

AFFILIATION SERVICE

Worthy Matron hands the Gavel to the Worthy Patron to preside during the Affiliation Service.

Worthy Patron: Sis Conductress, you will present Sis/Bro at the Altar to take the Affiliation Obligation.

Worthy Matron:(When Affiliate in in position at the Altar) Sis/Bro we welcome you into our Chapter with the knowledge that you have received the Degrees of the Order, have assumed its Obligation and been instructed in the several lessons exemplified by the Heroines of our Order.

Worthy Patron:(Raises Chapter - goes to the Altar. After the Affiliation Obligation the Worthy Patron returns to the East) Sister Conductress, you will escort Sis/Bro to the Secretary's desk to sign the Roll Book of the Chapter.(Conductress escorts Affiliate to Secretary's desk, then places her in front of the Secretary's desk facing the East)

Worthy Matron: Sis/Bro..... we have prepared for your instruction and pleasure the following Affiliation Service, that you may be duly received as a Member of our Chapter and Officially greeted by it's Office Bearers, our Chapter representatives. As Worthy Matron I sincerely greet you, as a link now added to our Golden Chain. May loyalty and truth forever keep you, that happily with us you may remain.

Worthy Patron: Sis/Bro..... Co-operation is the keynote of success. United in our cause we firmly stand. By adding strength to strength truth shall endure, and long shall prosper our beloved band.

(Associate Matron and Assoc Patron advance to positions on either side of Esther's chair),

Assoc Matron: As shines the rays of our effulgent sun, so shines a kindly thought and noble deed. As mighty oaks from little acorns grow, so flowers blossom from the smallest seed.

Assoc Patron: The faintest rays from one small star in Heaven may guide the weary traveller home. May His bright Star forever guide you, that from His pathway you may never roam. (Both return to Stations)

(Secretary advances to back of Adah's chair as Treasurer advances to back of Electa's chair)

Secretary: 'Tis said the pen is mightier than the sword. Write well thy record in the Book of Life. Bind firmly with threads of honest toil. Live nobly, fear not earthly cares or strife.

Treasurer: The keys of life are yours, so keep them safely. Guard well the paths of selfishness and sin. Unlock the doors of Charity and Kindness, that Happiness and Love may enter in. (Both return to stations)

(Conductress and Assoc Cond advance to back of Ruth's and Martha's chairs)

Conductress: The secret of success lies in the plan of thought and act of each well ordered day. Let chart and compass mark the path ahead. Guard well each step you take along the way.

Assoc Cond: Remember there is a captain and a leader who guides the traveller over land and sea. Mark well, and follow His example. This Pilot harbours all to safety. (Both return to stations)

(Marshal advances to back of Adah's chair as I P Matron advances to bach of Electa's chair).

Marshal: So mark well and heed your direction, for there is a city foursquare where goodness endures forever. The end of the journey is there.

I P Matron: Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Hope, Love and Charity - and the greatest of these is Charity. (Both return to stations)

(Warder and Organist advance to back of Esther's chair)

Warder: So guard well the door of the present,
Lock safely the door of the past.
The door of the future stands open,
May your journey be safe to the last.

Organist: The twilight soon fades into darkness, as the sun slowly sinks in
the west. Life's music is sweetest at the close of the day, the last song is
always the best. (Both return to stations)

(Conductress conducts Affiliate to each Point in turn)

Adah: Look to the sky of Blue for greater courage.

Ruth: Look to the golden sun that lights the day.

Esther: Look to the great white clouds that float above you.

Martha: Look to the tall green trees that shade the way.

Electa: Look for the tender touch of human kindness,
Look well and learn this lesson true,
Ask and you'll receive in great abundance,
Knock and the door will open unto you.

(Points could have floral token of appropriate colour)

(Conductress and Affiliate advance to front of Treasurer's station -face
the East)

Chaplain (at Altar): Direct us and teach us O Father, and send Thy truth and
Thy light. O give us strength for the journey, and courage to follow the
right.

So may it ever be.

Worthy Patron: Sisters and Brothers, we have added one more link to our
Golden Chain. You will give a hearty welcome to our new Sis/Bro and resume
order at the sound of the gavel.

All sing "Blest be the tie that binds".