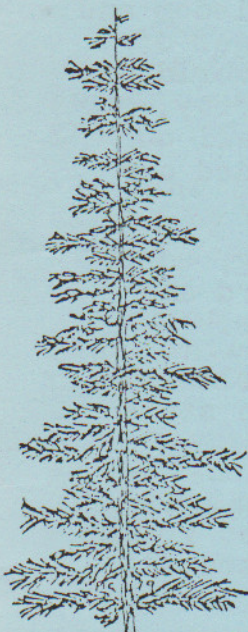


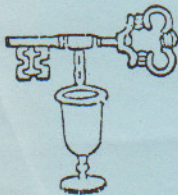
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The Serenity Collection



"IN THE BEGINNING"

An Emblem Placing
Ceremony



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An Emblem Placing Ceremony
to precede a Meeting or Session

Narrator:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

From these verses from 1st John we are reminded that God is the source of wisdom and our teachings come to us from the pages of His Holy Book. In an ever-changing world the Holy Bible continues to be our authority, our inspiration and our hope. Here are all our principles found, and here are recorded our guidelines for every day.

Just as God was at the beginning, so today as we begin our Sessions, His Word and His teachings are present to guide us.

(The Emblem Bearers, carrying the Bible and Emblems, now advance from the West to stand behind the Altar and pedestals.)

The Altar is the place where man meets God, and from the pages of this sacred volume receives the light by which he must travel life's road.

From its precious opening lines "In the beginning, God," to its closing benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all His people," the Bible is our guide and strength.

From its very beginning, our Order has exemplified our teachings by means of Emblems. Each has its own story to tell and its own lesson to teach.

Faithful to convictions of right and duty are taught by Adah with her Sword and Veil and her colour of heavenly blue.

Steadfastness to all the duties of life, blending humility and service, are the story of Ruth with her sheaf of wheat, reflecting the golden sun.

Loyalty, a noble quality of mind and heart, is taught by Esther with her Crown and Sceptre and her colour of white which reflects purity and innocence.

The uncertainty of human life and the hope of immortality is taught to us by the Broken Column of Martha and her colour of green, reflecting nature's life and beauty.

The lessons of love and hospitality are taught by the Cup of Electa, where her colour of red reminds us to love one another.

From the beginning, these Emblems have represented the principles and purpose of our Order and have led us to fields of service.

May the light of His star continue to guide each of us all the days of our lives. These Emblems we present with love.

(The solo, "The Lord's Prayer" would be most appropriate sung at this time.

Emblem bearers back slowly away from the Altar and pedestals, line up in the West, and then disperse.

Gowns or robes in appropriate colours for the Emblem Bearers add greatly to the beauty of the ceremony.)