

VOICES FROM THE STAR
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Ceremony for presenting ribbons, gifts, flowers, or Bibles to guest or guests.

May also be used to welcome newly installed Worthy Matron.

Associate Matron rises and speaks:

Our Star shines out upon your way,
To bring you blessings every day;
And as you pass life's journey through,
As friends, we must bring cheer to you;
So from the points of our dear Star,
You will hear voices from afar;
As each one brings a message true,
She will speak words of love to you.

Worthy Matron or guest may be escorted to each Star point in turn and verses given, or Star points may rise and take position in semicircle between dais and Altar as verses are given. Each may be provided with ribbons or gifts, or with flash lights concealed within the petals of a rose or other flower. Star points speak as follows:

Adah: The point of blue sends out it's ray
To teach fidelity each day;
This always will remind us how
Our Adah kept her father's vow;
And with a faith we know is true,
We bring our gift of love to you.

Ruth: The point which always shines with truth,
Reminding us of our dear Ruth,
And gives to us the sheaf of gold,
Will teach us constancy untold;
And as we bring our gift to you,
May you feel we are constant too.

Esther: The point that throws a gleaming light,
Teaches us courage to do right;
And Esther's crown and scepter too,
Shows what courageous hearts can do;
As our light shines upon your way,
May you be loyal every day.

Martha: The point that shines with emerald green,
Teaches a faith in things unseen;
And gives us Martha's trust and love,
With faith to look to things above;
And only by the things we do,
Can we show we have faith in you.

Electa: The point that glows with crimson red,
Shows how we can by faith be led;
And may we with Electa's love,
Pray Heaven's blessings from above;
For with out gifts we say to you,
You'll always find us faithful too.

If Star points do not present gifts, the Associate Matron or other officer or member, may collect gifts from Star points, and present them to Worthy Matron or guest as follows:

The gifts we bring to us seem small;
We wonder if they'll do at all;
But you will find wrapped up inside,
A gift which we can give with pride;
It is our love and faith in you;
It is our loyalty so true;
It is the friendship which we hold
As priceless as the truths of old.

You'll find within our words of cheer,
With all good wishes for each year;
May you have faith and courage too,
To do the things you want to do;
Our gift itself may seem so small,
But gifts can never tell it all;
So just consider we are true,
When we wish all good things for you.

This ceremony may be used to present gift or gifts to guests, in honoring an officer or other member, or Worthy Matron. Ribbons may be collected from Star points and tied on Gavel if desired.

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