

RIBBON/FLOWER CEREMONY

MARSHAL (from her station)

Beyond the door of the preparation room, the candidates await the lessons of our Star. It is your duty, My Sisters to share with them the light, knowledge and beauty of each ray. As the Star in the East led the wise man to the Christ Child, it is up to you to lead our candidates to understand the lessons of our heroines.

ALL STAR POINTS STAND AFTER A NOD FROM THE MARSHAL. MARSHAL GOES TO EACH STAR POINT STATION AND ADDRESSES THE OFFICER. STAR POINTS REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE MARSHAL HAS RETURNED TO HER STATION AND SEATS THEM WITH A NOD.

MARSHAL: Sister Adah, the blue ribbon/flower represents the Daughter's sign. Yours is the lesson of honor and duty, teaching Fidelity to our vows and obligations to one another and to God.

MARSHAL HANDS BLUE RIBBON/FLOWER TO ADAH AND PROCEED TO RUTH.

MARSHAL: Sister Ruth, the yellow ribbon/flower represents the Widow's sign. Yours is the lessons of Constancy, teaching humility and devotion to responsibility.

MARSHAL HANDS YELLOW RIBBON/FLOWER TO RUTH AND PROCEED TO ESTHER

MARSHAL: Sister Esther, the white ribbon/flower represents the wife's sign. Yours is the lesson of justice and unselfish courage. Teaching loyalty to family, country and God.

MARSHAL HANDS THE WHITE RIBBON/FLOWER TO ESTHER AND PROCEEDS TO MARTHA

MARSHAL: Sister Martha, the green ribbon/flower represents the Sister's sign. Yours is the lesson of faith and hope, teaching us to maintain our Faith in God in both our joys and sorrows.

MARSHAL HANDS THE GREEN RIBBON/FLOWER TO MARTHA AND PROCEED TO ELECTA

MARSHAL: Sister Electa, the red ribbon/flower represents the Mother's sign. Yours is the lesson of truth and love, teaching us to care for one another with the same generous love with which God blesses those who believe in Him.

MARSHAL HANDS THE RED RIBBON/FLOWER TO ELECTA, THEN GOES TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE CHAPTER ROOM.

MARSHAL: My Sisters each of you has received the ribbon/flower in the color appropriate to your station. Through you the lessons of our Star are given the beauty and knowledge from which understanding grows. Be mindful of your duty as you shed the light of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love on these our new members.

MARSHAL NODS TO STAR POINTS, WHO THEN STEP BACK BEHIND THEIR STATIONS IN UNISON, AND PLACE THE RIBBONS/FLOWERS ON THE PEDESTAL'S. THE STAR POINTS RETURN TO THEIR POSITIONS BESIDE THE CHAIRS AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE MARSHAL HAS RETURNED TO HER STATION.

(THE MARSHAL WILL RETURN TO HER STATIONS AS THE STAR POINTS BEGIN TO MOVE TO PLACE THEIR RIBBONS/FLOWERS AND SHOULD BE IN HER STATION WHEN THE STAR POINTS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES BESIDE THE CHAIRS)

The Marshal will nod to the Star Points and everyone will be seated.

Sister Organist: Music will be played as the Marshal moves from point to point and as she returns to her station

Given to me by Carol Hanlin when she was Grand Marshal of Kansas