

# Butler Lodge Short Takes Volume II

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## DeMolay International

DeMolay International is a Masonic boys group founded in 1919 by Brother Frank S. Land of Kansas City, Missouri. DeMolay is open to boys between the ages of twelve to twenty-one, (there is a mentored squire program available for boys as young as ten.) The group admits members of any religion (but a belief in God is required), who are of good moral character. An applicant is not required to be the relative of a Freemason.

DeMolay teaches community and leadership skills, decision making, time management, conflict resolution, financial management, relationship building, and personal accountability. It encompasses seven core values: Love of Parents, Reverence, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism. DeMolay takes part in a wide range of activities, including athletic competitions, public speaking tournaments, leadership workshops, and community services. All activities are overseen by the local chapter and sponsored by a Masonic lodge. DeMolay often serves in an auxiliary role at

Masonic events. Past members include the following: Neil Armstrong, Ernest Borgnine, Terry Bradshaw, Walter Cronkite, Walt Disney, Dan Rather, Pete Rose, John Steinbeck, John Wayne, and former President Bill Clinton.

DeMolay is named for Frenchman Jacques de Molay, who was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar (The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon). de Molay was arrested and tortured on the order of King Philip IV of France, who was heavily in debt to the Templars and wanted to claim their wealth for himself. de Molay initially confessed to heresy, but later recanted. He was burned at the stake on a small island in the River Seine in March, 1314.

*13 Brothers* is the local Butler chapter of DeMolay; it is administered by local Freemasons M. David Payne, Alvin Griffin, and Ethan Rowe. *13 Brothers* participates in the Adopt a Highway program on a two mile stretch from Passaic into Butler, performs its own fundraising through Rodeo Concessions, hosts annual New Year's lock-ins, bowling nights, drive-in nights, summer camps, and recently a free Christian Concert.

In 2013, Dakota Hulse, a *13 Brothers* member, was awarded the Medal of Heroism, the highest award given by the Council of DeMolay International, for his life-saving actions during a house fire.

Learn more about DeMolay on their website, <https://beademolay.org>.

## Job's Daughters International

Job's Daughters International is a Masonic youth group for the daughters and female relatives of Freemasons. The group is open to girls between the ages of ten and twenty regardless of race, color, national origin, or disability. Like other Masonic groups, membership in Job's Daughters require a belief in a non-specific higher power. The order's Supreme Headquarters is located in Papillion, Nebraska.

Job's Daughters was founded in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. The purpose of the Order was to band together young girls with Masonic relation for character building, for moral and spiritual development by focusing on the Holy Scriptures, for loyalty to the Flag and Country, and for respecting their parents. The organization is named after the three daughters of Job in the Bible:

*Job Chapter 42:15 "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."*

Individual Daughter chapters are called Bethels. Girls are elected to six-month terms as officers and wear white Grecian-style robes during chapter meetings, where the Bethel's business is tended to. The highest elected officer of the Bethel is the Honored Queen, followed by the Senior Princess, Junior Princess, Guide, and Marshal. Appointed officers are, respectively, Senior Custodian, Junior Custodian, Recorder, Librarian, Chaplain, Treasurer, 1st through 5th Messenger, Inner Guard, Outer Guard, and Musician.

Meetings are supervised by a Guardian Council which is led by a female designated as the Bethel Guardian. Parents are also encouraged to attend meetings.

In 1986, Job's Daughters created The HIKE Fund Inc., a charity which offers assistance to hearing impaired children. The HIKE Fund has given out more than 2,500 grants to these children, totaling more than four million dollars.

The Miss International Job's Daughter pageant is held each year during the Supreme Session. Contestants travel from all over the world to represent their home jurisdictions. The winner represents Job's Daughters International for the coming year.

Past members of Job's Daughters include actresses Kim Cattrall, Judy Garland, Debbie Reynolds, and author Jean Rabe.

Learn more on their website, <https://jobsdaughtersinternational.org>.

## The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (also known simply as Rainbow Girls) is a Masonic youth service group open to girls between the ages of eleven and twenty.

