

country, and to God.

Esther was driven by a determination to face squarely very risky decisions for family and friends.

The diamond of Esther, transparent, durable and flawless gives the wearer great courage, endurance and strength. All these were essential for Esther as she risked great danger for her people.

When Esther is demonstrating her sign she removes the Crown with her left hand as she takes the Scepter in her right and explains the Emblem. The head of the Scepter points northeast, before and after her lecture.

To get into proper position the Star Points go behind the back of their chairs to go into the Prayer Circle and for other ceremonies conducted around the Altar.

It would be well to read the

portion of the secret work covering your Star Point at least twice a year to make certain your wording is correct.

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Worthy Grand Matron



The Star Point Sister Esther

Each officer in a chapter is important. All officers are charged with specific duties at the time of installation. Each officer should strive to perform these duties in a manner becoming the solemnity of our Order. To make our Ritualistic work as impressive as possible, all officers should memorize their work.

The Star Point Officers exemplify the teachings of our beautiful Order and it is important that they strive to present their work with beauty and dignity. To make their work more impressive, their lectures should be memorized.

When the Star Point Officers are explaining their badge of office, they should have their arms and hands at their sides. Each one should hold her sign and remain silent until after the membership gives the response (Ritual page 34-38).

Each Star Point's sign is held until after the Pass is given.

The Sisters chosen to represent the five heroines upon whose virtues our Order is founded are valued Officers in every Chapter. In the design of our Chapter room they occupy very prominent positions, all facing the Presiding Officer in the East, and in a semicircle around our sacred altar. Reverently they face the Altar, assuming the Reverent Attitude for prayers, for our obligation and for draping ceremonies.

They lead us in our opening ceremonies, reminding us of their badge and its meaning for our lives. The beauty of the Altar Circle and the expression

used in delivering their lectures are all part of their unique contribution. Their Ritualistic work can greatly enhance the quality of every meeting and indeed can raise the Chapter's image by their performance. No matter how often we hear their lectures or their opening charges, it is ever new for us the listener.

After each Star Point has completed her lecture, if the pedestal is on the Altar side of her chair she steps back of the chair to pick up the Emblem. If it is behind the chair, she steps back and then steps behind the pedestal and picks it up. The Emblem is picked up and held in the right hand, resting it on the left palm. The Emblem is held in this position until all have passed the station. The Emblem is then replaced and the officer seated.

When we think of Esther we naturally think of loyalty. That is Esther's theme. Loyalty

seldom stands alone. It is always accompanied by courage and faithfulness. The greatest acts of loyalty demand courage to accomplish them. It is rare to find someone willing to stand up for the principles they believe in. In cases of strong or adverse public opinion, few have the courage to speak up for what they consider right.

It is not always convenient to fight battles for our family and friends who need our strength, but there is no denying that duty and there is no peace within ourselves if we refuse to accept that challenge.

Robert Morris recognized loyalty as one of the most important virtues for us all to strive for in life, and so he included it as one of the lessons in our Ritual. Queen Esther and her life were chosen as an example of loyalty to friends, to