

The Patriotic Message of our Colors.

Worthy Matron: We wish to show the symbolism of the emblematic colors of our Order of the Eastern Star in relation to the flag of our nation. Worthy Patron, will you now ask our Floral Sisters to explain the sentiments attaching our national colors to those of the Eastern Star?

Star points stand.

Worthy Patron: Sister Electa, will you tell us the connection between the red stripes of our flag and the red point of Electa?

Electa steps to altar, takes red streamer to her station and says:  
The red of the ruby signifies fire, divine love, courage and warmth. The red color of the blood has its origin in the action of the heart. The blood of the heroes of our country shed in defense of right sanctifies to us the blood red stripes of our national banner. Electa was the Martyr defender of truth.

Worthy Patron: Sister Esther, the white point of our star is in your keeping. Will you explain the connection between your point and the white on Old Glory?

Esther steps to altar, takes white streamer to her station and says:  
White is the emblem of light, purity, innocence, joy and life. In our National Banner it represents the light that shines from heaven, and the integrity of our nation. It finds a semblance in the character of Queen Esther.

Worthy Patron: Sister Adah, as Guardian of the Blue ray, what connection do you find in the symbolism of our point and the field of blue in our Flag?

Adah steps to altar, takes blue streamer to her station and says:  
The blue of the sapphire expresses heaven, the firmament, truth and fidelity. In our Flag this color represents the blue firmament, field and background for our silver stars. It symbolizes the loyalty and fidelity of those who have stood ready to defend it. Thus it reminds us of the devotion and fidelity of Adah.

Worthy Matron: So far, worthy patron, we follow your deductions, and find them worthy of our patriotic regard. But what of the Green and Yellow?

Worthy Patron: They too have a relation to our flag. Speak, my sisters.

Martha: The green of the emerald is the color of the spring of hope. It is that of the laurel and palm, emblems of Victory. And while it is not displayed on our National Banner, it is symbolic of its victories, of a nation's hope, and faith in a nation's God.     h

Ruth:

No doubt you are wondering what possible connection yellow can have with a patriotic scheme. Yellow has been branded as a badge of cowardice, and surely no such strain has ever smirched American honor.

But gold is the symbol of the sun, whose rays seek to shine with an undiminished luster through our lives. It gilds the crown of Liberty's Goddess. It shines in the sun of prosperity which blesses us as a nation, and it symbolizes the gold bond of union of these United States.

Worthy Matron:

Worthy Patron, through our Floral Sisters you have well justified the relation of colors of the Eastern Star with our National Emblem.

Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter. \* \* \* Dim lights. Spot on flag.

Sisters and Brothers, behold the Flag, symbol of love, patriotism and fidelity. Let us rejoice in this flag--our emblem of peace, of truth, of hope, of friendship, of freedom. We pledge to thee our loyalty and the love of our Eastern Star.

Worthy Patron:

Let us renew our pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Fledge of Allegiance.

Sing ~~Star Spangled Banner~~. Its a grand old flag.

Worthy Matron seats Chapter.