OUR STAR POINT HERITAGE

Ceremony for Honoring All Star Points

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To be given under "The Good of the Order".

Star Points rise when addressed and remain standing until end of ceremony.

When visiting Star Points are presented they should arrange themselves by stations - that is, Adahs first, Ruths second, etc.

Worthy Matron addresses each Star Point in turn and the Star Point stands facing Worthy Matron regardless of who is speaking that particular part. Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron stand.

WORTHY MATRON speaks:

From time to time in the Order of the Eastern Star, we like to pay tribute to members and officers who have done their work so well that they merit special praise.

Tonight we are giving recognition to the floral center of our chapter – those Star Point officers representing the heroines of our Order whose lives were "fairest among thousands, altogether lovely", and whose noble deeds have become for us standards of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.

Through the lessons our heroines have left for us, we have learned that, as we practice their virtues, our lives become more effective and take on greater significance. Let us now give special attention to the instruction and guidance we have received from our Star Point teachings.

Sister Adah, (Adah stands, holding emblems in proper arrangement.)

Adah's courage stands unchallenged,
She was ever firm and true,
As she faced the fearful duty
She was called upon to do.

May the sword and veil remind us
Of the vows that we have made;
Let us never be contented
Till those vows are fully paid.

ADAH replies:

Let us be faithful to all moral obligations. "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which has proceeded out of thy mouth".

WORTHY MATRON says:

Sister Ruth, (Ruth stands holding emblem.)
**WORTHY PATRON says:**

As we listen to your lecture
And the story is retold
Of Ruth's journey with Naomi,
And their friendship, pure as gold,
May we always heed the teachings
That we should, in word and deed,
Be prepared to give assistance
And relieve another's need.

**RUTH says:**

Let us ever be faithful to the demands of honor and justice. "Entreat me not to leave thee nor to return from following after thee".

**WORTHY MATRON says:**

Sister Esther, (She stands holding emblems.)

**ASSOCIATE MATRON says:**

Esther with her queenly power
Met responsibility,
And with loving, wise devotion
Set her captive people free.

May we be as truly willing
To accept each obligation,
May we meet the tests that face us
With the same determination.

**ESTHER says:**

Let us be governed by justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others. "What wilt thou, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall even be given thee to the half of the kingdom".

**WORTHY MATRON speaks:**

Sister Martha, (Stands and holds emblem.)

**ASSOCIATE PATRON says:**

Martha brings us hope and gladness
When our faith grows strangely dim,
For she points us to the Savior
By her strong belief in Him.

Let us be sincerely humble
In our joys and sorrows, too,
Simply trusting and believing
That His love will lead us through.
MARTHA  replies:

May we have the hope of Martha that life is eternal. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth on me shall never die".

WORTHY MATRON  addresses Electa:

Sister Electa, (She stands, holding emblem.)

Brave Electa, what a record
She has left of faith and love
And of many deeds of mercy,
Written now in heaven above.

May we find the will to follow
Where her steps have marked the way;
May we never grow disheartened
Traveling upward day by day.

ELECTA  says:

Let the truth be spoken and let it shine through our lives. "Love one another".

Visiting Star Points are now presented.

WORTHY MATRON  says:

It is a special joy to welcome the coworkers of our Star Point officers. You are giving inspiration to all of us by reminding us that the lessons we are teaching in our chapter are being taught in every chapter of our state and nation. What a force for good your lessons will be if we learn them well and practice them in our various communities. Thank you for being with us on this occasion.

MARSHAL  presenting gilts:  (or other designated person)

Little gifts don't seem important
(And this one is very small)
But we hope it says a "Thank You"
And will help you to recall
That you visited our chapter
And the evening was so gay
That you'd like to do it over
On a not-too-distant day.

We'll be looking for you to come back a-gain soon.

SOLOIST:

Tune: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

See the flowers in our garden,
Blue and yellow, red and white;
With the green fern all around them
What a gay enchanting sight!
Every color has a message
That will help to lighten care,
As we walk along together
On life's busy thoroughfare.

Love will give us joy and gladness,
It will be our hope and guide,
And our faith will bring us blessings
That will through the years abide.
Let us heed our Star Point teachings,
Let us practice each of them,
For they lead to life eternal
In the new Jerusalem.

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