

FREEMASONRY AND THE EASTERN STAR
(For Master Masons' Night)
Compliments of: Corley Anne Byres (Maine)

Hand in hand our Orders should go
Along life's toilsome road;
Each lending aid to weary ones
Who falter 'neath the load.

Both giving help to pilgrims weak
When traveling near and far;
One by the Compasses led straight,
The other following the Star.

Freemasonry and the Eastern Star have many ideals in common. Both work hand in hand in splendid service to humanity, in spreading by precept and example the doctrine of good will to their fellow human beings.

That "in union there is strength" was never demonstrated more clearly than by the splendid achievements of the Eastern Star and Masonic Orders working in unison. In every worthy purpose, the members of the Eastern Star stand ready to help the Masons to the very limit of their strength, and sometimes they accomplish almost the superhuman. They plan just the things that will help the most and never once have they failed to see and respond to the need of help.

To my mind, the Order of the Eastern Star supplies the crowning glory to Freemasonry. And here I will disclose a Masonic secret. Freemasonry, in its inception was established upon a threefold foundation-Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. We have in the Masonic body some wisdom, and considerable strength, but we are rather short on beauty. As I look over this assemblage of beautiful women, I am fully convinced that the Order of the Eastern Star amply supplies that essential element so lacking in Freemasonry-the crowning glory of beauty.

The Order of the Eastern Star, by its bounteous ministrations to the needy and distasteful unostentation as the handmaiden of Freemasonry and is an irresistible power for teaching the same principles of Justice, Right and Truth, and educating the heart and mind.

Let us give evidence always that we are loyal workers with the Masonic brethren in the service of humanity.

We often remind ourselves that the Eastern Star does not claim to be a part of the Masonic Fraternity, yet as the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Masons we are tremendously interested in the ideals and aspirations which you cherish. We owe our inception as an Order to a Master Mason and we are dependent upon the growth of your Order for our own growth. We welcome Masons as members of our Order and we rely upon a Mason's aid and counsel in our East.

A little piece and quiet,
Where he could go and close the dorr
Against that femaile riot.

ASSOC. MATRON:

A woman's always had her say-
We know that to be true;
The only thing that's changed today-
We share the Temple, too.

SOLOIST: Tune of "Stanger in Paradise"

Welcome, all to the Temple of Solomon,
We're happy you came to call-
Good brothers of Solomon;
We'd like to share with you, in the Temple
We all revere,
An evening devoted to your visiting here.
In song and rhyme we've been pretending,
Wending a path through time, in history,
When Masonry, in love unending,
And unity, raised a Temple sublime;
Here we are with our legacy, in our
Temple of Solomon,
Reliving in memory, the wisdom of Solomon.
Again may we say we're glad
That you entered our open door,
To greet all the friends you had,
And make many more.