

White Bible Service

EXCERPT

The Officers are arranged in a semi-circle in the East. You or someone else could present each ribbon as the Reader reads, or you could have each Officer come forward one at a time when the Reader reads their part to receive their ribbon, then remain standing in the semi-circle.

The Reader reads: The teaching of our Eastern Star comes from the Holy Book
Whose pages tell of virtues unto all who truly look.

The Worthy Matron finds a guide that leads her to the East;
She learns, "the last shall be the first," "the greatest shall be least,"

The Worthy Patron learns that Square and Compasses is the guide
That leads him to his Matron; then helps him to preside.

Associate Matron to the West brings pledges most sincere,
To help maintain the Order's laws throughout the coming year.

Associate Patron is the mate that helps her all he can,
For he has read that God created a woman and a man.

The Secretary whose duties so truly varied are,
Records all deeds of kindness within the Eastern Star.

The Treasurer, who carried all our treasure in her pack,
Is careful that in Charity our chapter does not lack.

Conductress and Associate Conductress hurry to
Escort Initiates through paths of pleasant, rosy hue.

The Word of God is paramount as Chaplain leads our prayer,
And to the Loving Father, she commits our every care.

With promptness and with courtesy, the Marshal leads our way;
And if we follow closely, then we will not go astray.

"With music and with gladness," as the Holy Book has told,
The Organist inspires our rites with music new and old.

And Adah not afraid to die for what she thought was right,
Is made immortal in the Books and in our hearts tonight.

The deeds of Ruth, the gleaner, who an aged woman fed,
Dispelled all want, brought honor, love, and wealth to her instead.

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From out of the pages of her Book, Queen Esther taught that fear
Must be o'ercome when danger threatens loved ones far and near.

We read that Martha's simple faith could even conquer death;
She saw her brother Lazarus restored with living breath.

Electa, clasping firm the cross declared her faith in God,
And now she bids us one and all to tread the path she trod.

"My Peace Be Unto You," we've read it many a time;
And now our Warder tries to see that Peace is yours and mine.

"To Watch" and "Guard" are both commands oft written in God's
word
And these two things, our Sentinel has very often heard.

*Now that all Officers are in place they could each pin on their ribbon as the Reader
continues:*

Now each one clasps their ribbon that will serve as chart and guide,
They pledge to follow and to serve each other side by side;
And so, throughout the coming year, with lessons learned anew,
They'll fill our Chapter room with love and joy and wisdom, true.