

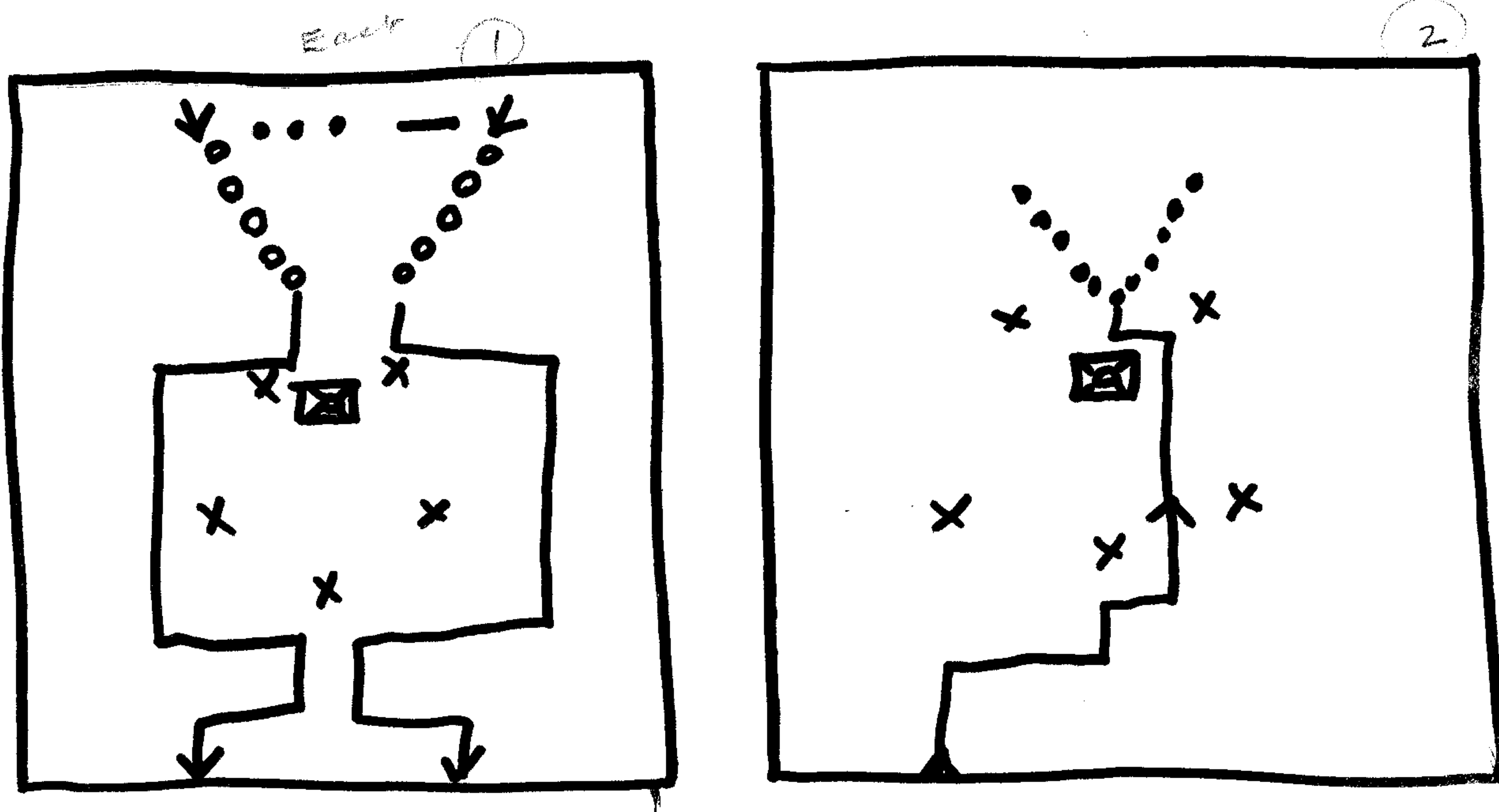
Preparation:

Nine or more characters take part. They are in the anti-room. The Bible on the Altar is closed. The flag to be used is in an outer room. One sister carries the gift. Three sisters have small rosettes of red, white and blue, respectively (these are the dots). Another sister carries a small piece of green ribbon (for the dash).

