

THE GUIDING STAR
A Service For Preparing Star Points For Initiation

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Five candle holders (or candelabra) should be upon the Altar, with five candles in Star point colors, unlighted.

As soon as Marshal is instructed to prepare Star points for Initiation, she approaches Altar with lighted candle, and after lighting candles on Altar, she steps back a few steps and gives following verses:

A bright Star in the Heavens hung,
With colors fair and true,
One ray was blue as cloudless sky,
One ray, a golden hue;
One white, one green, another red,
All blended in one view.

From points of this, our lovely Star
Which shines so clear and bright,
You bear a message to the world
Of loyalty and light,
Telling of heroines so true
Who dared uphold the right.

Each light will on your pathway shed
A gleam that shines afar;
And friends will cheer you on your way
With love that will not mar,
As you present to those who come
The message of our Star.

The Star points may march to form semicircle around Altar, or step forward to position. Each carries candle of appropriate color. (Candle holders should be provided at each Star point table)

Star points may approach Altar separately if desired. Just before speaking, each lights her candle from candle of appropriate color on Altar. As soon as Star point lights her candle, Marshal presents her with flowers, ribbons, emblem etc. After presentation, each Star point speaks as follows:

Adah: From my point will shine the bright ray of the sapphire,
and it's light will carry with it the lesson of fidelity
to the convictions of right and duty.

Ruth: From my point will shine the luster of the topaz, and
it's light will tell to all the world the lesson of
obedience to the demands of honor and justice.

Esther: From my point will shine the brilliancy of the diamond
and the ray of white will speak the message of loyalty
to kindred and friends.

Martha: From my point will shine the beauty of the emerald,
and it's ray will tell the story of a trustful faith
in the hour of trial, and the hope of eternal life.

Electa: From my point will shine the radiant gleam of the
ruby, and it's ray will teach us to love one another,
and to extend generous aid to the victims of poverty
and distress.

The following verse may be given by the Marshal while Star points are in semi-circle, or after they resume stations as desired.

Marshal: The candles with their gleams so bright
Will light your pathway through,
And the message of these gifts we bring
Will words of truth renew;
So tell again the wondrous love
Of heroines so true.

Marshal bows and the Star points are seated.

Marshal may do all the speaking if desired, or messengers may be used, by forming semicircle, lighting candles, and receiving gift from Marshal, then each in turn presenting gift to Star point. If this form of service is used, change the parts for Star points to second person as follows:

From your point will shine etc.

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