

Symbolism of the Star Points
CEREMONY HONORING STAR POINTS

WORTHY MATRON: THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IS FOUNDED UPON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, AND ITS SYMBOLS, TEACHINGS, AND PRECEPTS ARE ALL FOUND WITHIN THE PAGES OF THE HOLY BIBLE. WE COULD ALSO SAY THAT THE EASTERN STAR IS AN ORGANIZATION OF SYMBOLIC TEACHINGS. THIS IS WELL DEMONSTRATED IN THE "STORY OF THE STAR", AS TOLD BY THE STAR POINTS.

ADAH: AT THE FIRST POINT, ADAH, THE VEIL IS RAISED TYPICAL OF THAT REVELATION WHICH WILL FOLLOW. THIS IS ALSO SYMBOLIC OF THE COMING OF EVERY MEMBER INTO THE ORDER, OUT OF DARKNESS INTO THE FULLER KNOWLEDGE AND LIGHT OF THE STAR. IT REQUIRES THREE STEPS TO ENTER THE ORDER: THE DESIRE, THE REQUEST, AND THE INITIATION.

RUTH: AT THE SECOND POINT, RUTH, WE SHOULD READ THE STORY WITH THIS SYMBOL IN MIND: THE FRIEND IS THE WORLD; TRUTH, THE O.E.S.; BOAZ, THE MASTER, CHRIST. RUTH WAS THE ANCESTRESS OF THE CHILD OF PROMISE, THE MESSIAH, WHOSE STAR SHONE IN THE EAST.

ESTHER: AT THE THIRD POINT, ESTHER, IT IS FITTING THAT THE STORY OF A QUEEN SHOULD BE TOLD. WE HONOR ESTHER FOR HER DEVOTION TO HER PEOPLE, AND HER WILLINGNESS TO LAY ASIDE HER DIGNITY AND RISK HER LIFE TO SAVE THEM. YES, SHE CHOSE THE RIGHT, FORGETTING SELF IN HER LOVE FOR OTHERS -- A TRUE EXAMPLE OF FIDELITY TO PRINCIPLE.

MARTHA: AT THE FOURTH POINT WE FIND MARTHA AS THE SPIRITUAL WOMAN. HER FAITH WAS AN ACTIVE FAITH; SHE BELIEVED IN DEAD; SHE EXPECTED HER FRIEND JESUS TO DO SOMETHING, AND SHE BELIEVED HE WOULD. HER SPLENDID FAITH, DEEP AND LASTING, IS THE ROCK OF OUR SYMBOL IN IMMORTALITY. MARTHA IS THE EMBLEM OF OUR FAITH.

ELECTA: AT THE FIFTH POINT, ELECTA, WE ARE REMINDED THAT NO ONE LIVES TO HERSELF OR HIMSELF ALONE; THAT EVERYWHERE SOME POINT OF CONTACT IS MET WITH THE OTHER PERSON. ELECTA KEEPS THE SPARK OF HOSPITALITY ALIVE, AND A WARM WELCOME, LIKE A RIVER, SHOULD EVER FLOW FROM THIS POINT TOWARD THE MEMBERS AND THE STRANGER IN THE CHAPTER. THE LIVING POINT OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP IS AT ELECTA'S STATION. HERE IS THE SYMBOL OF LOVE -- LOVE SO WARM AND TRUE THAT IT LIGHTENS THE WHOLE CHAPTER.