

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

This narration, without a formation, may be given at a regular Bethel meeting under “Good of the Bethel” or following the close of the Bethel meeting.

If desired, this narration may be given as a program for other Masonic family events.

An appropriate formation may be included if presentation is given after the close of the Bethel meeting or at other Masonic family events. The formation may be of your own design, depending on the number of participants. Any of the Closing Formations from the Ritual may be used.

Lights may be dimmed as desired.

Prior to the meeting, ask the Worthy Matron or another member with a good speaking voice of the local Eastern Star Chapter, to serve as Narrator.

If Required:

HONORED QUEEN: Recorder (rises), you will read the Special Dispensation.

Recorder reads Special Dispensation, then is seated.
HQ sounds **ONE RAP of gavel** [*].

HONORED QUEEN: This afternoon/evening, we wish to show our appreciation to The Order of the Eastern Star.

HONORED QUEEN: The Narrator will please rise. Guide (rises) and Marshal (rises), you will escort the Narrator to the East.

March music.

Guide and Marshal escort Narrator to the East and remain standing in front of Pedestals until Narrator has been introduced.

HONORED QUEEN: It is with pleasure that I introduce _____ (give titles) who will serve as Narrator for the Eastern Star presentation.

HQ hands gavel to Narrator.

Guide and Marshal return to stations without instruction and are seated.

March music.

Formation – Optional

Officers may form the Star or another appropriate formation.

After Officers are in position, Narrator begins.

NARRATOR: While women are no part of the Masonic Fraternity, their hearts do beat responsively to the same inspiration that prompts man to noble deeds, and out of this desire to serve in a like manner and the human desire for fraternal fellowship came the banding together of women of Masonic relationship known as The Order of the Eastern Star.

The Star, significant of the Star of Bethlehem which heralded the coming of the Light of all Lights, has in less than a century shed its rays of light into all parts of the world. Its dignity and beauty as a fraternal order is respected and revered by Masons and laymen alike...

**To the Order of the Eastern Star
Whose light has shed both near and far
To bless and comfort young and old
Yea, light their path to a sheltered fold,**

We honor thee.

Lights, if dimmed, may be turned up full.

**Your ray of BLUE has taught us too
That God loves us as fathers do.
Fidelity in each kindred soul
Is the valued lesson by the blue ray told.**

**The GOLDEN light of the second ray
Has changed the outlook of many a day,
Here we recall, that labor brings love
The reward of labor sent from above.
Constancy of purpose be it humble or great
Is blessed with companionship, a joy to relate.**

**Loyalty shines from the pure ray of WHITE
And loyalty pierces the darkness of night.
It demands allegiance to family and friend,
To Nation, to God, to the World, without end.
Loyalty is the lesson of our hearts we much write.
If God is to guide us in pathways of right.**

**Green Pastures mean growth and new life on the earth
For good Eastern Stars, green symbolizes rebirth.
The GREEN of the fourth ray is the hope of all men
For it tells by its story, "We shall live again."**

**The RED of the fifth ray is the symbol of love,
Mother love, Fraternal love, the love from above
That God in His Fatherhood gives to each one
Who seeks but to know Him and His Blessed Son.**

**Yes, Order of the Eastern Star
We pay you just tribute, for nothing can bar
The light of your good deeds, your teachings of faith,
The gifts of fine women to country and state,
This Star of your Daughters is our tribute to you,
Our respect and honor too, in all that we do.**

If formation has been used, officers return to stations at this time.

<p>Optional <i>Appropriate MUSICAL SELECTION</i></p>

Narrator returns gavel to HQ.
HQ thanks Narrator. Applause.

HONORED QUEEN: Guide (rises) and Marshal (rises), you will escort the Narrator to the sidelines after which you will return to your stations.

March Music.

HONORED QUEEN: This completes the Order of the Eastern Star presentation.

HQ sounds **ONE RAP** of gavel [*].