

AFFILIATION CEREMONY

Either Marshal or Conductress may escort affiliates. It's nice to have music during all marches.

WM: Sister Marshall/Conductress—you will present our affiliate/s at the Altar.

You will place your right hand on our Holy Bible and renew your pledge to this Chapter. ***
Marshal [holds a small Bible for the affiliate who places her/his/their hand/s on it.]

You will repeat after me, "In the presence of God and these Sisters and Brothers, I solemnly and sincerely renew my Obligation to our Order, and my loyalty to this Chapter. I pledge that I will serve according to the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star." *

[Marshal replaces Bible on the Altar and leads affiliate to Adah]

Marshal: Sister Adah

Adah: [rises] Sister Marshal

Marshal: I present this Sister/Brother that the lesson of Adah may be renewed.

Adah: Fidelity and self-sacrifice are the pledges given tonight. The Daughters of our Order keep them ever shining bright. I salute you with Adah's sign. [gives sign] And the pass? [Affiliate gives pass] [Adah offers blue ribbon] My color is blue. So will you be true blue to this Chapter.

Marshal and affiliate continue to Ruth.

Marshal: Sister Ruth

Ruth: [rises] Sister Marshal

Marshal: I ask that you renew the lesson of Ruth.

Ruth: Humility and Constancy, the pledge I ask. The Widows of our Order serve in even the smallest task. I salute you with Ruth's sign. [gives sign] And the pass? [affiliate gives pass] [Ruth offers yellow ribbon] This yellow is a reminder of the constant service you pledge to this Chapter.

Marshal and affiliate continue to Esther.

Marshal: Sister Esther

Esther: [rises] Sister Marshal

Marshal: I ask that you renew the pledge of Esther for our affiliate.

Esther: With loyalty to kindred and friends, and service here; Wives of our Order show purity, Joy and light so clear. I salute you with Esther's sign. [gives sign] And the pass? [affiliate gives

pass] [Esther offers white ribbon.] The white will be a reminder of the loyalty you pledge to our Chapter.

Marshal and affiliate continue to Martha.

Marshal: Sister Martha

Martha: [rises] Sister Marshal

Marshal: I ask that you renew the lesson of Martha.

Martha: A Sister's hope of Immortality, Faith, and Trust are greater hopes than merely "dust to dust." I salute you with Martha's sign. [gives sign] And the pass? [affiliate gives pass]. [Martha offers green ribbon] May this green renew your faith and hope 'neath the Star.

Marshal and affiliate continue to Electa.

Marshal: Sister Electa

Electa: [rises] Sister Marshal

Marshal: I present this Sister/Brother to have renewed the lesson of Electa.

Electa: Love of God and love of man—so is the lesson taught while Mothers of our Order their service here have brought. I salute you with Electa's sign. [gives sign]. And the pass? [affiliate gives pass] [Electa offers red ribbon] The red ray reminds you of the commandment , "Love one another."

Marshal conducts affiliate to Secretary's desk to sign By-laws.