

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