From styrofoam cut a circle about four or five inches wide to use as the foundation for a wreath. It should be large enough to take care of the flowers and leave plenty of space between. Decorate generously with glitter, place on altar, if permissible; otherwise, use small table placed in front of or at the side of the East and arrange wire support for wreath.

As the Worthy Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, etc. give their parts, the appropriate Star Point walks to wreath and fastens flowers. Adah should fasten hers slightly to the right of top. All should be evenly spaced.

The flowers should be made up in a round arrangement with a ruffle of florist's tulle or ribbon around the edge. Wood fiber, nylon, etc., flowers may be used as well as natural flower.

Soloist may sing either at the beginning or end of ceremony.

**SOLO:** Tune: "Rock of Ages"

Long ago in Galilee  
Jesus calmed the troubled sea,  
Waves obeyed his holy will  
As He whispered, "Peace, be still",  
And today these words impart  
Hope and joy to every heart.

Gentle Savior, be Thou near,  
Take away our doubt and fear;  
When life's trials come apace  
Grant us still thy strength and grace,  
Till at last in heaven we  
Find eternal rest in Thee.

**WORTHY MATRON** rises at proper time to say:

We cannot know just why the rain  
Shuts out the skies of blue,  
Or why the flowers fail to last  
Much longer than they do.

But this we know, the Father's hand  
Is always on our own;  
And on the highway of our life  
We do not walk, alone.

We have listened often to the words,  
"Life is a labyrinth through which we  
would wander blindly were it not for an  
All Seeing Eye that watches over us and an  
All Powerful Hand that guides us on our way".

But perhaps this never meant more to us  
than now at a time like this when we meet
to honor the memory of those who have
walked the winding ways of life to the
end. Through it all they have kept a
steadfast faith in the Heavenly Father's love.

(Here names of deceased with desired data for each may be given.)

We would hold in blessed remembrance
Our sisters and brothers because of
their pleasant companionship, their helping
hands, and kindly deeds. From their
lives we would take new hope that we,
too, may be faithful to our responsibilities
as we practice the teachings of our Order.

WORTHY PATRON: (As he speaks Adah walks to wreath and fastens blue flowers.)

As Adah stood firm in her determination
to honor her father's vow even at the cost
of her life, may we steadfastly respect
the work of those who have gone before,
by giving greater devotion to the high
principles of the Order of the Eastern
Star. As our companions walked in the
light of their convictions and were true
to the best they knew, may we also dedicate
our lives to all that is good and true and right.

CONDUCTRESS: (Ruth goes forward to fasten yellow flowers.)

From Ruth they gleaned encouragement
To practice constancy
And love to all whom they held dear
Both friends and family.

So may we follow in the light,
They shed upon our way;
And may we, too, bring happiness
To others day by day.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS:

When Esther faced her solemn choice
She chose to do the right;
That's why we love her name today
And keep her memory bright.

And so, too, we would honor those
Who've walked close by our side;
The inspiration of their lives
Forever will abide.

ASSOCIATE MATRON:

The faith of Martha is our faith,
Her hope is our hope, too;
For in that faith and hope we know
God’s promises are true.

We know that just beyond this life
Our loving Savior waits
To welcome us with open arms
Inside the heavenly gates.

ASSOCIATE PATRON:

Life brings us many trials that severely test our loyalty to truth and our faith in God. Our sisters and brothers met these tests with the courage of Electa. May that courage remind us that truth and love should shine through our lives in all we do. May it add joy to the hearts of those whose lives we touch along our way, and bring peace that passes understanding to our own hearts.

CHAPLAIN:  (Goes to altar, and gives the following prayer.)

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the promise of eternal life to all who love Thee. We thank Thee that Thou has blessed us with the friendship of these dear members who have loved Thee and have believed that because our Savior lives, they, too, shall live.

Grant that in this hour of reflection we may so dedicate our lives to doing thy will that we shall have the assurance of a glorious immortality when we lay aside the cares of this life. Amen.

THE END