AFFILIATION CEREMONY

M.M. Sister Associate Conductress.

A.C. Worthy Matron

W.M. You will retire and ascertain if there are persons in waiting desirous of affiliating with this Chapter.

A.C. retires as per Ritual, returns and gives sign behind Esther's chair and announces — I find in waiting (names) who desires to affiliate with this Chapter.

W.M. Worthy Patron, I invite you to preside during the ceremony of affiliation.

W.P. Sister Secretary, has (names) been elected to become a member of this Chapter?

Sec. She (they) has (have), Worthy Patron.

W.P. Sister Associate Conductress, you will retire and present the candidates for affiliation.

A.C. gives sign and retires, escorts candidate to the preparation door and gives alarm (raps).

Cond. Worthy Patron, there is an alarm at the door of the preparation room.

W.P. You will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

Cond. Worthy Patron, the alarm was caused by the Assoc. Cond. with a candidate (candidates) for affiliation.

W.P. You will admit her.

Cond. conducts candidate(s) to a point back of Esther's chair facing east — Worthy Patron, I have the pleasure of introducing (Names) formerly members of ( ) chapter who desire to affiliate with this chapter.

W.P. It is with pleasure that I welcome you into this chapter. You will now give attention to the Worthy Matron.

Cond. continues march to altar (diagram)

W.M. Many years ago there lived a Master Mason who for his good deeds was widely known. He called his men around him, one by one, and bade them build a temple, fair to look upon. They Wrought with skill and care, and did their best. They made good stations in the East and West. They sought designs from every clime afar, and made a beauteous bed, its form a Star. He gazed upon the star so fair and good, When, Lo, before each point a lovely angel stood. The first was clothed in azure robes, with face so pale, and in her arms she held a sword and veil.

Ruth and Adah enter labyrinth (diagram)
Adah  One point was filled with flowers blue (hands flowers) And this, and this, and this (sign) (cand. gives pass) shall be a covenant twixt me and thee.

W.M.  The second dressed in yellow, with a smile as of relief, and in her willing arms she bore a sheaf,

Ruth  The yellow flower symbolizing constancy (gives flower) with this, and this, and this (sign) (cand. gives pass) shall be a covenant twixt me and thee.

Adah and Ruth retire to stations

W. M.  The third was draped in white, with stately form and grand, and held a crown and sceptre in her hand.

Assoc. M. and Esther approach alter (diagram)

Esther  A lily with a heart of gold, sacrificing self for others we are told (gives flowers) and this, and this, and this, (sign) (cand. gives pass) shall be a covenant 'twixt me and thee.

Esther and Assoc. M. retire to stations.

W.M.  The fourth wore robes of green, with form of grace, submission written on her young sweet face.

Martha and Electa approach alter (diagram)

Martha  Green symbolizing hope and immortality. (gives flowers) I am the resurrection and the life, said He. And this, and this, and this. (sign) (cand. gives pass) shall be a covenant 'twixt me and thee.

W.M.  Another and the last, in red was dressed, and to her heart a golden cup she pressed.

Electa  Roses red, most fair to see, symbolizing fervency (gives flower) and this, and this, and this (sign) (cand. gives pass) shall be a covenant 'twixt me and thee.

Marina and Electa retire to stations

W.M.  He gazed a moment, ther in glad surprise, with hands stretched toward them, at length replied, On, Angels, evermore with me abide, you are (cabalistic motto), now I am satisfied.

W.M. is seated at this point

W.P.  rises.

You will be conducted to the East (diagram) (calls up the chapter). Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending our newly affiliated member(s) a hearty welcome.

W.P.  Sister conductress, you will conduct the affiliated member(s) to the secretary's desk and have her (them) sign the by-laws of the chapter, after which you will find her/him (them) a seat(s) in the chapter, room.