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# Information Pack 10

## Ladies Groups



In this information pack, we will cover opportunities that exist for ladies associated with Masons. This information was provided from Freemasons for Dummies courtesy of one of Indiana's most famous Masons, Worshipful Brother Chris Hodapp, OSM. You can find out more resources from WB Hodapp, see the following links:

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the Masonic degrees. The ritual of the OES is similar in structure to the ceremonies of the Masonic lodge, yet different enough that it can't be called a simple rewrite.

The Order of the Eastern Star is open to men who are Master Masons and female relatives, spouses, and descendants of Master Masons. The Order's teachings use characters from both the Old and New Testaments, and it is essentially a Christian-based organization, although non-Christians are certainly welcome to join. Like Freemasonry, only a belief in a Supreme Being is required.

Visit [EasternStar.org](http://EasternStar.org)

### The International Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem

Despite its name, the [International Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem](#) isn't affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It is a completely independent group. It's open to Master Masons and their female relatives, and it's an overtly Christian organization. Members must profess a belief in Christianity and a willingness to defend it.

White Shrine's symbol is a star, a shepherd's crook, and a cross, with the Latin motto, In Hoc Signo Spes Mea ("In This Sign Is My Hope"). Members refer to each other as Sojourners.

Visit [The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem](#)

### The Social Order of the Beauceant

The [Social Order of the Beauceant](#) (pronounced bo-see-ont) is unusual in American Masonry because it doesn't require or even admit men. It's an organization of women limited to the wives and widows of Knights Templar.

The Social Order was founded in Denver, Colorado, in 1890 as a support group for the local Templar Commandery, and the ladies never disbanded. They continued to meet to help their husbands and just to enjoy each other's company. In 1913, they decided to change the name to something more

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