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Ceremony honoring members for Past Service  
A FRATERNAL GREETING (Using Star Points)  
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At close of introductions, Associate Matron with lighted candle, approaches the Altar, bows, and addresses guests in the East as follows:

As a token of love, and in appreciation of your past service, I place this lighted candle upon our Altar. May it's light ever shine to lead us on in loyalty and truth.

After speaking, Associate Matron places candle upon Altar, and returns to her station.

The one who is to present flowers enters outer door with basket of flowers and unlighted white candle. She should be dressed in white robe as she represents the Spirit of Service. She advances to west of Altar, bows, and speaks as follows:  
(All address guests in speaking)

It is with the truest love that I come to you in the Spirit of Service, bringing to you our token of appreciation. We realize that in the past you have given much valuable time to the service of our Order and for this service we are truly grateful. Your love for our great organization has caused you to grasp a sincere knowledge of the truth, honor, and love exemplified by the teachings of our heroines. As we look back upon your past life we see you ever true to the blue point of Adah.

Adah rises and steps within the labyrinth between her chair and Altar. She carries a blue unlighted candle. The other Star points are also provided with unlighted candles appropriate to the color of their stations. As Adah steps to position, the Spirit of Service lights the candle which she carries from the candle on Altar, and with it lights Adah's candle.

Adah speaks: You have had the courage of Adah,  
And ever to vows you were true,  
And that is why we are bringing  
Fidelity's tribute to you. *blue*

As she finishes speaking, Secretary and Marshal, with unlighted candles approach Altar and take positions on straight line between Adah and Altar forming the blue point of the Star. As soon as they are in position, Spirit of Service lights their candles from her candle. *blue*

Spirit of Service to guests:

The past reveals that you were true to every station in life, and have been as constant as was our humble gleaner, Ruth.

Ruth rises and takes position between her station and Altar. Spirit of Service lights her candle.

Ruth speaks: For love is always so golden,  
With a value beyond compare,  
And because we find you worthy,  
We are willing our love to share. *yellow*

As she finishes speaking, Conductress and member seated near Conductress, approach Altar with unlighted yellow candles, and take position on straight line between Ruth and Altar, forming the yellow point of the Star. As soon as they are in position, Spirit of Service lights their candles from her candle.

Spirit of Service to guests:

The past reveals that you have been true to kindred and friends and ever loyal to the cause of right and duty, as was Esther, our noble Queen.

Esther rises and takes position between her station and Altar, and Spirit of Service lights her candle.

Esther speaks: As my ray brings you a welcome  
Because you have done the right, *white*  
May it give you strength and courage,  
And lead you on by it's light.

As she finishes speaking, Associate Matron, and some member seated near, approach Altar with unlighted white candles, and take position on straight line between Esther and Altar. Spirit of Service lights their candles forming white point of star. *white*

Spirit of service to guests:

The past reveals that you have had faith to look above, and have believed as did Martha in the words of Jesus when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life".

Martha rises and takes position between her station and Altar. Spirit of Service lights her candle.

Martha speaks: You have a hope for the future,  
May it give you comfort and peace,  
And joy in the beauties of Heaven  
When the cares of life for you cease. *green*

As she finishes speaking, Associate Conductress and some member seated near, approach Altar with unlighted green candles and take position on straight line between Martha and Altar. Spirit of Service lights the candles forming the green point of the Star.

Spirit of Service to guests:

The past reveals that you have been generous and charitable, and have exemplified through your lives the sublime virtue that we love one another. You have been true to the teachings of Electa.

Electa rises and takes position between her station and Altar. Spirit of Service lights her candle.

Electa speaks: There is always love in a welcome, *red*  
Like a mother's love that is true,  
And there is love in the welcome  
That we are now bringing to you.

As she finishes speaking, Treasurer and Chaplain approach Altar with unlighted red candles, taking position on straight line between Electa and Altar, forming the red point of the Star. *red*

As soon as the Star is formed around Altar, Spirit of Service puts out flame of her candles, and with basket of flowers approaches the East. As she does so, soloist sings:

Tune: Ring the Bells of Heaven. (Hymn)

We now bring a welcome  
From our Campar dear,  
For to us you have been good and true;  
You have been so loyal to us year by year,  
And for this we come to welcome you.

Chorus: Welcome, welcome  
Let our praises ring,  
Welcome, welcome  
It's for you we sing  
For you are so loyal,  
And so good and true,  
And for this we come to welcome you.

Adah with her courage,  
Ruth so good and true,  
And our noble Queen so loyal too;  
Martha trusting ever,  
And Electa's love,  
Will for us our faith and hope renew.

There's a Star that's shining,  
Out upon our way,  
Leading us by gleams that come afar;  
We can never falter,  
We can never stray,  
If we're led by our own Eastern Star.

At close of song, Spirit of Service presents flowers as follows:

To you who have served so well through the years,  
And have given our Order your best,  
We bring you our message of love so sincere,  
And trust that with joy you'll be blest.

For we find in our Star one point that is blue,  
And one with a soft yellow glow,  
And one is so white, and another so green,  
And the other is red as you know.

But the flowers we bring are all of one kind,  
All one color and one fragrance too,  
But we know they're sufficient to carry with them  
Our message of welcome to you.

Our Star will stay bright, but the flowers will fade,  
And soon they will wither and die,  
But the message they give will never grow old,  
But will live in the sweet by and by.

After flowers are presented, officers return to stations.

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