FLORAL INSTALLATION

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Characters--
Installing Officer, Installing Marshal, Five Little Girls dressed in the several colors of the Star Points or if this is not practical dressed in white.

Properties--
Illuminated Star.
Corsage Bouquet of Blue, Yellow, White, Green and Red.
A Gentleman's Boutonniere.
Flowers of Blue, Yellow, White, Green and Red.
Sword and Veil, Sheaf, Crown and Scepter, Broken Column and Cup.

Scene--
Chapter Setting

PRELIMINARY

1. Place Corsage Bouquet, Boutonniere, Emblems and Flowers for Adah, Ruth and Esther on the Secretary's desk or table provided for the purpose.

2. Place Green and Red Flowers on the Treasurer's desk or on table provided for the purpose.

3. The little emblem bearers for the Blue, Yellow, and White Points stand near the Secretary's desk.

4. The bearers for the Green and Red Points stand near the Treasurer's desk.
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For

Mrs. Mattie Smith, Worthy Matron of Keystone Chapter No. 52

Immediately after the Worthy Matron is installed the Installing Officer (or
some one appointed) presents her with the corsage bouquet saying:--

Worthy Matron,
Accept the greetings of your chapter
Which with love has placed you here
Each and all pledge loyal service
As you guide us through the year.
May these months hold a wondrous feast
For all who seek The Star In The East.

Immediately after the Worthy Patron is installed the Installing Officer (or
some one appointed) presents him with the boutonniere (or any gift preferred)
saying:--

Worthy Patron,
You are the link 'twixt Mason's vow
And lighter bond of sisterhood.
With your kind heart and wisdom too
You'll ever seek the chapter's good.
Thus shall nothing ever mar
The harmony of the Eastern Star.

N.B.
The following presentation to Star Points may be used immediately after they
are conducted to their stations but will perhaps be more effective used to
conclude the installation ceremony.

The newly installed Worthy Matron gives the lines from her station, the child
and Installing Marshal present the emblems and flowers.
Taking these from the desk, together they approach the Star Points each in turn, the child presents the emblem to the Star Point officer who places it on the pedestal; the Marshal presents the flowers.

The Marshal each time returns to the desk for the flowers and is accompanied to each point by the child emblem bearer.

Fair Ada unto you doth come
This honored sword and this blue veil;
(Child gives emblems to Ada who places them on a pedestal)

They mean a daughter's sacrifice
And filial love shall never fail.
This flower so blue a token is
(Marshal gives flower)

Of faithfulness and love of light
Though death may call. We heed this Ray
Because it leads to Truth and Right.
(Marshal steps back to table, brings child with sheaf and takes yellow flowers herself to Ruth's station.) Says:--

Dear Sister Ruth, accept this sheaf
(Child hands sheaf to Ruth)

Which says to all, "I'll follow Thee,
Where'er thou goest I will go
In love and in humility."
This flower of golden hue so bright
(Give flower)

Of Constancy a creed doth teach...
We must obey all honor's call
And maintain Justice, each for each.

The scepter and the crown for you (Child presents emblem)

Dear Esther, of the Jewish race,
They tell us of that wondrous deed
That won for you this honored place
This flower so white, spotless and pure (Give flower)

Denotes Light, Purity and Joy.
Unto her people these she gave.
Her love for them had no alloy.
Martha, the broken column yours. (Child presents emblem)

An emblem of our life and death.
Though great is life's uncertainty,
"I am the Way," the Master saith.

There is no flower that tokens death,
But ferns bespeak eternity. (Present ferns)

They tell of hope, of loving trust
In immortality.

Electa, unto you the cup (Child presents emblem)

That tokens hospitality.
To all that need kind words or care
Electa gives sweet charity.

Your flower is the red, red rose. (Give flowers)

Of fervency it is the mother.
It speaks of love for all mankind.
It says to us "Love one another."
(Marshal retires, children go to seats ready for them at side of hall)

Matron says:--

The blue, the yellow, the white, the green,
The red, form a rainbow of beauty divine
Among all the thousands, so lovely and fair,
Thou art the fairest, loved sisters of mine.

Fill well your stations of honor and trust
Love shall e'er lead you, and Hope guard the way.
If we follow the light, never constant and true
And God's commandments ever obey.
(Sits the officers with a graceful wave of the hand.)