Parts may be taken either by men or women or both. The flag bearer who gives the lines for the dots and dash may be a man and he may give all the speaking parts or he may be assisted by the gift bearer.

Music--"Faith of Our Fathers" is used throughout the ceremony.

Those taking part except the flag bearer enter as shown in the diagram. When position one has been reached the flag bearer enters as shown in position two. He makes the apex of the V. When figure two is reached all sing in unison one verse of "Faith of Our Fathers", or it may be sung as a solo.



At the close of the song the flag bearer says:

Sister _____, we greet you with faith and in the name of Victory. Our Order was founded by faith, and lo, these many years it has kept that faith by following Him whose Star shone forth nearly two thousand years ago. The time has now come when we must have a deep and abiding faith in our Victory, that we may be permitted to continue the teachings and precepts of our beautiful Order. You have set a fine example of courage and hope. We salute you tonight as one who is carrying the green ray of faith from Chapter to Chapter through our great state. (or "... from day to day throughout the day of tribulation.")

Music--"Faith of Our Fathers"

The sisters carrying the gift steps out before the V. Three sisters carrying the dots step out from the left side and the sister having the dash from the right side. They form a straight line before the gift bearer. The dash stands slightly apart from the dots.

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One verse of "Faith of Our Fathers" is sung.

At the close of the song, either the gift bearer or the flag bearer speaks.

Sister _____:

Three dots and a dash for Victory true,

We place upon our gift to you.

As the speaker continues the dots and dash are placed properly upon the gift with pins and the sisters step back into line again.

The first dot of scarlet bright
Unfolds now to your sight;
Denoting we must be brave and bold
If we would freedom e'er uphold.

The second dot of purest white
Call on us to unite,
And all that's worthy to defend
For peace and good will to men.

