

THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA
Order of the Eastern Star

TWELFTH BIENNIAL SESSION 3 - 7 June 2009

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Thursday 4 June 2009 – 1.00 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER Brother WILLIAM COOPER
Most Worthy Grand Patron

ENTRANCE of WORTHY GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS of
THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA

.O Jesus I have promised, to serve Thee to the end
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me: the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within:
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control.
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou has promised, to all who follow Thee,
That where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
And Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

DOXOLOGY

2. FORMAL OPENING of the Twelfth Biennial Session of
THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA

Opening Ode:

God of Grace and God of Glory, bless our Eastern Star, we pray;
Bless each Sister and each Brother who have gathered here to day.
Grand us wisdom, grant us courage, for the walking of the way –
For the walking of the way.

Lo the cares of day surround us, help us work with faith always;
Fears and doubts will then not linger, free our hearts to sing Thy praise.
Grand us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days –
For the living of these days.

May we do Thy loving bidding, bend our wills to Thy control;