

3. A SHORT STAR POINT CEREMONY

Presenting Flowers or Ribbons

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Properties needed: A flower basket filled with flowers (or ribbons) in the emblematic colors should be waiting beside Marshal's chair. If ribbons are used, Speaker should substitute "ribbon" for "blossom," "flower," "garland" and "cluster."

Speaker: the Marshal.

Directions: When directed by the Worthy Matron, the Marshal shall step forward from her station and bow to the Star Points who shall then rise. All may remain in these positions, or may slowly assemble near the altar. If the latter, then the Star Points shall step slowly backward to their stations following the Marshal's address to Electa, the Marshal stopping mid-way to her station.

The Marshal shall hold the appropriate flower (or ribbon) before her while addressing each Point, handing it to her before proceeding to the next Point. Following her final address to the Points, she shall bow to seat them, then step slowly backward to her station, bow to the Worthy Matron and be seated.

MARSHAL:

You soon shall speak of our lovely queens, so
noble, brave and true,
With their colors bright—red and green and white,
Purest gold and royal blue;

GEMS OF THOUGHT

How dearly we hold these queens of old, who heard
the Master's call,
And among the lovely thousands, fairest of them all

(To Adah)

This blossom (or ribbon) of blue shall speak for you
of a daughter's faithful love,
Of her father's humility before such fidelity,
To honor and God above.

(To Ruth)

This flower (or ribbon) of gold shall a story unfold of
a widow's deep distress,
I will tell of her gleaming from dawn until evening
And to her constancy attest.

(To Esther)

This garland (or ribbon) of white, this spotless white,
shall speak of a royal queen,
Of her courage and beauty; of her daring in duty
And of her loyalty serene.

(To Martha)

In this cluster (or ribbon) of green, a lesson is seen of
a sister's grief and pain,
Of her faith when she said, "Tho' my brother be dead,
I know he shall live again."

CEREMONIES

(To Electa)

This beauty (or ribbon) of red shall a radiance shed
like the deeds of the valiant mother,
With the cross on her breast, she with fervency
expressed:
"Let us all love one another."

(To ALL)

These garlands of glory all tell the glad story, no
sorrow nor grief can bedim;
Like the Wise Men afar, we have seen the bright star
And have come to worship Him.

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