

This ceremony honoring the five Star Points is best put on after the Bible has been closed... or a recess declared. It requires 10 Sisters and Choir, as well as a short introduction by the Worthy Matron.

Worthy Matron:

Stars may rise and Stars may wane, -
But, as we walk down Memory's lane,
The Stars who have a leading part...
Who have a place in every heart,
Are these who grace our Chapter's floor,
They are as Rays of Light, and more.
The virtues that they strive to teach
Are as a pattern that can reach
Into the heart of each one here, -
One reason why these five are dear.

So, tonight we honor the Rays of our Star, - Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa.

To soft music ten Sisters enter the Chapter room, five through the Preparation room door, and five through the Chapter room door. Of those entering through Chapter room door, the 1st and 3rd carry lighted tapers, and the 2nd, 4th and 5th carry flowers... 2nd carrying blue flowers, 4th, yellow flowers, and 5th, white flowers. Of those entering through Preparation room door, 1st, 3rd and 5th carry lighted tapers, 2nd carries red flowers and 4th carries a spray of green. They march East, then toward each other until they almost meet back of Esther's chair. Then they face East and march past Altar, 1 & 2 going Northeast and Southeast respectively, 3 & 4 going North and South respectively, and the 2nd & 5 fall in line, the one carrying flowers in front of the other. As in diagram 1, this forms a Star, with the lighted tapers on the outside, and the five nearest the Altar carrying flowers. They stand in this position while Choir sings to tune "Come Back to Erin", the words:

Stars of the heavens, look down on these earth Stars,
Marching together in paths of Thy light;
And in Thy radiance create love eternal,
Blessing now and ever our Star Points so bright.

The lines of march complete the circle around Adah and Electa respectively, and both lines march West, to be followed by 3, 4, & 5, respectively. In the West they face each other (Fig. 2) then turn East again to form a Pentagon. They hold this position while Choir sings to tune "Little Old Log Cabin on My Claim", the words:

A Pentagon of Loyalty, through ways of Love sublime,
Where Fidelity and Constancy unite;
With growing loyal fervor, and holy blessed Faith,
They follow Thy Star radiance through the night.

They fill our hearts with comfort, these Stars of beauty rare,
With their holy light, so lovely to behold;
And they ever guide our footsteps through the labyrinth of life,
As their hearts its bright and shining Rays unfold.

Lines again lead East, then North and South respectively. Follow Fig. 3, until lines march East through labyrinth, and break lines to stand... two behind each Star Point... this time, the Sister holding taper stands closest to Altar, and Sister with

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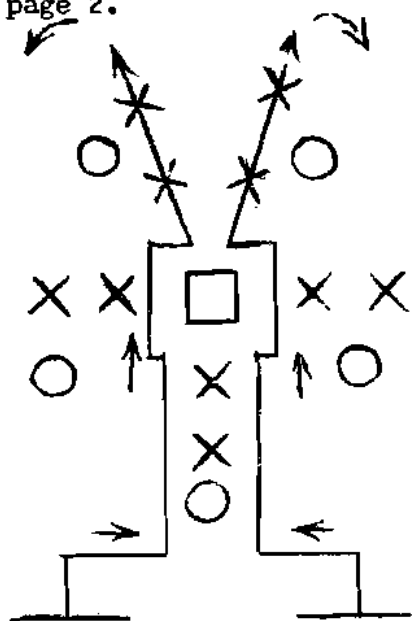


Figure 1.

flowers stands on outside. As soon as they are in this position, Choir sings to tune, "Come Back to Erin," the words....

Dear Eastern Stars, shine in radiance and beauty,

Leading our thoughts to His heavenly reign; Exemplify your obedience to duty...

Be then our beacon, our hopes to maintain.

Sister back of Adah, with taper, steps forward and places her taper on Adah's pedestal saying:

More light for Adah I bring tonight, And your Fidelity makes it yet more bright.

Other Sister steps forward and places blue flowers in Adah's lap, saying:

Blue flowers are my tribute, wear them with pride,

We would follow your pattern, whatever betide.

