

THE ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

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 presiding officer of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or another member with a good speaking voice 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 White Shrine of Jerusalem.

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 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem presentation.

HQ hands gavel to Narrator.

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

March music.

Formation – Optional

Officers may make a formation. After Officers are in position, Narrator begins.

NARRATOR: The Ritual of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem is founded upon the birth and life of Christ. Its teachings are scriptural and intended to illustrate and impress upon the minds of the initiates, the humble but glorious birth and life of Him who trod the winepress of life alone.

The mission of the Order is to uphold the simple religion of Christ and further His gospel of “Peace and Good Will upon the Earth,” to do noble deeds and by acts of kindness and words of cheer, make the world a better place for him or her, who, in the hour of sorrow or affliction sees nothing but darkness. There is but one degree and the obligation is based upon the honor of those who obtain it, and once voluntarily assumed, is perpetual. The Emblems are the Star, the Cross and the Shepherd’s Crook.

The beautiful story related to the three Wisemen and the Shepherd admonish us to exercise thoughtful, loving kindness and patience. We are led by ways we know now, but if we are earnest, conscientious and walk in the Light as it is given us, then we may safely trust the results in the hands of Him who doeth all things well.

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

Optional
*Appropriate **MUSICAL SELECTION***

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 White Shrine of Jerusalem presentation.

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