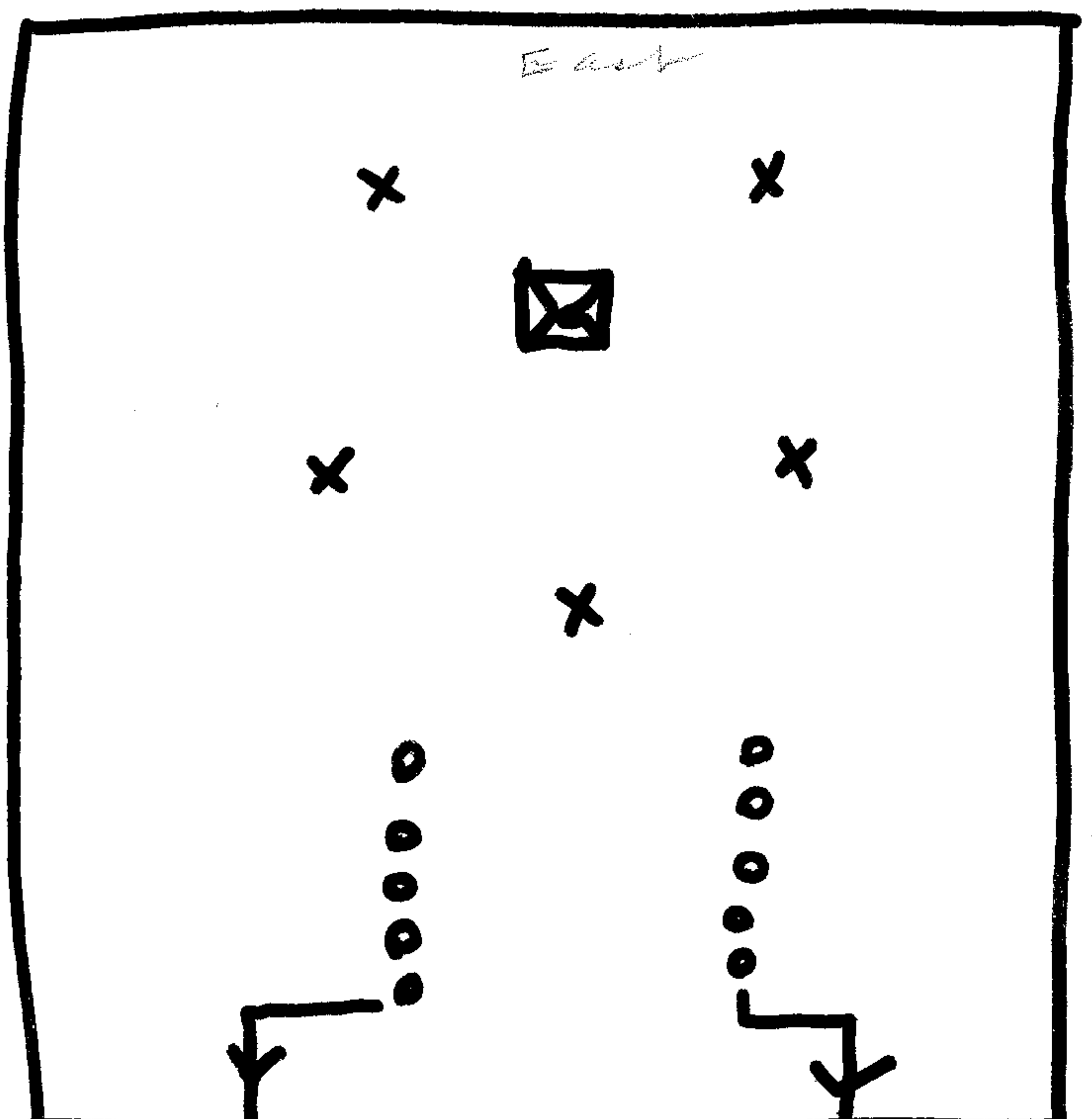
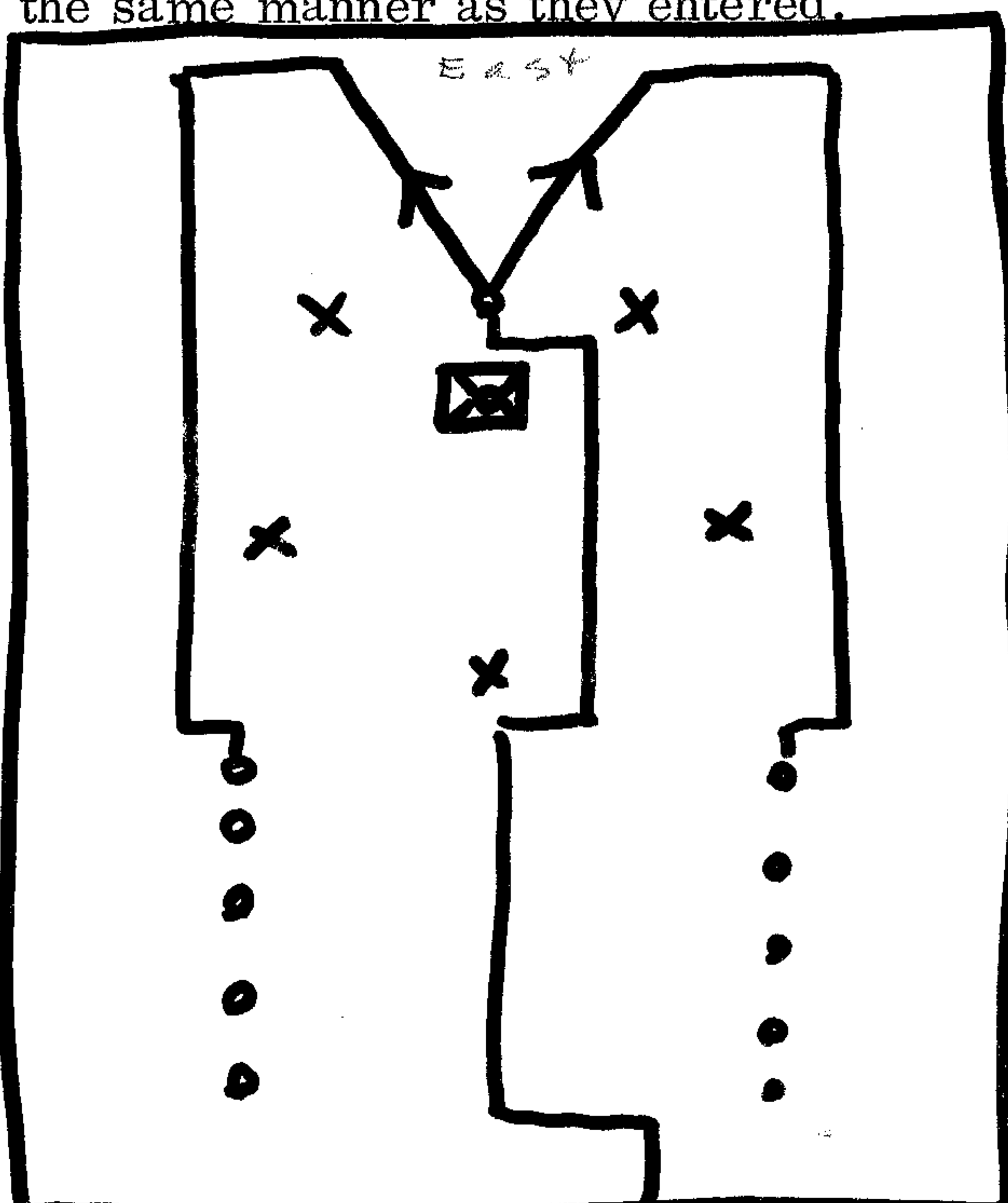
The heavenly dot of blue
Teaches us e'er to be true, —
And God and home and Country free
Serve with fidelity.

