

Information Sheet

R Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Azotus Shrine No. 5 (Joplin, Mo.).
940 Booklets, 1950-1982.
One folder.

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These are the bylaws (1950) and two annual booklets (1978/1979 and 1982/1983) for Azotus Shrine No. 5 of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem at Joplin in Jasper County, Missouri. The annual booklets include lists of officers and past officers and, for 1982/1983, a list of members.

The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem is a Masonic organization comprised mostly of female relatives of Master Masons, although men can belong and hold designated positions, such as "Watchman of Shepherds." The Order was founded in 1894, but Azotus Shrine No. 5 appears to have been organized about 1919. The leader of the local chapter is the "Worthy High Priestess," a position held in 1950 by Eunice M. White, in 1978/1979 by Verna Miller, and in 1982/1983 by Irene Smith. The chapter met on second Monday evenings at the Scottish Rite Temple in Joplin.

The bylaws are contained in a twelve-page booklet. They were presented to the membership on 10 April 1950 and approved on 8 May 1950. Included are articles concerning meetings, fees, jewels, duties of officers, committees, and property.

The 16-page booklet for 1978/1979 includes information about the order and the chapter, lists of officers, auxiliary officers, ceremonial directors, class members and instructors, committees, a calendar of events, and a list of past Worthy High Priestesses and Watchmen of Shepherds. The 28-page booklet for 1982/1983 also includes a "current membership" list of members and their addresses.

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