

Hadassah Chapter #22 O.E.S.

Los Angeles, California

Queen Adah Grand Chapter, OES

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Working under

The Most Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

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Becoming a Sister

Becoming a Sister can be one of the most significant events of your life. From the moment you become a Sister, you will feel immediate Sisterly love. Where do you begin?

Qualifications

Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star Chapters is open to all women 18 years of age or older — regardless of race, color, or religion. Our membership requirements are very clear:

- ✚ You must be of good character and reputation.
- ✚ You'll have to provide evidence of living a positive life through references from at least one Master Mason or Order of the Eastern Star Sister.
- ✚ You must believe in a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. This belief is not proscribed ~ rather; we encourage you to be steadfast in the faith of your choice.
- ✚ A \$110.00 registration fee is required with your application ~ the fee will be returned if you're not accepted in to the order. Make your check/money order out to Hadassah Chapter #22

Requirements of Hadassah Chapter #22 members

Once your application is accepted and membership approved you will need the following prior to your initiation:

- ✚ White nurse uniform with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves and dress length should be below the knee
- ✚ White pantyhose
- ✚ White slip
- ✚ White bra and underwear

Within 90 days after initiation ~ you will be informed on the suggested place to purchase these items:

- ✚ Fez with/ Yellow Tassel
- ✚ 5 Color Sash
- ✚ White Gloves with/ OES Star

Financial Obligation

- ✚ \$20.00 monthly membership dues.
- ✚ \$15.00 quarterly Grand Chapter dues

Required participation in the following ~ additional information will be provided once you become a member.

- ✚ St. Johns Day
 - 4th Sunday in June
 - 3rd Sunday in December
- ✚ OES Workshop
- ✚ Grand Session ~ 3rd week in October
- ✚ Monthly Meetings

I, _____ agree that I have read and understand the mandatory requirements from Hadassah Chapter #22. I hereby agree that I am able to fulfill all obligations as mentioned.

Signature

Date

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»»»» **The First Steps**

Start the process by completing a petition (application) for membership

Once your petition has been received, the presiding Worthy Matron will appoint an investigative committee of three members to talk with you. This is done to provide you with general information about the Order and its purpose, to ask you some simple questions about yourself such as why you desire to become a member of the Order, and to verify your Masonic affiliation through a male family member. The Committee will then give a report of your investigation to the Worthy Matron.

If all your information is in order, your investigatory team will report that all your requirements are favorable. Next, your petition will be read and balloted upon by the members at the next regular meeting of the Chapter. If the vote is favorable, you will receive notice that you have been elected to receive the Degrees of the Order. Your initiation date will be decided upon; you will be initiated and conferred with the five Degrees on a mutually agreeable date, usually within a month of your petition being approved.

»»»» **The Initiatory Process**







Our Fraternity's private nature sometimes creates misconceptions. We are not a secret organization but we are an organization that has secrets; however through our "initiation ceremonies" you will learn that we are a moral institution whose tenets are Charity, Friendship, Morality, and Sisterly Love. The Order of the Eastern Star teaches us to practice charity and benevolence, and to revere ordinances of — but not replace — anyone's religion. Quite simply, our Fraternal Order exists to make us *Women Led By Insight, Power & Exquisiteness to Achieve Excellence.*

Within the Order we strive to emulate the exemplary lives of ***Five Heroines*** from the Bible. Each Heroine guides us on the path of life to the mold us into women of honor and examples for the next generation to glean from.

The final step in becoming a member of the Order of the Eastern Star is your initiation in our chapter. Your OES sponsor will be there to greet you when you arrive at Hall. You will not be allowed into the chapter room until your initiation begins. At this time, you will meet the chapter's Associate Conductress who will fully prepare you for the initiation. When instructed to do so by the Worthy Matron, the Associate Conductress will escort you into the beautifully prepared chapter room, introduce you to the Conductress, and your initiation will begin. You will be required to affirm the obligation

oath, and then you will here the stories of the five Biblical women who compose the Star, and be instructed in the Order's secret work and other traditions.

Upon the completion of the initiatory process, you'll become a Sister of the Order of the Eastern Star, and be eligible for all that the Order has to offer you, which includes:

-  Worldwide Sisterhood (and brotherhood)
-  Fellowship
-  Networking
-  Charity, relief and bereavement
-  Meaningful community service
-  Camaraderie within our membership

It's our sincere hope that you'll consider becoming a member of Hadassah Chapter No. 22. of Queen Adah Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and share in the feeling of Sisterly love that SiStars have enjoyed for years.



Order of the Eastern Star
Petition for Membership

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To: Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of **Hadassah Chapter, No. 22**

I, the undersigned, having reached the age of 18, being of sound mind and able to participate in the ceremony of initiation respectful petitions to receive the Degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, and become a member of your Chapter. If the prayers of my petition be granted, I pledge my honor that I will in all respects conform to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter and the By-Laws of your Chapter.

Name: _____ If married, maiden name: _____
(Print Full Name)

Residence: _____
(Street/City/Zip Code)

Phone Number :(____) _____ Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

Questionnaire:

(All answers must be printed neatly by the petitioner)

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| 1. Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being? _____ | 6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If so, please explain

_____ |
| 2. Date of Birth: _____. Where were you born _____
<small>City/State</small> | 7. Are you a registered voter? _____ |
| 3. Have you resided in the State of California for the last twelve months?
_____ | 8. Please provide information for your emergency contact:

<small>(Name)</small>

<small>(Street Address)</small>

<small>(City, State, Zip)</small>

<small>(Phone Number)</small> |
| 4. State your occupation; former occupation, if retired: _____
_____ | 9. Do you, upon your honor, declare the foregoing statements to be true?
_____ |
| 5. Have you ever presented a petition to, or been rejected in, any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star? If so, when and what Chapter?

_____ | |

Signature of Petitioner: _____

Proposed by: _____
(Member of Chapter)

Sponsored by: _____
(Masonic Sponsor)

I send herewith, **\$110.00 (money order)** as initiation fee, to be returned if I am rejected.

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Name: _____

Name/Nickname you prefer to be called: _____

Best Number to reach you: _____ Home# Work # Cell #

Email Address: _____

Special Skills:

Availability (please indicate the Time For example 3pm – 8 pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Do you have any allergies? If so please list what you are allergic to....
