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CEREMONY FOR DEDICATING CHAIRS FOR STAR POINTS

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Worthy Matron,-- It is our very happy privilege at this time to ~~present and de-~~^{accept} dedicate to this Chapter the five beautiful Star point chairs. In receiving them for use in our Chapter, we do so with a very grateful feeling, trusting that they may be useful in exemplifying the lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. We accept them with heartfelt thanks, and dedicate them to the service of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa, the Star points of our Order.

^{Gifts}
For these chairs we are grateful,
We shall always hold them dear,
For they will help us in the work
We teach from year to year.

And as we prepare others
To walk in ways of light,
May these chairs always help us,
And guide our paths aright.

Worthy Patron,-- Sister Marshal, you will escort the Star points to position back of Esther's station.

When Star points are in position, Worthy Patron continues,--

Sisters Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, the gifts which we are dedicating tonight are to be used by you as you teach the lessons of our beautiful order. We trust that they will not only be of use in beautifying our Chapter room, but may they, by their colors and their usefulness, help you to teach to others the great lessons of our heroines who exemplified in their own lives the principles of charity, truth, and loving kindness. With this thought in mind, may you dedicate each chair to the service of our Chapter. Sister Marshal, you will escort our Star points to their respective stations.

Marshal leads line of march around Electa's station, then to north of Martha's station, around Esther's station, to south of Ruth's station, to north of Adah's, each Star point stopping at respective station in passing. Marshal bows to Adah as she passes her chair, then passes to her own station.

Star points remain standing while giving her respective verse, then are seated.

Adah,-- My chair of blue
Will be of help to me each day,
As I serve faithfully on my way;
And it will give me courage too
To do the things which I should do;
As we receive it, may it be
A source of great fidelity.

In the name of the daughters of this Chapter, I dedicate this beautiful chair for service. May it help to teach us the lessons of fidelity and moral courage.

Ruth,-- My chair of yellow
Is sending out a ray of truth,
The golden ray of our dear Ruth;
May this gift teach us how to share
Another's grief, another's care;
And show us how to do our part
With very meek and humble heart.

In the name of the widows of this Chapter, I dedicate this beautiful chair for service. May it help to teach us faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice.

Esther,- My chair of white
Sends out to us a gleaming ray
Which gives us light along our way;
It gives to us the strength to do
The right, and gives us courage too;
May it help us to danger face
As Esther did to save her race.

In the name of the wives of this Chapter, I dedicate this beautiful chair for service. May it teach us the lesson of justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others.

Martha,- My chair of green
Will give to us an emerald ray
That we may do the right each day;
And it will help us to be true
And loyal in the things we do;
And it will give us faith to see
The fullness of that life to be.

In the name of the sisters of this Chapter, I dedicate this beautiful chair for service. May it teach the lessons of a trustful faith in the hour of trial, and the hope of eternal life.

Electa,- My chair of red
Will shed upon our pathway clear
The bright ray of Electa dear;
And may it's lessons help us be
So free in truth and charity;
With faith to ever look above
Because our hearts are filled with love.

In the name of the mother's of this Chapter, I dedicate this beautiful chair for service. May it teach the lessons of charity and hospitality.

As Electa finishes speaking, other Star points rise. (They may remain standing after each verse if desired.)

Soloist sings - Tune,- Have Thine Own Way.

We are so grateful for gifts like these
Gifts which are useful, gifts which will please
Helping us daily to walk in the way,
Guiding us onward, upward each day.

Chairs all so lovely, you have a place
Within our Chapter, our path to trace,
Teach us thy way and help us to show
Always to others the path we should go.

Chaplain approaches Altar for prayer,-

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for all material blessings and for Thy goodness to us. We realize that the gifts which we receive are from Thee, and we thank Thee for these beautiful chairs which we are dedicating to our Chapter. May we use them to Thy glory, and we ask that they may help us to exemplify more fully the lessons portrayed by our beloved heroines. It is with grateful hearts that we dedicate them to the service of charity, truth, and loving kindness. We ask these favors in the name of Him whose Star we follow. Amen.

Officers may gather around Altar for prayer as in initiation service if desired, and ceremony may be closed by singing, "Blest be the Tie".

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