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THE STAR OF COLOR

Service for Preparing Star Points for Initiation.
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Marshal takes position on line between Altar and dais, bows and Star points rise and march is formed as follows:

Adah and Electa start from stations at same time, each entering labyrinth by passing in front of station. Marching west, one on south and one on north side of Altar, crossing west of Altar, Adah marches to point back of Martha's chair, and on a line with two steps back of Esthers chair. Electa marches to point back of Ruth's chair, and on a line with same point back of Esther's chair. As soon as Adah and Electa pass, Ruth and Martha follow, respectively, Ruth going to a point between Adah and point back of Esther's chair, and Martha, to a point between Electa and same point back of Esther's chair. As line is formed, Esther steps back to point two steps back of her station. This forms line back of Esther's chair with Star points in proper position. They march to form semicircle west of Altar by entering labyrinth between Electa and Altar. When semicircle is formed, Marshal steps forward and speaks:

Marshal: Dear faithful Star points, you come on your way,
Bringing to others your gifts from afar,
As you teach the lessons that were given to you,
May you be guided on by our bright gleaming Star.
As you tell the story of each emblem so fair,
That has brightened the lives of our heroines true,
May the wonderful lessons of truth and of hope,
Through the points of our Star, be given to you.
May you have the faith, and the courage, and love,
May these virtues shine in your lives day by day,
And may you bring others so close to the light
Of our beautiful Star, as it shines on your way.

Marshal steps in front of each Star point as she addresses her. At the close of each message, she presents the flowers or emblems.

To Adah: As your color shines out to brighten your way,
May you to your station be ever true blue,
And may you, like Adah, be faithful to vows,
And may her great courage be given to you.

To Ruth: May the bright yellow gleam that shines from your ray,
Help you overcome every struggle and strife,
And though humble your station, may you be ever true,
And may love and obedience follow your life.

To Esther: May you follow the gleam of the pure ray of white,
That makes you so true to your kindred and friends,
And for risking your life to save loved ones from death,
May you have all the peace that we know Heaven sends.

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To Martha: The beautiful emblem that shows the green light,
May it give faith and hope when earthly life ends,
May it give the assurance of immortal life,
When we say goodbye to our loved ones, and friends.

To Electa: May you catch the gleam of the lovely red ray,
That gives of its charity with lessons of love,
May you learn from Electa that endurance and truth
Will bring their reward from the Father above.

Marshal returns to former position and continues speaking:

Marshal: As our beautiful colors shine out on our way,
May you be ever faithful in that which is least,
May you be guided on by these colors that gleam
From our beautiful emblem, our Star in the East.

Marshal bows to Star points and all return to their stations. If march is used to return to stations, reverse directions.

This may be given with soft music as a musical reading.

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