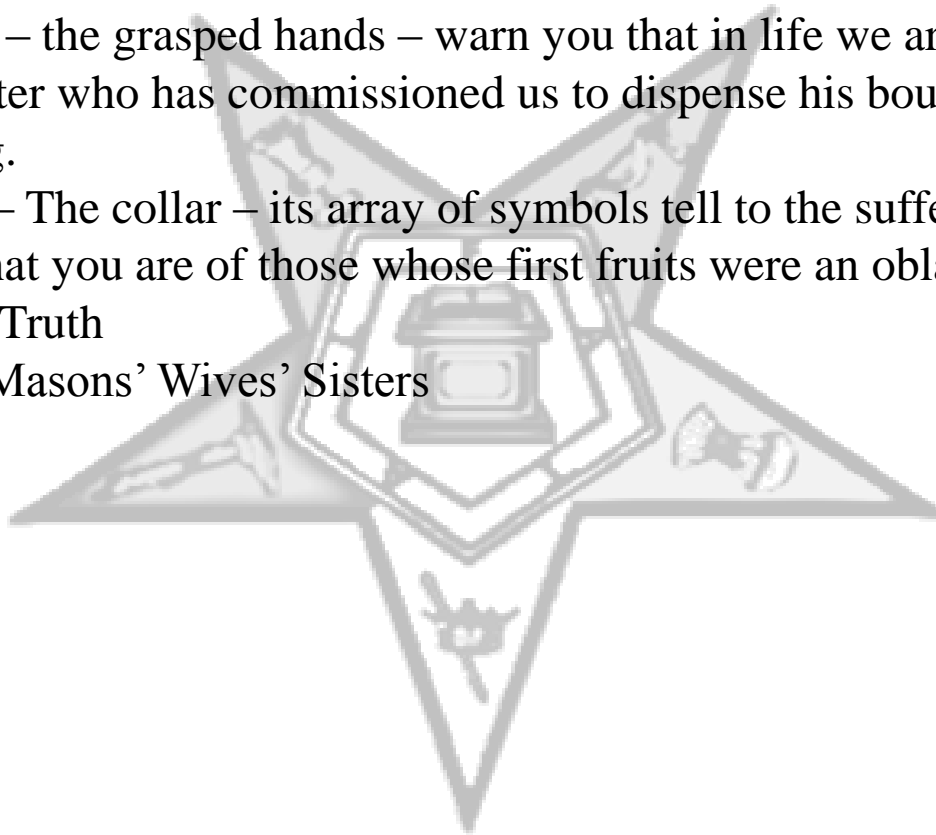
- Degree Third – Raising Degree – Esther
 - Color – White – should awaken devout aspirations that after death shall have released you from the soiled raiments of the flesh, your souls, washed white in the blood of the lamb may be presented for the acceptance of your Redeemer, without fault before the throne of God
 - Emblem – The Golden Crown
 - Regalia – The Band – serve to connect you in spirit with the pure of all ages who have gone up to their kindred heaven
 - Virtue – Purity
 - Class – Mason’s wives

- Degree Fourth – Exalting Degree – Martha
 - Color – Green
 - Emblem – The Open Sepulcher
 - Regalia – The Broach
 - Virtue – Faith
 - Class – Masons’ sisters

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In the Beginning Continued

- Degree Fifth – Perfecting Degree – Electa
 - Color – Red – recall you to those drops of blood that fell to the ground for your sake.
 - Emblem – the grasped hands – warn you that in life we are but the stewards of a master who has commissioned us to dispense his bounties without grudging.
 - Regalia – The collar – its array of symbols tell to the suffering and the needy, that you are of those whose first fruits were an oblation to the Lord
 - Virtue – Truth
 - Class – Masons’ Wives’ Sisters



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In the Beginning Continued

Early editions talks about
The Constellation of the Order's virtues

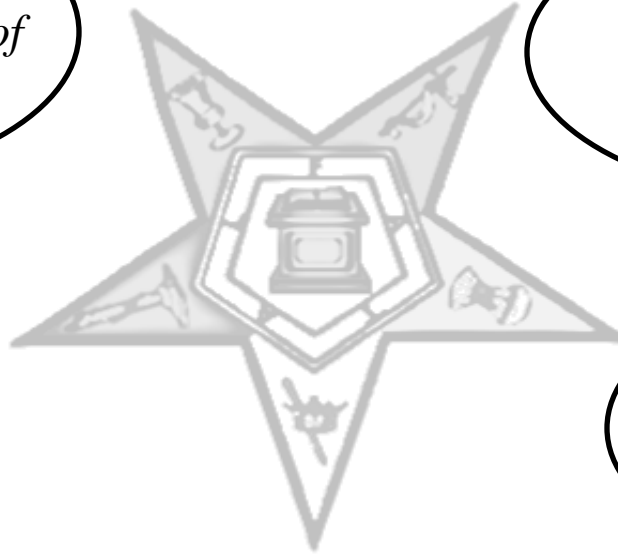
Truth as an emanation
from God (*and the seal of
heart and lip on the
Order*)

Obedience to scriptural
requisitions
(*What it's telling
you to do*)

Faith in God (and in
the saving influence of
its principles)

Attachment to the
people of God (*and its
membership*)

Purity of intention (*and
affection for the Order*)



The Altar

- The Altar, the center of the Labyrinth
 - Most Holy Place in the Chapter room
 - Have been used for centuries
 - Where you took your obligation
 - It's where the Holy Bible lays
 - Never break the light between God and Man
 - We should approach the altar with reverence
 - We back out because you should never turn your back on the holy word

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The Reverent Attitude

- Loosely clasped hands at the waistline
 - This position should be assumed when the Conductress and Associate Conductress enters the Labyrinth
 - When opening & closing

The Attitude of Prayer

- Loosely clasped hands at waistline with heads bowed
 - Assume as Chaplain enters Labyrinth and during prayer

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- Sample Research Questions
 - When/why was Ruth Color changed from Orange to Yellow
 - When was Mothers added to membership? Why?



Your Obligation

**Upon the foundation of our cabalistic motto of the
Order stand the following pillars**

- ✓ To be true – that the burdened heart of a sister may always find a recipient of its cares
- ✓ To be aiding – that a sister's distress may not cry out against abundance
- ✓ To be counseling – that the blind may not fall unwarned into the ditch
- ✓ To be supporting – that the tender vine may not fall un-propped
- ✓ To be loving – that this precept of the Redeemer may reach every heart
- ✓ To be secret – that the light of the Order may not be shed on un-worthy objects
- ✓ To be the servant of Jesus Christ – that the powers of darkness may be conquered, Christ's dominion extended, and the world redeemed to his ennobling cause.

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