

Affiliation Ceremony

WORTHY MATRON: Sister Conductress there are in waiting in our preparation room members of our Order who have been elected to affiliate/dual with our Chapter. You will invite them into our Chapter room, that we may welcome them as members with us, and that they may be reminded again of the beautiful lessons taught by our Order.

CONDUCTRESS marches to the preparation room door, opens it wide and says: My Sisters/Brothers, by order of the Worthy Matron, I invite you to enter the Chapter room.

The affiliates/duals are brought in and march two by two around the Chapter room to a position behind Esther's chair where they stand facing East. [The Associate Conductress marches also if she is needed to make even couples.]

CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce _____ who are members of our Order and desire to affiliate with our Chapter.

WORTHY MATRON greets the members. Conductress leads the affiliates to a position before the altar, facing East.

CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Patron, our affiliates are waiting to be reminded again of the sacred meaning of our Obligation.

WORTHY PATRON: gives the Obligation.

After WP address, the affiliates are again led around the room and brought to a position before Adah's station.

CONDUCTRESS to Adah: A garland of friendship I weave for you tonight.
It shall be strong and true, shining, and bright.
The colors must be lasting, enduring for years.
For friendship is faithful, it comforts through tears.
This Starpoint will give you Fidelity's blue.

STARPOINTS: [depending on the length of program you desire; can give her entire lecture or just begin with the sign and pass. An appropriately colored ribbon could be handed to the affiliates. Music should play during the marching or the WP could say "the walking lectures."]

CONDUCTRESS to Ruth: "Fidelity" sweet was the life Adah gave.
Let us pause at Ruth's station, a widow so brave.
I ask for the color, all golden and mellow,
This Starpoint will give Constancy's yellow.

CONDUCTRESS to Esther: From the blue of the sky and the gold of the sun
I have gathered rich colors, but my task is not done.
Pray give me Fair Esther, a pure light, shining bright.
This Starpoint will give you Loyalty's white.

CONDUCTRESS to Martha: No garland of friendship without Faith in Him,
The everlasting shall never grow dim.
Give me of your color that Friendship may lean.
This Starpoint will give you Faith's living green.

CONDUCTRESS to Electa: Through all of our weaving as we come to the end,
Each color we find in the heart of a friend.
Which color, Electa, is your gift from above?
This Starpoint will give you the red glow of Love.

Affiliates are guided through the Chapter room in the usual manner to the East, facing West.

WORTHY PATRON: ***Sisters and Brothers you will greet our new members and resume order on the sound of the gavel.* Sister Conductress you will conduct them to the Secretary's desk to sign our By-laws.