

PAST MATRONS CLUB

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Matron of Honor to Conductress:

Are there Candidates in waiting?

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Conductress. There are.

Matron of Honor to Marshall:

You will retire and introduce the candidates.

Marshall to Matron of Honor:

Matron of Honor, I have the pleasure of introducing _____
who desires to become a member of the Past Matrons Club,
and who, in this manner, wishes to renew her Obligation
taken at the Altar of the Eastern Star.

Matron of Honor: Sister(s), you will please rise. You will raise
your right hand and repeat the following Obligation.
"I hereby renew the Obligation I accepted when made
a member of the Eastern Star".

Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, Thou hast heard the solemn vows
our sister(s) have taken, wilt Thou strengthen and up-
hold them in their purpose to do good; and may we dwell
together in harmony and peace. In Thy Holy Name we ask
it. Amen.

Members: "So may it ever be."

Song: Blest Be The Tie That Binds.

Conductress: In renewing your Obligation, we would remind you that
your affiliation with the Past Matrons Club binds you
to a more solemn allegiance to the principles of the
Order of the Eastern Star, and that the privileges of
belonging to this organization, pledges you to a Sis-
terly affection and respect for its members.

Marshall: Our sisterly love is a part of the foundation of our
cherished Order, and may the lives of its members ever
be an example of Love, Truth and Honor. And we ask you
now to promise that you will, "Never wrong a sister, or
see one wronged, if in your power to prevent it, and as
long as you remain a member of this club will you pledge
your faithful support and promptly and cheerfully perform
the duties required of you to the best of your ability?

Candidate: I will.

(at this time the Conductress will appear, bearing five
lighted candles in the five colors, and repeat the following:)

From the West to the East I journeyed
In quest of the knowledge of Life
From the outer portals of darkness
I sought for wisdom and light.
When lo' in effulgent splendor
Shone a radiant light from afar
And to me stood revealed the glories
Of our beautiful Eastern Star.

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Marshall: (steps forward) I have seen His star in the East.

Conductress: Then live by its radiance day by day,
Pressing on ever, Hid love to win.
Too noble to falter, too strong to sin.

Adah: (taking blue candle)
Within your heart feel the courage true
Of our noble Adah - with ray of blue.
Let her strength of purpose lead you on
To fields unconquered, to goals unwon.
(goes back to place)

Ruth: (stepping forward and taking yellow candle)
May the yellow light of immortal Ruth
Guide you ever in the paths of truth.
With patient industry, learn to achieve
Life's greatest efforts, His love to receive.
(goes back to place)

Esther: (taking white candle)
May the light of Esther, pure, spotless, white,
Give you eternal hope for right.
And dauntless power you shall possess
To help your people to success.
(goes to place)

Martha: (taking green candle)
Martha's ray of eternal green
Shall carry us onward to life supreme,
By love of Him and trusting faith
We shall rise beyond the gates of death.
(goes back to place)

Electa: (taking red candle)
Staunch Electa, whose bright ray
Bids fare forth to happier days
When profound love for one another
Shall cheer and aid each Sister, Brother.
(goes back to place)

Matron of Honor:
My sisters you have been shown the beauties
and high ideals of our Order. I welcome you
into our circle and may it be the better for
your coming among us.