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LANDMARKS

- 1.—I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.
- 2.—In the Order of the Eastern Star there are only five degrees, known as Adah, the daughter; Ruth, the widow; Esther, the wife; Martha, the sister, and Electa, the mother.
- 3.—The name of the Order, the names of the degrees and the modes of recognition are unchangeable.
- 4.—Its lessons are Scriptural, its teachings moral and its purposes beneficent.
- 5.—The obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain its secrets, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by Masons to the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Masons, reciprocal duties are due from them to the brotherhood.
- 6.—That the obligation of our Order, voluntarily assumed, is perpetual, from the force of which there is no release.
- 7.—The ballot for candidates for the degrees or membership must be unanimous, without debate, and kept inviolably secret.
- 8.—The degrees cannot be conferred unless a brother in good standing shall preside. He can call upon the Worthy Matron to assist in conferring the degrees.
- 9.—Every member is amenable to the laws of the Order, and may be tried for offenses, either by the Chapter to which the member belongs, or by the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the member resides.
- 10.—The right of every member to appeal from the decision of a subordinate Chapter to the Grand Chapter, or to its executive head.
- 11.—The right of every Chapter to decide from among eligible candidates, who shall be admitted.
- 12.—The right of every member to visit any regular Chapter unless lawful objection is made to such visitor.