

AFFILIATION CEREMONY

An Affiliation Ceremony MUST be used. The following ceremony is recommended or, the Worthy Matron may use one of her own. This ceremony is to be the first order under New Business, and not to be used on the night of an Initiation.

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Flowers or Bible may be presented, at the discretion of the Worthy Matron.

At the proper time, the Worthy Matron announces that: "Those who have been elected to become members of _____ Chapter by affiliation will retire for the Affiliation Ceremony." The affiliate would retire in the regular manner, making the sign before leaving the chapter room. (Star Points will pick up flowers at this time.)

Associate Matron:

Worthy Matron, we have in waiting members who wish to affiliate with us. They are worthy, and their request is an indication that they have found the teachings of our Order beautiful and necessary to a successful life. They are without the door.

Worthy Matron:

Sister Marshal, you will retire and escort into the Chapter room the member(s) to be affiliated with our Chapter.

(Marshal retires in the regular manner, and returns with the affiliates, by way of the Sentinel's door, escorts them to the introduction line in back of Esther's chair and introduces each: Worthy

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Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Sister _____ who comes to us from _____ Chapter, in the State of _____

*Worthy Matron:* (call up chapter)

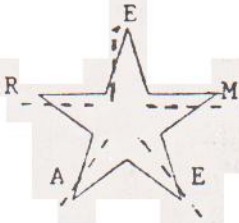
Sister (Brother) _____ affiliate member, we are happy to extend to you a fraternal greeting and to welcome you into our Chapter room. You have walked the path in another locality, but you have shown your love for our beloved Eastern Star by requesting membership in this, your new home. We have found you worthy to become one of us and our entire membership joins me in giving you a glad welcome. May you find sincere friendship and fraternal association within these walls. And may the light of the Eastern Star continue to shed its rays across your pathway as you travel the road with us. (Gavel.)

Sister Marshal, our Star Points have a welcome to give to our affiliate.

(Marshal forms hollow square, as indicated in diagram, and escorts the affiliate(s) to the west side of the Altar, entering the Labyrinth between Ruth and Esther.)

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(Star Points take a few steps toward Altar—
Esther stepping to the South of the Affiliate—
Marshal is on the North.)



Adah:

Fidelity is one of the great virtues of character. To be faithful to a trust means that we have faith in it. To be faithful to the obligation you took in another Chapter will prove your faithful service here. We welcome you into our membership. Tonight you enter into a pledge with us and we make a pledge to you. We are brothers and sisters in the Light of the Beautiful Star. (Present flower.)

Ruth:

You have gleaned in the field of experience and have found that Loyalty is what a person needs to meet and conquer the difficulties of life. Loyalty to the things we believe will give a bountiful harvest through the years. In the loyalty of our membership you will find happiness. Constancy is our watchword. Guard it well. (Present flower.)

Esther:

Light and purity are the attributes we strive to attain. A good life is bright light, and a pure

heart is where God dwells. In the light of purity of fraternal love and service we give you a welcome. (Present flower.)

Martha:

There is no death for him who lives by faith. Immortal life has been promised to all who believe in God's holy promises. The spirit of faith binds us together with a tie that never breaks. Your faith in the Light of the Eastern Star will not go unrewarded. Faith is part of life, and eternity is builded upon it. (Present flower.)

Electa:

The fervency and zeal of service grow in the red light of love. God's command is "Love thy neighbor as thyself" and we offer you such love in service here. May the love you have for our Order grow stronger each year as you live and serve with us. In that spirit we welcome you. (Present flower.)

(Worthy Matron gavels up the Chapter—Star Points, Marshal and affiliates join hands, and all members sing "Blessed Be the Tie That binds". Drop hands—Star Points back to the front of their chairs and face East.) (Gavel.)

Worthy Patron:

Sister Marshal, you will escort our affiliate member to the Secretary's desk where she will sign our By-Laws and then present her on the east line facing west. (Music while this is being done.)