*"Rainbow is a nonprofit organization that strives to give girls the tools, training, and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright. By providing members with a safe, fun, caring environment where responsible, older girls can interact and mentor younger girls through family involvement." -- [www.gorainbow.org](http://www.gorainbow.org)*

Rainbow Girls was founded in 1922 by the Rev. W. Mark Sexson, a Freemason. Partially inspired by DeMolay International, a Masonic boys group created three years earlier, Rainbow welcomes all girls, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or religion (although like most Masonic groups, it requires a belief in a nonspecific Supreme being.) The order teaches leadership, confidence, and citizenship, and designs its lessons around three core teachings: Faith, Hope, and Charity. There are more than eight hundred Rainbow Girl assemblies around the world. Its global headquarters is located in McAlester, Oklahoma, and was built in 1951.

Rainbow Girls was inspired by Genesis Chapter 9: 13-17. After the great flood, God promises Noah that he will never again destroy the earth by flood, and seals the new covenant by setting a rainbow in the clouds:

*13: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14: And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud.*

Rainbow uses each color of the Rainbow to teach a different value:

RED: **Love** – in all its forms

ORANGE: **Religion** – the importance of a religion based on love and forgiveness

YELLOW: **Nature** – the importance in daily a life

GREEN: **Immortality** – an understanding of death as a part of life

BLUE: **Fidelity** – emphasizes on being honest and reliable

INDIGO: **Patriotism** – encouraging citizenship

VIOLET: **Service** – the lesson that ties all others together

Famous past Rainbow Girls include: Astronaut Dorothy Metcalf Linderburger, Actress and former Miss America Lee Merriweather ("Catwoman" on the Batman TV series), Actresses Lily Tomlin and Dawn Wells (Gilligan's Island), Bobbie Shunk Gaunt (First Woman President & CEO, Ford Motor Co. of Canada), U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe, and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

For more information on The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, visit their website at <https://www.gorainbow.org>.

## The Order of the Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star is an appendant body of Freemasonry open to both Master Masons and any female relatives of Masons. It was created in 1850 by lawyer Robert Morris to better include the wives and daughters of Masons in the lodge experience. The Eastern Star has its own modes of recognition – similar to regular Freemasons – but its members are not considered to be Freemasons.

The Order of the Eastern Star was established in 1850, soon moving its headquarters from Mississippi to Indianapolis, IN. Morris originally termed state headquarters as Constellations and individual chapters as Stars; these were later renamed Grand Chapters and Chapters. Eastern Star Chapters are usually located within a Masonic Hall. The chief operations officer of a Chapter is called the Worthy Matron, who is assisted by the Worthy Patron (the highest-ranking male member of the Chapter). The inclusion of the Worthy Patron is a holdover from the early days of the fraternity, when women – who were rarely allowed out without a male escort – needed at least two male Masons present in order to hold a meeting. Like Masonry, The Order of the Eastern Star is open to members of any religion, but it does not admit atheists.

The Order of the Eastern Star's emblem is a five-pointed star, inverted to symbolize the act of pointing downward towards Bethlehem. Each of the five points is named for a different Biblical heroine:

Adah\*: Jephthah's daughter, from the Book of Judges

Ruth: From the Book of Ruth

Esther: From the Book of Esther

Martha: Sister of Lazarus, from the Gospel of John

Electa\*: The "elect lady" from John II

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest coed fraternal organization in the world with approximately one million members and more than 10,000 Chapters in twenty different countries. Its General Grand Chapter is located in Washington D.C., in the former Perry Belmont Mansion.

The Order of the Eastern Star donates to a wide variety of charities, including the following: Cancer Research Project, Arthritis Fund, Heart Fund, Eye Foundations, Shriners' Charities, and many others within each Grand Jurisdiction. Past members include Eva McGown (the Hostess of Fairbanks), Clara Barton (founder of the American Red Cross), and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Learn more about the Eastern Star on their website, <https://easternstar.org>.

*\* Adah and Electa are the tradition Masonic names given to these two unnamed biblical women.*