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SR 5 "Recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Alaska Jurisdiction, 35th Annual Communication Week"

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History

The order of the Eastern Star is one of the largest fraternal organizations of men and women in the world. It was established in 1850 by Robert Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts who had been an official with the Freemasons. Based on moral principles and teachings from the Bible, it is open to people of all monotheistic faiths.

Membership

It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and claims about one million members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order must be 18 years of age or older. Men must be Master Masons and women must be related to Masons. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a Master Mason, but the Order now allows other relatives as well as allowing Rainbow Girls to become members when they come of age.

Purpose

The stated purposes of the order are charitable, educational, fraternal, and scientific. The order has a charitable foundation and from 1986-2001 has contributed \$513,147 to Alzheimer's disease research, juvenile diabetes research, and juvenile asthma research. It provides scholarships to students of theology and religious music, and others approved by jurisdiction. Many jurisdictions support a Masonic and/or Eastern Star retirement center or nursing home for older members; and some homes are also open to the public. The organization often contributes to local community charities.

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March 16, 2007

Senator Bettye Davis
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Dear Senator Davis,

I am writing to request that you declare April 14-17, 2007, as Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Stars, Alaska Jurisdiction, 35th Annual Communication week.

Our organization, The Prince Hall Grand Chapter was chartered under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, Alaska Jurisdiction on June 10, 1972, in Anchorage, Alaska. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, Brother Richards J. Watts, Sr., and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Brother Clarence V. Coleman signed the Charter.

The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific; but there is much more to it than that. Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order using beautiful and inspiring biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which adorn the personal lives of every Eastern Star member. We strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example, build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

In compliance with the constitution of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the 35th Grand Communication shall convene April 14-17, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

We would request to receive the completed document no later than April 2, 2007. The completed document can be mailed to my attention at the address listed at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Senator Davis. We would be honored to have your support and attendance at our Grand Worthy Matron's Banquet on Monday, April 16, 2006, at the Anchorage Senior Center. If you have any questions, please contact me at 753-5551.

Given under my hand and seal of my Office this 16th day of March 2007.

Fraternally,

Original Signed

Michelle D. W. Harris
Grand Secretary
Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Alaska Jurisdiction

Order of the Eastern Star

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Order of the Eastern Star** is the largest fraternal organization in the world that both men and women can join. It was established in 1850 by Robert Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts who had been an official with the Freemasons. It is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all monotheistic faiths. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately one million members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a master Mason, but the Order now allows other relatives as well as allowing Rainbow Girls to become members when they come of age.



General Grand Chapter logo

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Emblem and heroines

The emblem of the Order is a five-pointed star representing the Star of Bethlehem. In the Chapter room, the downward-pointing white ray points to the West. The character-building lessons taught in the Order are stories inspired by Biblical figures:

- **Adah** (Jephthah's daughter, from Judges)
- **Ruth**, the widow
- **Esther**, the wife
- **Martha** (sister of Lazarus, from the Gospel of John)
- **Electa** (the "elect lady", from II John), the mother

Officers

There are 18 main officers in a full chapter:

- **Worthy Matron** - presiding officer
- **Worthy Patron** - a Master Mason who provides general supervision
- **Associate Matron** - assumes the duties of the Worthy Matron in the absence of that officer
- **Associate Patron** - assumes the duties of the Worthy Patron in the absence of that officer
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Conductress** - Leads visitors and initiations.
- **Associate Conductress** - Assists with introductions and handles ballot box.
- **Chaplain** - leads the Chapter in prayer
- **Marshal**
- **Organist**
- **Adah**
- **Ruth**
- **Esther**
- **Martha**
- **Electa**
- **Warder** - sits next to the door inside the meeting room, to make sure those that enter the chapter room are members of the Order.
- **Sentinel** - Sits next to the door outside the chapter room, to make sure those that wish to enter are members of the Order.



Eastern Star meeting room

Traditionally, a woman who is elected Associate Conductress will the following year be elected to Conductress, then the next year Associate Matron, and the next year Worthy Matron. A man elected Associate Patron will usually the next year be elected Worthy Patron. Usually the woman who is elected to become Associate Matron will let it be known who she wishes to be her Associate Patron, so the next year they will both go to the East together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. There is no male counterpart to the Conductress and Associate Conductress. Only women are allowed to be Matrons, Conductresses, and the Star Points (Adah, Ruth, etc.) and only men can be Patrons.

Charities

The Order has a charitable foundation and from 1986-2001 contributed \$513,147 to Alzheimer's disease research, juvenile diabetes research, and juvenile asthma research. It also provides bursaries to students of theology and religious music, as well as other scholarships that differ by jurisdiction. In 2000 over \$83,000 was donated. Many jurisdictions support a Masonic and/or Eastern Star retirement center or nursing home for older members; some homes are also open to the public. They also often make charitable contributions in their local communities, presented low key without much fan-fare.

Miscellaneous

- The Order is not to be confused with the *Order of the Star of the East*, a messianic organization created in 1911 by the Theosophical Society - Adyar and dissolved in 1929 by J. Krishnamurti.
- On December 1, 1875, Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 became the first Prince Hall Affiliate chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Famous Members

- Clara Barton^[1]
- Eva McGown^[2]
- Laura Ingalls Wilder^[3]
- Caroline Ingalls
- Carrie Ingalls Swanzey (daughter of Caroline and sister of Laura)

See also

- International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
- Job's Daughters International
- Organization of Triangles
- Order of the Amaranth
- Freemasonry

Gallery



Officers representing the heroines of the order sit around the altar in the center of the chapter room.

References

1. ^ http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/clara_barton_fdc.htm Initiated into OES in 1898 by Rob Morris
2. ^ <http://www.akpub.com/aktt/stmatts/choirwindow.htm> by Helen L. Atkinson at *ALASKA INTERNET PUBLISHERS, INC*

3. ^ http://www6.semo.edu/universitypress/bigmuddy/NF/Laura_Ingalls_Wilder.htm

External links

- Grand Chapter State of New York (Home of the 1st Eastern Star Chapter in the United States Alpha Chapter # 1)
- Order of the Eastern Star homepage (General Grand Chapter)
- Topical History of Eastern Star
- DMOZ Open Directory Project Links on Eastern Star Organizations

Topics in Freemasonry

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SR 5
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Senate
 Title Order of Eastern Communication Week RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Senator Davis
 Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill has no fiscal impact on any departments of the executive branch nor the legislature.

Prepared by: Shalon Szymanski
 Division: Senate State Affairs
 Approved by: Senator Lesil McGuire
 Agency: Chair, Senate State Affairs

Phone 907-465-4522
 Date/Time 03/30/07 12:30 p.m.
 Date 3/30/2007

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 3/23/07

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

SR 5 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR COMMUNICATION WEEK

Recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Alaska Jurisdiction, 35th Annual Communication Week.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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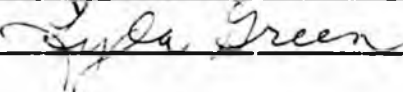
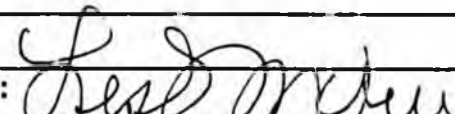
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do Not PASS	No REC	AMEND
	French	x			
	Green	✓			
CHAIR: 	McGuire	✓			