LIGHTS OF STARLAND

Worthy Matron repeats:

Will all Past Matrons and Past Patrons kindly form a line back of Esther's chair? Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress, will you conduct our Sisters and Brothers to the East?

Conductress and Associate Conductress approach the line together.

Associate Conductress repeats:

Dear Sisters and Brothers—
I come from the North to greet you
With a love that is deep and sincere
May trials and cares be forgotten
While you are gathered here.

Conductress repeats:

I come from the South to greet you
With a loyalty that's deep and true.
We're truly grateful for the countless joys
We never would have known without you.

While line of march goes to the East, Soloist sings these words to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers.

Onward, Matrons-Patrons
Marching to the East
With our Star before you
May you here find peace.
Firmly marching onward
Your bright light so shines
That when life is over
Yours will be divine.
Onward, Christian Soldiers,
Marching in Truth and Love
Your firm faith and service
Is blessed by the Father above.

Worthy Matron repeats:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
To you, I gratefully and tenderly bid you a sincere welcome and wish to convey the pride and honor that fills our hearts for you.

The East has long been called the source of wisdom and information, since the Sun is the power of strength and life to all humanity and vegetation.

So, God sits, effulgent in the Heavens, not for just a few, but for the whole universe of life. Each and every one of us may say, "My Father, thou art mine."
It is essential that whoever is vested with the power of authority in the East, should govern with equal justice to all and also govern with charity and loving kindness. Under your splendid leadership, this Chapter has surely been strengthened and uplifted. You have builded well, all praise and honor to you. We wish for you many years, fraternal, of dreams and wishes fulfilled.

Associate Matron then with gifts and a lighted taper gathers the Star Points, lighting their candles, leaving hers extinguished. At Electa's station all form a line facing Past Matrons, Past Patrons line, that line now facing the altar. While Star Points march to the East, Soloist or Star Points sing to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers:

With each Star Point lighted
We will march in Truth
May we never falter
Constant be like Ruth.
And from every lesson
May we learn to know
That true friends are blessings
Dwelling here below.
Past Matrons and Past Patrons
We are proud of you
We'll ever love and serve you
And to our Star be true.

Adah repeats:

With Adah's flame burning bright
We banish wrong and choose the right.
With courage high, you tread the way
And helped make life, one happy day.

Ruth repeats:

To follow where Ruth's light may lead
Will help us in Life's every need.
With constant devotion, you labored long
That the growth of our Star, might ever be strong.

Esther repeats:

All purity is shown in purest white
Portrayed by Esther's bright, steady light.
With a loyalty true, you met the test
And ever to each friend did give your best.

Martha repeats:

This ray of light will always be
A sign of immortality.
Your trustful faith in daily prayer
Brings you peace and rest in God's loving care.
Electa repeats:

Electa's candle, Light of Truth and Love
Exemplifies charity, like that from above.
Truth and loving kindness has been your part
Knowing Love's key opens every true heart.

Associate Matron with gifts:

I come from the West to greet you, with the words of the Master, "Great is your reward in Heaven." You have walked in the true light from Heaven and shall see your pathways leading to the golden sunset of Life, where burdens are cast aside. You will know the unutterable joy of walking with eyes unveiled to our Father's glory.

From———Chapter, who cherishes and honors you, accept this remembrance of love and esteem. May the memory of this hour be one more golden link in your chain of many happy memories.

Organist may play a novelette softly while Past Matrons and Past Patrons take their positions in the East and Officers resume their stations.