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STAR POINT COLORS CEREMONY (Optional Candle Ceremony)

A pretty candle ceremony may be used with Star Points marching criss-cross to their positions before colors are distributed. If this is done, lights should be dimmed. A page for each Star Point accompanies the Points through the criss-cross drill at the beginning and they carry the candles at all times, holding them while the Star Points kneel at the altar. Each page stands behind her Point with lighted candle. Pages are only attendants and are not to kneel at the altar for they are in no way receiving any dedication to service; they are only light bearers.

If candles are not used, the Star Points gather at the altar, forming a semi-circle. The Marshall gives the lectures and an appointed assistant distributes the colors. Star Points each hold a Bible. Marshall and assistant take their positions in front of the Points.

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MARSHALL: My sisters, as we journey down the pathway of life we are given the opportunity to serve each other. That is our purpose and our mission. We may avoid responsibility and evade obligations, but if we pursue such course, we fail to secure for ourselves that joy and satisfaction which comes when we willingly heed the call of those who need our help.

Tonight we have the privilege of helping a pilgrim (s) as she seeks to find the beauty of the Eastern Star that shines within this room. If we have learned our lesson well it also shines within our hearts. Its radiant glow will be a gleaming light to her and she will recognize in her own heart the light we reveal to her.

You hold within your hands the Sacred Book that is a lamp unto our feet. Sister Adah, have you found within the Book a message to satisfy your heart?

ADAH: (opens her Bible and says impressively): "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me".

MARSHALL: You have spoken truly, my sister, for God in His infinite mercy knows all our sorrow and pain. He can take the broken threads of our lives and make them whole again.

ASSISTANT: (places Adah's color in Bible): The color of your Star Point is blue, an emblem of Faithfulness and Fidelity.

MARSHALL: Sister Ruth, within the Book you found words of comfort. What is the message?

RUTH (opens her Bible) Life is a place to sow and reap, a pledge to make, a pledge to keep. A humble servant of the Lord, trusting His promise and His word.

ASSISTANT (places Ruth's color in Bible) Yellow symbolizes Constancy and teaches faithful obedience.

MARSHALL: Sister Esther, what words of comfort and life have you found within God's Holy Word?

ESTHER (opens Bible): The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath a light shined.

ASSISTANT: The color of your Star Point is white. It is a symbol of Light and Purity.

MARSHALL: Sister Martha, you have found, in The Book, words to light your path. What is the message which has sustained you?

MARTHA (opens Bible): There is an everlasting promise on the pages of God's Word that has sustained me. It is this: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, BELIEVING, ye shall receive".



ASSISTANT: (places Martha's color in Bible): The color of your Star Point is green, meaning that you have found the secret of Eternal Life. For wher'ere we go, in all our deeds, faith is the answer to all our needs. Faith is the rock on which we build, and having faith, all doubt is stilled.

MARSHAL: Sister Electa, will you read from The Book that passage of comfort which your heart has found in your walk through life?

ELECTA (Opens Bible) There is a rule whereby men may live and I have found it true. It is this: Love suffereth long and is kind. Love thinketh no evil, but rejoiceth in the Truth.

ASSISTANT: (places Electa's color in Bible): Love is the answer to all the problems of life. And red is the color of your Star Point, a symbol of the Cross and its meaning to the world.

MARSHAL: Let us approach the altar with a sense of deep obligation for the duties we have before us.

(They approach altar and Star Points kneel)

CHAPLAIN: Our Heavenly Father, Ruler of our lives, and Rewarder of our actions, give us the knowledge to show forth Thy great love. Let us be channels of blessings in our daily ministrations to our sisters and brothers in this great Order. May the messages given here tonight show to those who enter here Thy love for mankind. May the Star that shone in the East long ago, shine forth with a pure light upon the pilgrim who seeks to find Him and worship here. In faith we ask it. Amen.

(Quietly, with music, tableau dissolves. Candle bearers may execute a simple drill in retiring.)