

Music: "Lost Chord"

May we now think for a moment of our ESTARL program, which has become a vital part of our Eastern Star organization. The letters in ESTARL, stand for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, as you all know. As a project of General Grand Chapter, this fund is used for college scholarships for any deserving young man or woman, in any community, who wishes to devote his or her life to Christian service, regardless of Masonic connections. Let us examine these letters a little more thoroughly.

E is for Eastern - the first of our letters
It stands for Eagerness of the Student too.
It means Education for one of our youngsters
Through yearly funds donated by you.

S stands for Star - second word of our motto
It also says Student - Serious - and Strong.
It stands for Summons which he has answered,
As all through his life he will teach right from wrong.

T stands for Training which these young folks seek
In mastering lessons so close to their heart.
May we give assistance to lighten their burden
In carrying the message God's lessons impart.

A for Awards, is our next word in line
It stands for Apostle in proving the test.
A chance for young workers to give most sincerely
Their lives for our Lord, henceforth, doing their best.

R for Religious, the field of their task
A most worthwhile basis for all of our lives.
The riches from God they will spread through the world
This being the goal for which each student strives.

L stands for the Leadership, last but not least,
A national project, to serve near and far.
Our youths in this field look to us for their help
By way of the ESTARL of our Eastern Star.

In supporting this fund which was started in 1954, our Grand Chapter has been able to assist deserving young people in N. D. That year, we awarded eleven scholarships of \$500.00 each and last year a \$100.00 scholarship and seven \$400.00 scholarships were awarded. (Here insert what was accomplished this year--1956--). Tonight we will use our collection to do our part in furthering this worthwhile cause, as requested by our Worthy Grand Matron. So, please do your part, and dig just a little deeper for the coin collection. Thank you.

Solo - Trio - Quartet - "My Task"