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ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

The sacred numbers, "Three, Five, and Seven," as used in our work, are significant of the many virtues of the various lessons to be learned. In the opening service, when the Matron asks the duties, etc., of the officers, each responds with three duties she has to perform, with the exception of the patron and secretary, who each has five duties. All of the signs are given with motions. The grip of the Order is given with three distinct motions. There are three words in each of the passes. The book should be opened and closed with three distinct motions. There are three sides to the sign so much used in our work. Our Order is dedicated to three purposes.

There are five raps at the door. There are five points to the Star. There are five emblematic colors. There are five emblems. There are five symbols. There are five letters in our Cabalistic word. There are five words in our Cabalistic motto. There are five signs to our five degrees. There are five lessons for emulation. There are five degrees of relationship of woman to a Master Mason.

It requires seven officers to constitute a quorum. It requires seven elective officers in a corps. There are seven ties in our obligation.

The number "five" is used twelve times; the number "seven" three times; "three" seven times with a multiplicity of times as the work advances.-