The dash of faith is the ray of green
That in our Sister----- is seen,
A faith that in each heart will linger long
And be to us the Victory song.

Sister _____, please accept from us (presents gift) this small gift. With it goes our love for you and best wishes for a year that will end victoriously in three big dots and a great long dash.

Music--"Faith of Our Fathers"

The officers retire as shown in diagram. The flag bearer marches last and then goes through the arch formed for him and retires from the room. Other officers then leave in the same manner as they entered.



Worthy Matron says: Let us unite in prayer.

Music

As the Chaplain approaches the Altar, Martha and Ruth approach the Altar standing on the North side and South side and hold their lighted tapers as the Chaplain Kneels to pray:

Our Father which art in Heaven, our hearts rise to Thee in thanksgiving and gratitude for our country. We are so grateful to be its citizens and to have the privilege of loving and serving Thee in our own way. We thank Thee for the freedom we possess. May we ever use it to Thy honor and glory. Bless our country and bless those who are trying to advance the cause of right and liberty throughout the world. Amen.

Sister Conductress or Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress:

You will conduct the affiliates to the Secretary's desk where they will sign the By-laws after which you will conduct them to the preparation room and then to the Altar.

W.M. Sisters and Brothers:

By this beautiful little ceremony we welcome these sisters (or sisters and brothers) into the fellowship of our Chapter. By our participation in this ceremony let us re-obligate ourselves to the performance of those duties which we owe to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves, and thus, may we be better able to exemplify in our lives the Fidelity of Adah, the Constancy of Ruth, the Purity of Esther and a hope of Immortality such as Martha's and with the Fervency of Electa may we love one another as we are taught by Him, to whom we refer when we say "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely." After the officers have resumed their stations you will greet our new members with a hearty welcome and resume order at the sound of the gavel.

(By Ralph L. Miller, Worthy Grand Patron (Past) N. Dak.)