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The Matron has five unlighted candles of the Star colors arranged in order in front of her on the pedestal. Before the new member is introduced, the Matron lights and holds a white candle. After the Marshal introduces the new member, the Matron gives the following (informally):

We are happy to welcome you into membership in _____ Chapter. We sincerely hope you will enjoy our Chapter and will attend the meetings regularly. We need your help and support.

You will remember for what purpose the Order of the Eastern Star was founded and that here we share with the Masonic Fraternity in their high ideals which stand for the very best things in life; and that we also may share in the practical use of these ideals, not only among ourselves, but in the world wherever there is need.

When a new member comes to us it is as if a light is lit in the circle of members, a light radiating out to the world the message of our Star. Tonight the Star of _____ Chapter shines with a new lustre as you join our ranks.

Let us look to the bright rays of the star: (She lights blue candle). We have the blue ray shining with its message of fidelity. Blue is a pure color giving to us the message of Adah, the daughter. Fidelity _____ Fidelity to each other and Fidelity to our obligation.

(She lights yellow candle.) The yellow ray gives us Constancy. In this golden gleam we have the story of Ruth, the widow, who though poor and lowly, gave to us one of the most inspiring stories of all history, teaching us the duty of obedience to the demands of honor and justice, and giving us Constancy with Steadfastness.

(She lights white candle.) The pure white ray gives us the lesson of Loyalty which is so beautifully told in the story of Esther. Esther lived many years ago but this same loyalty is needed in our lives today. Loyalty to each other, loyalty to those who are dear to us, and above all loyalty to our Country.

In painting a picture we might take some blue color, some yellow and perhaps a bit of white and what would we have? (Lights green candle.) a beautiful green. Let us see what we have here. We take Fidelity, with Obedience, and Constancy with Steadfastness. Then to give our color light and life, we add Purity and Loyalty. We now have Faith. The beautiful faith and trust of Martha. Here in North Dakota with our beautiful green hills we are ever reminded of this abiding Trust and Faith. May such hope always be yours.

In our array of colors there is still another pure color. This is the red ray of Electa (lights red candle.) This ray gives love and all that means to us. Love, Devotion and Charity, these shine in this brilliant ray.

Here we have our Star. (Touches candles.) Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. May these rays always shine for you, giving to you their message and inspiration. Again I welcome you and wish you Happiness.

By Annabell Kirkwood, 1950 Matron of
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