

## Naming Retiring Star Points I

The order of the Eastern Star is founded upon Biblical records, and the teachings of our order fill our minds and hearts with the better things of life.

Each chapter has been compared to a garden within whose walls grow perfect flowers. The seeds planted in this garden must be placed in soil that has been carefully prepared. Springs of love and concern for our fellow members must bring these plants to perfection.

The five lessons which you have helped to teach, are nourishment to these growing flowers.

First, you taught obedience to the demands of honor and justice. The sword, which could represent the human tongue, cuts and injures, perhaps unintentionally, those nearest and dearest to us. The veil becomes that cloak of charity which teaches us to guard our tongues, to conceal selfish and unworthy thoughts, and let love and charity control our hearts.

Secondly, you spoke of unselfish love. The path which led to deprivation and poverty was chosen by Ruth. She gave companionship and love when it was desperately needed.

Third, came fidelity to principles. Esther chose the right and forgot herself in her desire to aid her fellow man.

Fourth, you taught of faith in a living God and of His promise to man. We must fight against the tendency to become a nation of non-believers.

And, at the last star point, you portrayed 'lecta who represents the Christian Church. Without this influence the entire world structure would end in chaos.

Thank you for your years of labor in helping us to figuratively

travel life's experiences. You have helped to throw off the power of darkness, and we have been helped to reach for light and love. Your council in the ways we may rule ourselves has helped us in our growth and because of you we too may hope to become perfect flowers.

You have helped us to see His Star in the East and we all wish to say, "Thank you". You, too, are one of those who are the fairest of the flowers in the garden.