

THE BEAUTY OF THE STAR
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To honor Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron following Installation, and to present colors to Star points.

May also be used to honor Worthy Grand Matron, or other special guest.

This ceremony is given by Marshal or Reader, and 10 escorts, and with Star points at their stations. Five of the escorts are provided with two Stars, one about 15 inches in diameter, and the other about 8 inches in diameter. One of the large Stars and one of the small Stars are fastened together by ribbons or streamers in Star point colors. These streamers (about an inch wide) extend from the points of the large Star to the points of the small Star, and should be long enough to drape gracefully from each Star point station to the Altar. These Stars are placed two together, the small Star on top of the large Star, with streamers tucked in between. On entering, they are carried by the first five escorts, by holding them together in front of their breasts. The escorts form line back of Esther's station, the five with Stars who are first in line, pass around Electa's station, making circle inside of Labyrinth next to the Star point stations, and stop at their appropriate station, facing East. The other five escorts turn south, and enter Labyrinth by passing around Adah's station, and form circle close to Altar, facing East. As each verse is given, the escort next to that station, approaches the escort next to the Altar, and takes position facing her. The escort next to the Altar takes the small Star, and holds it horizontally in front of her as the escort next to the station steps back to the station, letting the streamers drape gracefully between the two Stars, thus forming a draping of the colors between each Star point and the Altar. When completed, this will form a beautiful Star, with blue from Adah's Station, yellow from Ruth's station, etc. The Stars may be cut from wood and painted, or cut from cardboard and covered with foil.

As soon as escorts are in position, Marshal or Reader takes position between dais and Altar and speaks as follows:

Throughout the year our Star shines out in all of it's beauty and is of great significance. When we see this beautiful Star, we are reminded of a glow in the Heavens which shone that night from afar, guiding the wise men to the Babe in the lowly manger. The Holy Bible, which rests upon our Altar, brings to us the story anew, and creates within our hearts a desire to follow that Star just as it was followed in days of old when there came into the world a new light and a new hope. Tonight the story of the first Star reaches out from each point to again remind us of that story of old as it is revealed to us in our Holy Bible.

The Book of Books with it's stories old,
Comes into our hearts anew,
To tell us of that guiding Star,
Revealing love so true;
So from each ray of our lovely Star,
Will come each color clear,
To guide us to the way of truth,
Throughout the coming year.

Reader speaks to each Star point as follows:

Dear Adah:

From our Star there comes a lovely ray,
A touch of the heavenly blue,
That tells of a daughter who gave her life,
To prove that her love was true;
She faced her death to keep a vow,
That she thought was just and right,
And because of this the ray of blue,
Shines forth from your point tonight.

Dear Ruth:

From your point there gleams a golden ray,
That tells of a love so true,
Of a widow's humble devotion each day,
As she tried some service to do;
For there was one dependent and old,
Who needed such constant care,
So our Star sends forth it's golden ray,
Some humble service to share.

Dear Esther:

Sometimes our Star shows a snow-white gleam,
And we think of a Queen so brave,
Who was willing to risk both brown and life,
Her friends and kindred to save;
When we see the white of our lovely Star,
We think of a life so true,
And that is why we now want to give,
This ray of our Star to you.

Dear Martha:

Sometimes in our Star we look to see
The ray of green that is shed,
We think of a sister who when sorrow came,
Was bowed in grief for her dead;
When you think of the promise that was hers,
And the comfort that Jesus gave,
You will have no fear if you keep the faith,
Of a life beyond the grave.

Dear Electa:

We love the red of our lovely Star,
That taught a mother to be
A disciple of truth as she went her way,
In the service of charity;
When this ray gleams out on our path of love,
We know we can never dismay,
For the love we have for the human race,
Will be ours from day to day.

Gifts may be presented to Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron as follows:

We follow the gleam of our lovely Star,
And know that it's colors are true,
And that is why we can safely say,
That we will be true to you.

Each heroine has given to us a gift,
Of love in our Eastern Star,
And these gifts are shining from each point,
As we follow from afar.

We have some gifts that are not as great,
But you'll find the whole year through,
The message they bring will be enough
To prove we are true to you.

After gifts are presented, the escorts next to the stations, step to position in front of escorts at Altar, and taking both Stars as on entering, they march single file around Adah's station to the west and retire. (The above verses may also be used to present gift to W.G.M. or other special guests.)

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