Sister back of Ruth takes one step forward to place taper on Ruth's pedestal, saying:

I bring more light for widowed Ruth, - Humbly, obediently, you served in truth.

Other Sister steps forward and places yellow flowers in Ruth's lap, saying:

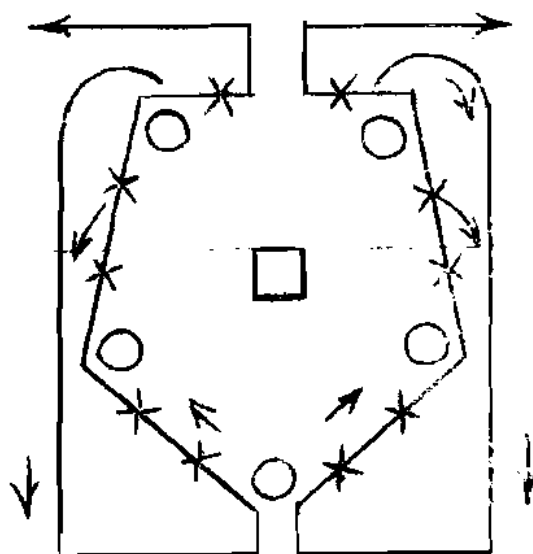


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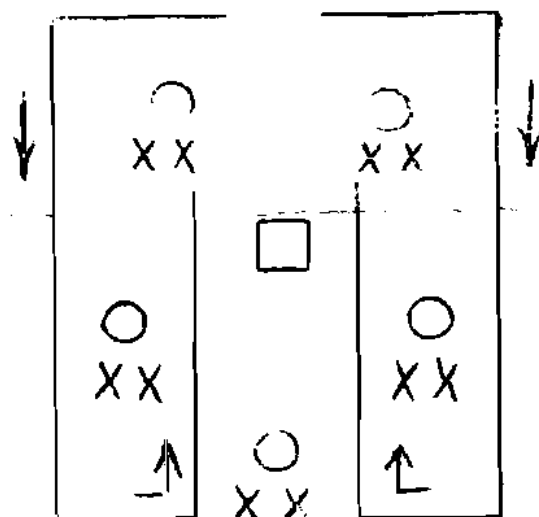


Figure 3.

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These yellow flowers honor your Constancy ever,
Self-sacrifice patterns your service forever.

Sister back of Esther takes one step forward, placing taper on Esther's pedestal.
She says: My light for Esther in tribute fair,
Light, purity and joy your offering rare.

Other Sister steps forward and places white flowers in Esther's lap, saying:
Flowers, purely white, each Member here sends.
To you, who gave all for kindred and friends.

Sister back of Martha takes one step forward to place taper on Martha's pedestal.
She says: More light for Martha, whose friendship Divine,
Is Resurrection's promise, - yours and mine.

Other Sister steps forward to place green spray on Martha's lap, saying...
Our tribute for your trust and faith serene,
Is here embodied in this spray of living green.

Sister back of Electa steps forward to place taper on her pedestal.
She says: The light of fervency made brighter by Electa's charity, -
Truth was the light you held, and showed sweet hospitality.

Other Sister places red flowers on Electa's lap, saying...
The spirit of the Cross, the fragrance of the rose,
And message of our love for you, within these flowers enclose.

While they remain standing in this position, Choir sings to tune "When It's
Springtime in the Rockies", the words...

While our Eastern Star is shining
In Star radiance, glowing, clear, -
We pay tribute to our Star Points,
For to us they are most dear;
Our loved heroines will guide us
With their stories, tender, wise, -
To exemplify the pattern
That will lead to Paradise.

To march music the two lines continue South and North, respectively, with the
lines turning West. Sisters behind Ruth and Martha fall in behind, and lines cross
back of Esther's chair, where fifth Sisters join the lines. Then lines of Sisters
either seat themselves at the back of the room, or retire through Chapter room door,
and Preparation room door.

If presentation of gifts is desired, it may be taken care of by attaching
gifts to the flowers, ... or the presentation may be made immediately before the last
song by the Choir.

This concludes ceremony.