

## AFFILIATION CEREMONY

( To be given under unfinished business, new business or the good of the order. An eight inch ribbon in the appropriate star point color should be placed on the star point pedestal before the meeting begins. Soft music should be played as the conductress and affiliate are in motion.)

WORTHY MATRON: Sister Associate Matron, do you know of any business which should be transacted at this time?

ASSOCIATE MATRON: Worthy Matron, we have in our midst a member from another Jurisdiction who wished to affiliate with us. She is worthy and her request is an indication that she has found the teachings of our order beautiful and necessary to a successful life.

WORTHY MATRON: Sister Associate Matron, we will be glad to greet this sister who desires to become associated with us in our work for the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Conductress you will present our affiliate sister.

(Conductress presents the sister behind Esther's chair)

CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Matron, it is my pleasure to present \_\_\_\_\_, a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected a (member or dual member) \_\_\_\_\_ in this chapter.

WORTHY MATRON: Sister \_\_\_\_\_, affiliate member, it bespeaks a love for our Oder when you, leaving the place where you resided, come into this place and desire to continue the great work you have begun by uniting with us in our chapter here. It is a testimony of faith from you to us. And we respond with the same faith. We have found you worthy of our confidence. And we welcome you into our ranks and extend to you a fraternal greeting. May you find association with us pleasant. And may you feel as part of our family here, working for the betterment of humanity and the benefit of mankind in this place where we have been called to serve. The sister of our Central Star have an additional welcome for you.

(Conductress escorts affiliate directly to Adah's station by turning north then proceeding east , at Marhal's station turns and marches west to Adah's station. Adah rises as they reach her station. Conductress does not address her.)

ADAH: Sister Affiliate, the path of life requires Faithfulness as one of the foundation stones of character. You are faithful to our order because you have sought admission with us when removed from your Home Chapter. This is a good report..

BLUE SYMBOLIZES FIDELITY (hands affiliate the blue ribbon)

(In succession the Affiliate is conducted to the other Star Points the conductress must not weave the Labyrinth. She just circles around the Star Points.)

RUTH: Loyalty is another foundation stone of character. Loyalty is what a person needs to meet and conquer the difficulties of life. Loyalty to the things we believe will give a bountiful harvest through the years. In the loyalty of our membership you will find happiness. YELLOW SYMBOLIZES CONSTANCY.

ESTHER: Devotion makes even the darkest day bright. And the heart that has Devotion to keep the fires of duty alive has the foundation stone of a good life. Devotion to a friend or a cause gives new meaning to life. It is Life itself. WHITE SYMBOLIZES LIGHT, PURITY AND JOY.

MARTHA: Faith is another foundation stone of life. Faith in our Order and its teachings and Faith in ourselves are virtues that help us build for eternity. You have Faith in all three of these because you have come here. GREEN SYMBOLIZES HOPE AND IMMORTALITY.

ELECTA: Love is the pure ray that adds glory to life. With Love to lead us, even the rough road becomes beautiful. And with Love to guard us, we find Faithfulness, Loyalty, Devotion and Faith all encamped around us. My Sister, may the Light of Love surround you here and become your benediction as you travel the road with us. RED SYMBOLIZES FERVENCY.

(Conductress escorts Affiliate behind Esther's chair)

Worthy Matron: You have heard the Sisters of our Central Star and their reports have been given for the benefit of us all. In the admission of this affiliate, we are pledging ourselves to her as she is pledging herself to us. May we all remember that before this altar and within this Chapter room we have made this pledge... Our Worthy Matron has a word of greeting for you.

WORTHY PATRON: My Sister, your name upon our record means that you have seen upon our faces the glow of friendship that makes us all a-kin. We welcome you to our Chapter. You will be escorted to the Secretary's desk where you will sign our roll of members after which our Worthy Matron will greet you in the East.

(Conductress escorts the affiliate member to the Secretary's desk and then around the room to the East . A Welcome song may be sung at this time.)

WORTHY MATRON: Sister \_\_\_\_\_, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you into membership in this Chapter. May your membership in our Chapter be long and happy.

Sister and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce to you, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, our newest member. You will join we in welcoming her into our Chapter. (Calls up the chapter)

(After the welcome the chapter is seated)

WORTHY MATRON: Sister Conductress, you will return our newly adopted sister to her seat.