

## OPTIONAL CEREMONY FOR AFFILIATION OF MEMBERS WHEN THERE IS NO INITIATION

NOTE: Under Good of the Order the WORTHY MATRON will ask the affiliating member(s) to stand, and will instruct the CONDUCTRESS to escort them behind Esther's chair for introduction.

**CONDUCTRESS:** "Worthy Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_, formerly of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state)."

**WORTHY MATRON:** "We are happy to extend to you a fraternal greeting, and we welcome you into Welcome Chapter #40. You have walked the path in another locality, but you have shown your love for our order by requesting membership in this, your new chapter. Our members join me in giving you a cordial welcome. May you find sincere friendship and fraternal love within these walls. May the light of Eastern Star continue to shed its rays across the pathway of your life.

"Sister Conductress, please escort our affiliating member(s) to the secretary's desk to sign our by-laws."

NOTE: After the by-laws have been signed, the CONDUCTRESS will cause the new member(s) to take a position on the East marching line, facing West, at a point as close to the South marching line as possible, being careful that no one stands between the East and the Altar. Form two lines if the number of affiliates requires that. The CONDUCTRESS will take her place at the South end of the line. When all are in position, the WORTHY MATRON will address the new members.

**WORTHY MATRON:** "My Sister/Brother, our Star Points have words of greeting for you."

NOTE: The Star Points stand without direction and remain standing until the Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.

**ADAH:** "From the blue ray comes the wish that faith, hope, and charity will continue to be the cornerstone of your life."

**RUTH:** "The yellow ray reminds us that a life of humble service is a life in tune with the infinite. So may it be with you."

**ESTHER:** "May the white ray of our Star add its light to a life of courage, and strengthen your devotion to the principles of our Order."

**MARTHA:** "From the green ray comes the wish that a deep and abiding faith will sustain you throughout all of life's experiences."

**ELECTA:** "The red ray reminds you to make unselfish love the foundation of your life. As you enfold others in your compassion, may you be enfolded in the love of our Heavenly Father."

NOTE: The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter and says:

**WORTHY MATRON:** "Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in giving our new member(s) a hearty welcome."

NOTE: Welcome is given; "Welcome Song" may be sung at this time.

"Sister Conductress, you will escort our new member(s) to their places in the Chapter room."

NOTE: The Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.