

Honor Chaplain and Warder

Friends, as we honor our Chaplains and Warders let us think in terms of a garden. With faith and love we plant a seed in the soil, nurturing it and patiently waiting for it to blossom. We are all like that seed, nurtured by faith and growing in harmony into the glorious garden of life. We give thanks for our Chaplains and Warders, who offer their gifts of faith and peace to our Order.

Our Chaplain's station represents dignity and reverence; it is the one that gives the most aid and comfort to our spiritual needs. The Bible within the star brings all us all the teachings of our Order and reminds us that love conquers all. Our Chaplains reach towards the higher ideals just as a flower reaches for the sun.

Our Warder's emblem bearing the dove within the Star brings the knowledge that each and every individual is responsible for the creating and maintaining of peaceful and harmonious relations. As flowers create harmony within a garden, our Warder's create harmony within our Chapter rooms.

Our floral star is the beautiful garden of our Chapter rooms. The thought of gardens is one that runs through the Bible like a moss grown scented trail winding through the fragrant woods of the scriptures. God was the first gardener for he planted the beautiful Garden of Eden that all mankind might live midst the glories and beauties of His nature. Flowers and herbs have become symbolic expressions of meaningful thoughts. We have a plan for an ever blooming garden to present to you.

ADAH: In my portion of the garden I grow violets, marjoram, Hyssop and borage. They add their gift of goodness and value as we nourish our body and the virtues of goodness we share for the soul. Midst the flowers and green foliage our Lord does abide and gave me strength and courage on the mountain side.

RUTH: My blossoms of love are from the bed called unselfish service. I grow chives, dill, sage and Jessamine for flavoring. They eliminate monotony and add a little extra to the qualities that mean so much to all of us. In the portraying of constancy and duty you will find contentment of spirit in the garden where new hopes in hearts are lain.

ESTHER: In my garden I plant lilies, basil and caraway; all were as good in our grandmother's day as they are today. The blossoms are called sacrifice and duty. These plants are not as easily grown. From this garden of purity, they should remind us of courage, faith and honor, and that our rewards come from above.

MARTHA: My section of the garden signifies health, and represents the simple remedies of the past. Thyme, horehound, and catmint, stimulate us to thoughts

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of simple things and pleasures. Messages of peace and hope from God above, rest in this garden of greenness portrayed in love.

ELECTA: What sweet memories my section of the garden brings to us, anise, Mint, Rosemary and fragrant roses. The fragrance of the lessons we learn hold memories throughout our future. The blossoms of love and charity are from the bed of dependability where peace and joy will reign.

ORGANIST: Music speaks to the soul, and the flowers in our garden speak of the virtues that adorn our lives. Our star points have planted flowers and herbs in the garden of our minds. If we close our eyes, we picture our garden overflowing with the fruits of our labor, and we sing a song of thanksgiving for our many blessings.

SENTINEL: Our Garden has a wealth to equal the mines of the greatest treasures. Humbly and with out fanfare these plants lift their hearts of meaning to those who look and listen. So now we close the gates to the Garden. But we will never close our hearts to those beautiful virtues taught.

MARSHAL: It is with grateful hearts we know God sent his Gardener, that the wildernesses of this earth might be transformed into the Garden of Eternal love. May we pluck the thorns of hate, greed and discontent from our lives and may we guide our flower of youth, where true hopes and worthwhile ambitions may be realized. Then we will enter the Garden of deep abiding peace and love.

We take pleasure in honoring your offices. We hope through our Garden that the virtues that have been taught are symbolic expressions that will keep your garden of knowledge ever blooming in peace, harmony and love.