



EASTERN STAR ETIQUETTE



Chapter Courtesy

1. When the presiding officer is addressing the Chapter, or stating the motion, she shall not be interrupted.
2. Each member when speaking shall stand, wait to be recognized and respectfully address the presiding officer by first saying “Worthy Matron” or “Worthy Patron”, then shall confine herself or himself to the question under debate and avoid all personality and decorum.
3. It is the position she occupies as the Worthy Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, or Grand Worthy Matron, not the person, who must be given the utmost respect. Although she is in that position, you must respect each other as women.
4. Failure to obey the gavel at once is grave discourtesy. If a Sister or Brother is rapped down, he or she must obey at once without further discussion. It is bad manner to do otherwise.
5. Discipline during meetings is very important. The only person to speak is the presiding officer and the member who has the floor. It is disrespectful for members to talk to each other during official (ritualistic) meetings.
6. There should be no intentional deviations from our ritualistic procedures approved by the Grand Chapter.
7. Every visit to a Chapter by the Grand Worthy Matron is an official visit.
8. The use of profanity or vulgar language in the Chapter room constitutes conduct unbecoming an Eastern Star.
9. Eastern Stars do not introduce or present members of male houses in any public forum or Chapter setting.
10. Invitations to the District Deputy Grand Matron or District Deputy Grand Patron are submitted in writing.
11. Proper titles should always be used during Chapter meetings.
12. If you are on the District Staff, when you are in your Chapter meeting, you are a Past Worthy Matron/Past Patron or Sister/Brother. You are to be addressed as such unless you are coming in the official capacity of that title on notice from the District Deputy Grand Matron or District Deputy Grand Patron.

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