

### Bible and Ribbons meaning

The late Sister Jeanne McCutchin was Chaplain of Dodgeville Chapter #39 for 18 years. She gave this address after each initiation.

The Bible you received at the altar is a gift from your chapter. It was presented to commemorate your initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star. In it you will find all of the lessons you have heard here tonight. The lessons of Adah, Ruth and Esther are taken from the Old Testament. Adah, or the story of Jephtha's daughter, can be found in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Book of Judges. Ruth and Esther are complete books of the Bible. The lessons of Martha and Electa are taken from the New Testament. The story of Martha can be found in the books of Luke and John. Electa, or the story of the Elect Lady, is given in the Second Epistle of John. With the ribbons you received you can mark each lesson in its appropriate color - Blue for Adah the daughter, yellow for Ruth the Widow, White for Esther the Wife, Green for Martha the Sister, and Red for Electa the Mother. May the lessons which you will receive from these holy Pages become nearer and dearer to you as the years come and go. And may I offer my most sincere congratulations on your initiation into our beautiful order.