



## Fifth District Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 18, 2025

### Lecture - Guiding Lights

## The Symbolism Behind the 25 Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation

The Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation is a Masonic-based fraternal organization rooted in biblical teachings, moral virtues, and service. Each of its officers represents a unique principle, contributing to the harmony and spiritual depth of the chapter. The number might have roots in Masonic tradition, where symbolism around numbers like 3, 5, 7, and 25 are often used to convey completeness and harmony. More on that in future teaching.

The specific arrangement of 25 officers may have evolved as a tradition to honor these foundational principles, creating a fully functioning and balanced chapter.

### **Governing Pillars**

- Worthy Matron: Wisdom, maternal leadership, spiritual guidance
- Worthy Patron: Strength, protection, moral support

### **Ever Ready to assume the duties of the WM and WP**

- Associate Matron: Loyalty, preparation for leadership
- Associate Patron: Unity, reinforcement of harmony

### **Administrative Guardians**

- Secretary: Truth and accountability - write all things proper to be written  
Symbol: Crossed pens (recording both virtue and error)
- Treasurer: Stewardship and trust  
Symbol: Keys (security and responsibility)

### **Conducting the Journey**

- Conductress: Guidance and enlightenment  
Symbol: Scroll and baton
- Associate Conductress: Teamwork and discipline  
Symbol: Baton

### **Spiritual & Ceremonial Roles**

- Chaplain: Faith and divine connection
- Marshals: Order and Discipline  
Symbol: Crossed batons
- Organist: Emotional and spiritual harmony through music

## **Star Point Heroines**

The Order's emblem is a five-pointed star, with each point representing a female biblical figure. The officers in the chapter could be seen as working together to reflect the virtues and characteristics embodied by these figures, forming a team that brings the teachings of the Order to life. The Heroines represent the five stars from the Order's emblem, which are associated with virtues like Faith, Hope, Charity, Wisdom, and Love. These virtues are at the heart of OES philosophy, and the officers' roles help to reflect these qualities.

Each Star Point represents a biblical woman and a virtue:

- Adah - Color is Blue - Jephthah Daughter and her virtue was Obedience and Integrity - demonstrating unwavering loyalty to her father's vow.
- Ruth - Color Yellow - Ruth the Moabite and her virtue was Devotion putting the need of others before oneself.
- Esther - Color White - Queen Esther and her virtue was Fidelity and moral Courage standing up for righteousness even when facing personal danger.
- Martha - Color Green - Sister of Lazarus and her virtue was Faith, faith in resurrection and eternal life. She symbolizes trust in divine promises and the hope of salvation.
- Electa - Color Red - Elect Lady and her virtue was love and fortitude and patience remaining steadfast through trials and tribulations.

## **Protective Roles**

- Warder: Inner vigilance and order
- Sentinel: Outer protection and discretion

## **Appointed Officers**

- Flag Bearers – Represent national, Christian, and OES flags
- Trustees – Oversee property and finances

These 25 officers work together to uphold the values of the OES: faith, service, sisterhood, and community uplift. Their roles are not just ceremonial—they embody the spiritual and moral lessons that define the Order.

Fraternally,

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***Grand Lecturer***

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