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FRATERNAL ACHIEVEMENT
IN IOWA



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Grand Chapter of the



Order of the Eastern Star
of Iowa

To the members of the O. E. S. of Iowa.

GREETINGS:

THE story of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa is one of marvelous service and yet it is not sufficiently known among the sisters and brothers who compose the organization or among those who are eligible for membership.

It is not the purpose or scope of this booklet to give an exhaustive history of the sources from whence the Order of the Eastern Star came or how it grew to be what it is; suffice to say that the Order first came into the State of Iowa, on or about the year 1868, and the Grand Chapter was formed at Cedar Rapids on the 30th day of July, 1878.

At the formation of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, there were represented 7 Chapters, with a total membership in the State of 356. During the fifty-two years that have elapsed since the organization of this Grand Chapter, the history and achievements of the Order have justified every claim that was made by the enthusiastic supporters in the earlier days.

The Order of the Eastern Star, as is generally known, is not a Masonic organization in a sense of being recognized as any part of that institution, but it is a voluntary organization composed of Master Masons in good standing, their wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, and widows. It is thus closely linked with the Masonic fraternity and the members thereof. It is required in each Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star that two of the principal officers be Master Masons in good standing. It is the duty of one of these brothers, the