Sisters and Brothers, tonight we are honoring our Chaplain.

The station of Chaplain is one of great importance; we recognize our dependence upon the source of all wisdom and strength, and always invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our work.

It is the Chaplain's duty to lead the Chapter in its devotions at the altar. Our Order, founded upon the moral teachings of Holy Scriptures everywhere and all occasions, acknowledges the existence and providence of God, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The badge of the Chaplain's office is the open Bible within the Star, an emblem of the word of God. No Chapter of the O. E. S. can be opened or transact business unless the open Bible rests upon its altar.

Our Order is founded on, and built around, a belief in God. Every member of the O. E. S., before being admitted, must answer in the affirmative, the question, "Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being?"

Out of the sacred pages of the Bible come the heroines of our Order. Each one brings us a lesson, yes, more than a lesson--a direct admonition from the word of God. Thus through our original declaration of belief in a Supreme Being, and the lessons of our Star, the Bible, becomes the very living heart of our Order. In placing it on our Altar we renew our faith in, and allegiance to God.

It is the symbol of the presence of God among us, and is such, as it is removed from the altar this year by the Chaplain and held in utmost reverence as the officers retire.

Sister Asso. Conductress, you will present our Chaplain. (She is presented back of Esther's chair)

It is a privilege to honor you Sister,........., as our Chaplain. We know that the admonition to walk uprightly, keeping your life void of offense toward God and man is reflected in your daily life and that you do all in your power to promote the welfare and prosperity of our beloved order. That each new year increase the joy, We give to you today.

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P. S. The part as written to be given by the W. M. "The station of Chaplain is one of great importance," etc., could be given by another person and would be just as effective. Appropriate music should be given as the Chaplain was being escorted to the altar.