

Golden State Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Rite of Adoption
State of California

Application for Membership

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To: The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of _____
Chapter No. _____ Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Rite of Adoption

The undersigned respectfully petitions for membership and solicits the rights and privileges of the Order of Eastern Star. If found worthy, she/he pledges her/his honor that she/he will, in all respects, conform and be subject to the legal requirements of the Chapter, and be subject to the rules and regulations of the Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Rite of Adoption, State of California.

1. Full Name: _____ Social Security Number _____

2. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

3. Current Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. Home Telephone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Email Address _____

5. Occupation for the last 10 years: _____

6. Have you ever petitioned for membership to any Order of the Eastern Star Chapter? Yes No

6b. If yes, please provide the date(s) and Chapter(s): _____

7. Have you ever been denied membership to any Order of the Eastern Star Chapter(s)? Yes No

7b. If yes, please provide the date(s) and Chapter(s): _____

8. Are you married? Yes No

8b. If no, are you a single parent? Yes No

9. Have you made provisions for the future of your family? Yes No

10. Do you believe in a Supreme Being? Yes No

11. Are you in Good Health? Yes No

12. Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which would prevent you from becoming a member of the Order of the Eastern Star? Yes No

13. **MALE APPLICANTS:** Are you a member of a Prince Hall Lodge in the California Jurisdiction? Yes No

13b. Name of Lodge, Number and Location _____

14. Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or no contest in a domestic, foreign or military court to any felony?

Yes No

If you answered Yes to questions 14 you will be required to provide complete details of all events or proceedings, including charges, name and location of court, docket number(s), date(s), number of counts, court documents, and any other information that would shed light thereon.

Application for Membership (continued)

Please read carefully:

Having expressed a desire to become an Eastern Star, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

The objects and purposes of the rite are the cultivation of charitable and fraternal practices that we may comfort, protect and aid each other in our journey through the labyrinth of human life; for a more extended diffusion of the principles of morality and friendship by established and significant emblems; for inciting the influence of females towards the purposes of the Masonic institution; for increasing social enjoyment by the aid of the Masonic tie, for ameliorating the condition of the destitute widow and the helpless orphan; and for affording increased facilities in relieving distressed female travelers. For these purposes the Adoptive Rite has been framed. To secure successful results to a purpose so laudable, it is necessary that its votaries should apply its rules in a rigid sense; carefully maintain its landmarks; affiliate into its bonds only those who are well calculated by temperament and principle to understand appreciate its beauties and work out patiently and untiringly its grand designs. The Order of Eastern Star interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be an Eastern Star. The Eastern Star strives to teach its members of the duty they owe to God, their neighbor, and themselves. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes and extensive us of symbolism and its teachings.

We believe it is necessary to inform you that your admission to our organization will entail certain financial obligations, which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Chapter, and from time to time you may be called upon to contribute for the relief work connected with the organization.

I hereby authorize the Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Rite of Adoption, State of California, and their agents to investigate all information presented in this application and have full access to all court records pertaining to any criminal proceedings in which I have been involved, either as reflected on this application or as revealed during the background check process. I understand that this background check may be relevant to becoming a member, and does not guarantee my membership in this organization. I understand that providing false or misleading information is ground for denial of membership or termination of membership.

I hold harmless and free of any and liability, the Golden State Grand Chapter and agents from any legal proceedings that I may sustain as a result of the Golden State Grand Chapter's efforts to verify information I provide or any disclosure made under this authorization.

Signature _____

Date _____

Chapter Use

Recommendations: (2 recommendations are required)

I am a member in the above named Chapter and have known the applicant approximately _____ months/years. From my knowledge of her/him, I am confident that if approved for membership she will reflect honor to our Organization:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Telephone Number: () _____

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Application Fee \$ _____

Date Application received in the Chapter: _____

Age at time of application: _____

Date of Investigation: _____

Waiver Signed: Yes No N/A

Result of Investigation: _____

Date of Ballot: _____ Results of Ballot: Accepted Denied