

EMBLEM CEREMONY - PATRIOTIC YEAR

The Holy Bible is a symbol of our faith in God and also the foundation of our American heritage. We are one nation, under God. The Bible is God's chart for us to steer by, to keep us from the bottom of the sea, and to show us where the harbor is, and how to reach it without running aground on the rocks or bars.

The blue ray of Adah teaches us such lessons respecting fidelity to convictions of right and duty. In our flag, blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice. Be faithful to your vows and obligations, not only to yourself, your sisters and brothers, but also to our country and our God. The emblem is the sword and veil united.

The yellow ray of Ruth symbolizes constancy and faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice and that we have a great filial duty to provide for our sisters and brothers. It also shows the strength of our country with its amber waves of grain. The emblem is the sheaf.

The white ray of Esther symbolizes purity and loyalty. The white in our flag symbolizes purity and innocence. We should be loyal to ourselves, our friends, our country and our God. The emblem is the crown and scepter united.

The green ray of Martha symbolizes hope and immortality and that we should have the trustful faith of Martha to lighten the burden of sorrow and incline us to the voice of duty. Our country is rich with nature's life and beauty. The emblem is the broken column.

The red ray of Electa symbolizes fervency, heroic endurance to the wrongs of persecution when in the defense of truth. Red in our flag symbolizes hardiness and valor, as well as the blood sacrificed by our fellow Americans to preserve our country. The cup is an emblem of charity and hospitality.

Our Eastern Star emblems have been presented for you with the hope that to our Order and country you will always be true.