

2006 Life Member program
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This afternoon we honor and extend our gratitude to our cherished Life Members who have served Eastern Star for these many years.

Soft Music: "Memories"

(All five star points enter one by one, stand by station when color is stated, go behind chair into the Labyrinth, lift the jewel above their head and hold until next star point, then lower to in front and stay in place until all have been presented. Then back to the side of chair, face West and retire during song.)

The lessons of our beautiful Order
Have been learned and lived by you.
Your fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love
Now shine as jewels of a brilliant hue
When the planner arranged our Star Points.

The first point was the heavenly blue
To symbolize Adah's virtues of honor and right
And vows to which she was true
As the jewel to represent her virtues,
The lovely sapphire is a perfect stone
For it shines with integrity and truth
Like you – Golden Stars – our very own.

The color chosen for the second Star Point
Was golden yellow, like ripened grain
To symbolize Ruth's constant virtues
Of humble obedience without thought of gain.
The jewel of Ruth's true constancy
Is the golden topaz of shining beauty
Which glows as a symbol of friendship
As you – Golden Stars – follow your duty.

The color chosen for the third Star Point
Was white, representing light and joy
To symbolize Esther's virtue of loyalty
As her queenly right she did employ.
The jewel of her purity and courage
Is the diamond sparkling and bright.
This reflects all other colors
Just as you – Golden Stars – reflect joy and light.

The color chosen for the fourth Star Point

Was Martha's own living green
To symbolize her faith and her hope
In things that to us are unseen.
The jewel of Martha's faith and hope
Is the emerald = so pure and so clear.
Its beauty shines for all to see
Just as you – golden stars – walk without fear.

The color chosen for the fifth Star Point
Was the beautiful and fervent red
To symbolize Electa's love for others.
As by the way of the cross she was led.
The jewel of Electa's love and truth
Is the ruby which glows in constant flame,
Just as Electa's virtues of charity
Have been displayed by you in our Savior's name.

Memories of more than 50 years
Hold a wealth of dreams come true
As hearts and hands of friends are joined in this meeting with you.
May blessed peace swell in your hearts
And may the blessings you've given others
Circle back again to each of you.
Through the love of your Sisters and Brothers
You have been strong and of good courage
And carried our Star within your heart
And as the jewels of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love to treasure
Your teachings will never to part.
So it is with gratitude and humility
That we welcome you to grand chapter today.
For you are beloved and dear to us all
And are truly living the Eastern Star Way.

Star points retire as member sing:

May the Good Lord bless and keep you
Whether near or far away
May our Star shine down upon you
As you go your way.
May the veil of Jephtha's daughter
Bring to mind fidelity
May the sheaf of Ruth remind you
Of her constancy.
May you always walk in sunshine
With Esther's loyalty.
May Martha's broken column

Promise immortality.
May your cup be overflowing
With Electa's love and then
May the Good Lord bless and keep you
Till we meet again.

Remember 50 year members receive the Grand Honors with their pins