

INITIATION - FLORAL TALK

This Floral Talk from Pilgrim Chapter is a “ceremony” that takes place inside the chapter room while the AC is instructing the candidates outside the room. It “fills the time” & gets the chapter focused on the initiation. In this “prelude” the Star Points are escorted to the AM and there are given their ribbons for Initiation and reminded of what the ribbons represent. By the time they return to their seats, it’s time for the Conductress to bring in the candidate(s).

WM says: “Sister/Brother Marshal — Please present Our Star Points to the West.”

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Marshal leaves his station and walks around the labyrinth to a step beyond Electa.

As he does this, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa fall in behind him.

At Electa, Marshal turns left, takes 2 steps, turns left, and walks along line of march to end up with Marshal and all Star Points in front of and facing the Associate Matron. As Assoc Matron produces small ribbon books and says her piece for each Star Point, she will hand the books to the Marshal. He takes them from her and hands them to the proper Star Point, returning to his position each time, until he gives the book(s) to Electa, then the Marshal stays at that end of the line.

AM: “Sister Adah -- It will soon be your duty
To instruct the candidate in the light and beauty
Of the glowing **Blue Ray** that shines out afar
In the very first point of our Eastern Star.”

AM: “Sister Ruth -- It will be your duty to teach
How far and wide constancy may reach
When sent through the gleaming **yellow ray**
That shines as our guide by night and day.”

AM: “Sister Esther -- You represent the noble queen
In whose life sacrifice and love was seen
When she gave to her people the joy & light
As taught in the beautiful ray of **white.**”

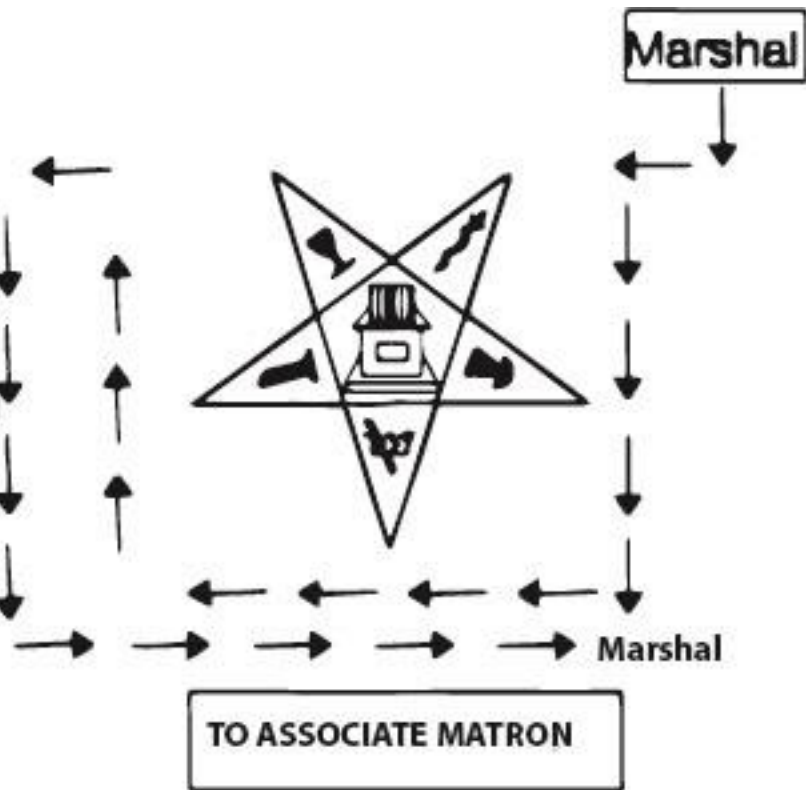
AM: “Sister Martha -- Of faith and of life immortal you tell
As taught by him who does all things well
May you impress your candidate with all you say
Of teachings exemplified in the bright **green ray.**”

AM: “Sister Electa -- You teach the lesson of the ray of **red**
And tell of the mother who by courage was led
To follow in the steps of her savior dear
With charity and love and ever without fear.”

AM: “ Brother Marshall, please return our Star Points to their respective stations.”

Marshal leads star points back to their stations and returns to his own station.

Marshal marches the South marching line. Star points fall in behind as he passes their chairs, following him until he lines them up facing the AM in the West. He steps forward, taking the proffered booklets and delivers them to the correct Star Point.



Marshal remains at N end of row after delivering booklets to Electa. The Star Points turn and follow him, dropping off starting with Electa, then Martha Esther, Ruth as they pass their station, ending with Adah, then he takes his seat.

