

2003 Star Point – prologue ceremony adapted from program by Zelda Brunn

The order of the eastern star presents the study of human character through some outstanding women of the Old and New Testaments. It is said that great men and women explain history. If we are familiar with the great women of the Holy Scripture the inspirations of their lives will flow through us into the lives of those with whom we come in contact. The scripture reveals to us the heroines of the Bible who appealed to God seeking god's help for strength and courage. We look to the five points of our Star and find the heroines of our order all appealed to God for help to perform their obligation in life. God sent his help in the form of angels. Throughout the Old and New Testaments angels appeared as messengers from God to help those in need.

The first point of our star is the blue ray and teaches fidelity. Adah's and her father Jephtha's history is found in the book of Judges. Adah was required to surrender her life to fulfill a vow her father made to God.

Song: Angels from the Realms of Glory

The second point of our star is the yellow ray and is a symbol of constancy. The history of Ruth teaches us of her love and courage in a land of strangers. She is a poor widow woman who accepts the responsibility of caring for her widowed mother-in-law.

Song: Bringing in the Sheafs.

The third point of our star is white symbolizing light, purity and joy. The story of Esther is found in the seventeenth book of the Old Testament. When the king gave the edict which threatened her life and the lives of her people, she fasted three days and nights so she could have courage and success as she went before the king.

Song: God will take care of you.

The fourth point of our star is the green ray symbolizing eternal life. The history of Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus is found in the book "The Gospel According to John" in the New Testament. After the death of Lazarus, Martha met Jesus on the road and asked him for help knowing whatever Jesus asked of God would be given Him.

Song: Master Let me Walk with Thee

The fifth point of our star is red, a symbol of love. The history of Electa is in the Second Epistle of St. John. St. John praises Electa for dedicating her life to charity, benevolence and hospitality to the poor. It teaches the second great law set down by Christ, that we love one another.

Song: The Bible tells me so.