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The Eastern Star was started by Brother Robert Morris.
I didn't need to tell you, because you knew that of course.
The first Grand Chapter Session was held in eighteen ninety-one.
In a Milwaukee Masonic Temple is where it all begun.
A few Masonic Brothers and OES Sisters too
Drove horse and buggies to meetings cause that's what they had to do.
They did their ritualistic work the best way that they could.
And kept the chapter warm with stoves by filling them with wood.
Kerosene lamps were used you know to light the East and West.
And under these conditions they did their very best.
Things were going very well much better than before
Then the country got mixed into that dreadful first World War.
But our true and loyal Sisters pitched in and did their part,
And some were even carrying on with a lonely breaking heart.
Soon the war was over and times were getting better
They practiced hard and learned their work right down to the letter.
Would you believe the Depression came and caught them all off guard
But with "Loving One Another" and sharing and working hard,
They remembered their Obligation and looked after all the needy,
Because you never saw a member who was very selfish or greedy.
In nineteen hundred forty, twas the 50th Grand Chapter year
And the delegates from miles around did celebrate it here.
A resolution came before the Golden Session Grand
To make 50 years of membership the best honor in the land.
It was passed by the Grand Chapter here in nineteen forty-one,
And the honor they deserved to get was finally begun.
Life members are a dedicated true and loyal group,
They sometimes have their ups and downs, but their spirits never droop.
Then came World War Two, this one you will recall
With gas rationing and shortages and scrimping of us all.
How hard it was to get around and attend the Chapter meetings.
But then it all was over and Grand Chapter sent us "Greetings."
To attend Grand Chapter session in nineteen hundred fifty
At the "World Harmony Session the grand Officers looked real nifty.
The Life Member group grew from then on at an amazing rate
And you all joined that group by being initiated in 1958.