

Do you know???

What Charity was started by the General Grand Chapter in 1952?

What Charity has been part of Wisconsin Grand Chapter since 1953?

What Charity has no other support but you; the members of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin?

If you answered these questions naming the Charity of ESTARL you were 100% correct.

ESTARL stands for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership

Do you also know that there are two forms of this Charity?

Your support is needed for both forms.

The original program is where we give financial support to persons who are preparing for full time religious work. This usually means that they are in graduate school if their chosen field requires more than a college degree.

How can you help? Your support is needed by giving financially to the program and also by locating qualified applicants. There is a brochure available from the committee or from our Grand Chapter office.

A few years ago another program was created. Now called the Mini Grant Award, this program is designed to help lay persons attend short term classes that will help them in their work in the church. What's happened? We have had very little support for this program financially or in applicants. I find it hard to believe that persons are not going to short term programs to help with their work in the church. I think we need to find these people and see if there are programs that persons would attend if they had a little financial support.

Remember this is a good way to get the name of EASTERN STAR out in the community. If the secretary of your Chapter doesn't have the application, contact the committee or our Grand Chapter office.

Each year all the money collected is given out in awards. This past year there were nine (9) awards given out ranging from \$350.00 (a part time student) to \$900.00 to persons going on to full time religious work.

As in the past any Chapter that supports ESTARL with a donation of \$300.00 or more will receive recognition at Grand Chapter and most likely a gift from the heart for the Chapter.

As the chairman, I am always willing to come to your Chapter meeting and give a short talk on ESTARL. The only cost is a place for me to sleep that night if your Chapter is far from my home.

ESTARL has begun a fund raising project that we hope will continue for at least the next four (4) years. Etched glass sun catchers will be created with a symbol chosen by the Worthy Grand Matron of each year. These are being made by one or our own members. It is our hope that this year they will be available at the State Christmas parties and also at Grand Chapter. Watch for them and if you're interested in purchasing one let me know and I will find a way for you to get one.

Please give generously to ESTARL so that we, as a Grand Chapter, can help people preparing for Religious Leadership in our Wisconsin Churches.

In Faith and Friendship,

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