

## **SIGNING THE BIBLE**

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### **Preparation**

Past Matrons and Past Patrons have charge of the ceremony which may be presented at Installation or at the first meeting after the Installation. If given at a Chapter meeting do so either under the good of the order or after the Chapter is closed.

Prepare two pretty book marks. These may be as simple or elaborate as you wish. On them have written, "From the Eastern Star Bible to Your Bible." These markers are in the possession of the Associate Conductress.

All Past Matrons and Patrons taking part retire from the Chapter room except those acting as Worthy Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress.

### **Music**

"Holy Bible, Book Divine" and any other pretty hymns.

### **Program**

**Worthy Matron speaks:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will prepare the Bible for the signatures of the Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron.

*Soft music is played as the Conductress and Associate Conductress approach the Altar. The Conductress opens it at the proper place for the signing and then places a fountain pen beside it (be sure the pen contains ink). The Associate Conductress then places the two Markers in the Bible on the side opposite the place of signing. The two Conductresses then resume their stations.*

*Music, "Holy Bible, Book Divine" is sung as a solo or duet. One verse and chorus only.*

**Worthy Matron speaks:** Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will retire and invite the Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron to enter, accompanied by other past officers.

*The past officers enter from the Preparation Room and the Chapter room doors, march around the room, then form an open square around the Altar, leaving the West open. If there are not enough past officers to do this, two lines, one on North and one on South side of Chapter room may be formed, or the past officers may not march with the signers at all if that is more convenient. However, the ceremony will be more impressive if they take part. The Conductress and Associate Conductress are last in line and just preceding them march the junior past officers.*

**Worthy Matron speaks:** My Sister and Brother, you are privileged to sing our Holy Bible because, with those who have served before you, you have worked diligently and

devotedly in our Order. The Bible has ever been our Guide and may it continue to be yours as you place your name on its Holy Pages.

**After the officers have signed, the Worthy Matron speaks:** In commemoration of this occasion we present each of you with a Marker for your own Bibles. (*Conductress and Associate Conductress present them here.*) May the Marker be a reminder to you of this ceremony tonight, and as you go about performing the tasks that lie before you from day to day.

May His Star in the East illumine your way  
All along your path with a pure shining ray;  
May every step in your life's journey bright  
Help you to stand for truth and right.

*Music is played while the officers retire in the same manner as they entered.*