The Floral Star

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As soon as Worthy Matron is installed and invested with badge of office, ten officers, five on each side, pass to east and form semicircle or aisle between dais and Altar, through which Worthy Matron is escorted to the East. As soon as officers are in position, soloist sings:

Tune: My Mother's Bible. (Hymn) OR Tune: Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! (Use words in parenthesis)

There's a welcome here for you.
As you come to grace the East,
And to serve us in our Chapter through the year;
As we now wish you success,
And much joy and happiness,
We'll stand by you with our help and give you cheer.

Chorus:
Joy to you, welcome too. (We are glad to bring a welcome)
As you enter now the tasks that are so near, (For you are our Matron dear)
We know you will be so true
In whatever work you do,
And we give our heart and hand for all the year.

As you serve our Chapter here
You like Adah will be true,
And like Ruth and Esther you will loyal be;
With our Martha's trustful faith,
And with our Electa's love,
You will serve the East with truth and charity.

Repeat Chorus.

As soon as Worthy Matron is escorted to the East and given Grand Honors, those in aisle form Star in front of dais as follows:

Nos. 2 on both sides remain in position. Nos. 1 step to position northeast and southeast of Nos. 2, and Nos. 3 step one or two steps to north and south respectively, forming two (2) points of the Star as in Fig. 2

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Fig. 1  1. .1
2. .2
3. .3
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5. .5

Fig. 2  1.
4. .5

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Nos. 4 step to positions northwest and southwest of Nos. 3 respectively, forming four (4) points of the Star as in Fig. 3

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Fig. 3

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Fig. 4  e.
4. .5

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Fig. 5  .c
Nos. 5 step to position on line between dais and Altar, forming the other point of the Star. When all are in position, Star is complete as in Fig. 4.

When all are in position, outside officer on line (a) speaks:

In the point of Adah that shines so blue
You'll find her message to be true;
And as you, as Matron, serve through the year,
This point will give you comfort and cheer.

After each officer at end of line speaks, the Star revolves to next position, and as point (a) passes dotted line, officer hands her flowers to Worthy Matron, and moves on to point (e). At the same time point (b) moves up to next position point (a); point (c) to position of point (b), etc., keeping formation of Star by inner officers taking short steps. As Ruth's point (b) moves up to position of point (a), officer at end of line speaks:

In the sheaf of gold which our Ruth has gleaned,
A ray of constancy now is seen,
Telling to you that we'll always be true
In whatever task we are called to do.

Points revolve as before, officer at end of line representing Ruth presents flowers to Worthy Matron in passing. As Esther's line moves up to position, officer at end of line speaks:

Purity and truth this point will display
In the white that shines from it's lovely ray;
May it give you the courage to be brave
As was our dear Esther, her race to save.

As Star revolves, Esther's flowers are presented, Martha's point moves up to position, and officer at end of line speaks:

In beautiful color of emerald green,
Our Martha's hope in this ray is seen,
Giving us faith that we'll each do our share,
And help through the year to lessen your care.

As Star revolves, Martha's flowers are presented, Electa's point moves up to position, and officer at end of line speaks:

The red that shines from this beautiful ray
Will give it's comfort to you each day;
As you serve with truth and charity too,
Electa's love will be given to you.

As Star revolves, Electa's flowers are presented and Star moves back to former position. As soon as in position, officers may either retrace steps and from aisle return to former positions, or led by outer officers in points (a) and (e) may turn, north and south, and marching outside of labyrinth, resume former positions.

As soon as Worthy Patron is invested with badge of office, he remains at Altar with Marshal while soloist sings:
Tune: Let the Lower Lights be Burning.

Welcome to you our dear Patron,
Greeting you upon your way,
May the year which is before you
Brighter grow from day to day.

Chorus:
Welcome to you Worthy Patron
We shall always be so true,
Helping you to ever follow
Our dear Star that shines for you.

Welcome to you our dear Patron,
May your sky be ever clear,
With no clouds to hide the sunshine
As you serve our Chapter here.

Repeat Chorus.

As soon as Star points are invested with badge of office, soloist sings:

Tune: Count Your Blessings. (Hymn)

As our own dear Star points we now welcome you
With best wishes to be ever loyal too,
As our Star points may you ever lead the way,
And keep our Star shining brighter every day.

Chorus:
Our dear Star points, we now welcome you,
Our dear Star points, we know you'll be true;
Our dear Adah, Ruth and Esther too,
Martha and Eliza, we'll be true to you.

As you teach the lessons that are ours to learn
May we of each virtue willingly discern;
May you ever lead us in the way of love,
As we try to follow our dear Star above.

Repeat Chorus.

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