A STAR WITHIN A STAR
A religious installation addendum.

Hang a large, silvery star in front of the Worthy Matron's pedestal and give each newly installed Star point officer a star the color of their points.

The Installing Marshal opens the ceremony:

In the beginning God created the World and all that is therein. He created man in His own image, sending His love to shine forth from man's eyes and light up man's countenance. Through idol worship, greed, hate gradually the light of man's face grew dim and dimmer and was almost extinguished, for God had turned His face away, and the people walked in great darkness. The darkness of evil and fear. (Lower the lights in the Chapter room.) Their eyes were blinded to the needs of the poor, the cries of the widows and orphans echoed back from the hills unheeded, there was no love for their neighbors, there was unrest and no peace in their hearts.

When all was very dark and there seemed to be no hope, suddenly a star appeared and a host of heavenly angels singing, "Peace on earth, Good will to men."

(Light up the star by spot light or wiring)

A child was born whose name was to be Wonderful Counsellor; the Prince of Peace; the Saviour of the world. Through Him and His teachings the people were to be led back to God and His light was to shine in their lives again.

Down through the ages since then the light has at times grown dim but has never gone out. The Star in the East is continually renewing its message and our hearts thrill and glow with His light as we fall down and worship at the feet of the King. This Star gives Divine Guidance in our beautiful order and as we add our colors may their lessons be a guide to us in our lives again. (Music plays softly "Star in the East," as the colored stars are attached. The Installing Marshal may say the verses or the new officers, who come up, attach their star and remain standing in star formation in front of the Worthy Matron's pedestal until after the prayer.)

Adah:

Deep in my heart is the light of this Star,
As I come to add my star of blue.
This color embraces and covers the world,
Teaching us to God's Will to be true.

Ruth:

Deep in my heart is the light of this Star,
And I will add my star of yellow,
This color represents Divine light—the sun,
By service we will reflect its glow.
Esther:

Deep in my heart is the light of this Star,
As I come to add my star of white.
This color symbolizes purity and joy,
Which is the reward of living aright.

Martha:

Deep in my heart is the light of this Star,
As I come to add my star of green.
This color tells nature's story of hope
And how to go through life serene.

Electa:

Deep in my heart is the light of this Star,
As I come to add my star of red.
This color is full of warmth and fire
Of love and kindness which we should spread.

(A hymn as "Jesus Bids Us Shine" or some favorite hymn may be sung.)

Three raps.

Chaplain:

Dear Father in Heaven the author and giver of light, we pray that the light of this star may dwell in our hearts and the lessons here portrayed be lived in our lives for the whole world to know we are Thy children, that we daily strive to do Thy Will. May Thy richest blessings rest upon these new officers and upon our Chapter and grant us Thy Peace, that Peace which passeth all understanding. Amen. (Responses.)