

STORY OF CHRISTMAS

This narration may be used to present or introduce Bethel Officers at open meetings such as installations, promotional meetings, etc. Any formation and/or seating arrangement may be used.

NARRATOR:

**The story of Christmas is very old,
And it's told anew each year.
It kindles again the flame of hope,
That each one holds so dear.**

**The hope that the spirit of Christmas,
Will dwell in every heart.
And that our own acts of kindness,
May help to do their part.**

**Tell us once more the story,
Of the Birth of Christ, our King.
As new Officers of the Bethel,
Their love and gifts do bring.**

And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger. And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And in the sky there was a great star, shining for all to see. Proclaiming the birth of the Christ Child, who was born our Saviour to be.

Inner and Outer Guard:

And now the Inner and Outer Guards,

**Each night their watch do keep,
To protect the Bethel from all harm,
As God's angels protect his sheep.**

Junior and Senior Custodian:

**The Junior and Senior Custodians come,
As heralds for the King.
Love of endless service
Is the gift they bring.**

Musician:

**The Musician places there her light,
Her duty one of pleasure.
She praises God with music,
And to the Bethel adds her treasure.**

An angel of the Lord appears saying, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Chaplain:

**The Chaplain now comes forward,
Like the angel who appeared,
Asking for God's blessings,
To rest on all those here.**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts, praising God and saying "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, Peace, Good Will to Men."

Librarian, Recorder and Treasurer:

The Bethel records they do keep,

**For all to read and share.
The Librarian gives us literature,
The Recorder, the minutes keeps.
The Treasurer balances our books,
Our debt to them is deep.**

And it came to pass even as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us go even now into Bethlehem to see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

Messengers:

**Five Messengers approach the East,
Like the Shepherds they do journey,
To learn of God's own goodness,
His love, and of his mercy.**

**Each one has a story,
For the Pilgrims to unfold.
To tell to all, God's story,
As they themselves were told.**

**Our star is gaining brilliance,
As it did that wondrous night.
An now the story continues...**

And when the Three Wise Men came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his Mother, and fell down and worshiped Him, and presented unto Him their treasurers, Gold and Franckincense and Myrrh.

Guide and Marshal:

**As the Guide and Marshal now bring forth
Their light, they recall,
How the Star did journey through the night,
And rest o'er that manger stall.
The last two points of the star
Now receive their lights.**

Junior and Senior Princess:

**And now the two Princesses approach
Like the beams of that bright star.
They add their grace and beauty
To call Pilgrims from afar.**

**They place their light on either side
Of the light of the Honored Queen.
To show to all, their positions,
Their love and their esteem.**

Honored Queen:

**Slowly approaches the Honored Queen
Bearing forth her light,
Like that star up in the heavens,
She reigns on high tonight.
At the top of the star light she places,
Symbolic of the high office she graces.**

**And when they had seen Him, they made known abroad the saying
which was told them concerning this Child. And all those that heard it,
wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds.**

**See now our star shines brightly,
May its light help to point the way,**

**To a world of peace and goodness,
This is our earnest prayer today.**