

Star Club

Premise: When an Eastern Star Chapter has to close in a small community and the Chapter consolidates with another Chapter in another town, the presence of our Order is lost to the Community.

To keep the presence of Eastern Star in the Community, a Social Club or Star Club could be organized for the members and friends in the Community.

The Club could meet weekly, bi-monthly or monthly for Social Enjoyment, Community involvement; with an ultimate goal of re-establishing a Chapter. The meeting format and times will be determined by the membership.

The purpose of this Organization is to provide continuous contact within the Community for Eastern Star and Masonic members. The meetings could be luncheons, breakfasts, dinners or just a social gathering. A general organization of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary could be established. The Club could raise money for local Community projects. It is hoped that friends and neighbors could be invited to share in the fellowship.

If the fellowship is successful, and more members of the Community become interested enough in Eastern Star, perhaps the Chapter could be re-instated and the life of our Order could be continued.

As the Club would be an extension of Eastern Star, the Worthy Grand Matron will receive a copy of the Club's by-laws and would have general supervision over the activities of the Club.

The Club could be called the _____ Club (giving it their own Chapter name) if they so desire it, thus keeping the identity alive and hopefully someday be reactivated. Another suggestion would be that once they get up and going and it seems as if members continue to come, they might put into action a small community service that this "club" would do on a regular basis (monthly, bimonthly, etc.). Maybe this would revive the members to keep doing what they were doing (maybe even more than before) as well as getting out into the community more with the message of OES. It might also be the stepping stone to inviting members of the community as well as friends, etc. to attend one of the social times. From there, who knows--more membership?

One other thing that might be mentioned is that the club should meet at different times, thus not restricting attendance to only those who don't work during the day or those who don't go out at night. Being flexible might allow more to come.