

JOB'S DAUGHTERS HONORING THE MASONS AND EASTERN STAR

This ceremony can be performed during the Order of Business #6. See p. 68 for your Ritual.

This presentation can be adapted to use almost any number of girls. For the Star presentation you will need the Bethel Guardian and at least five girls. For the Masons presentation you will need the Associate Bethel Guardian and at least six girls; these should include the Honored Queen and Princesses to form the points of the Compass and the remaining girls form the points of the Square.

Before the presentation begins all officers participating should stand in a single line on the East Line. They should assume their designated positions at the appropriate time during the reading of the presentation.

Each girl in the Masonic presentation should have a blue flower.

Each girl in the Star presentation should have a different colored flower to coincide with the Star Point station.

The Square and Compass is formed East of the Altar.

The Star is formed by standing in the position of each Star Point station.

It is effective if one girl can collect all of the flowers at the end of each presentation, give them to the Honored Queen, who in turn would present them to the Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron, or their representatives.

If possible appropriate music should be played softly during the narrations. Examples: For the Masons, "Rise Up O Men of God", for the Eastern Star, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".

Honored Queen: Tonight you, our Mason and Eastern Star friends, have been invited to our Bethel as special guests. This evening is set aside to pay honor to those who give our Job's Daughters their heritage.

Associate Bethel Guardian: We find strength in your companionship, confidence in your support, and always the feeling of love and concern. We, in turn strive to convey these same feelings to the young people who look to us for guidance.

Honored Queen: We honor first, as our Ritual states, "The Master Masons who give us heritage".

Associate Bethel Guardian: Freemasonry, as it is known in society today, is an outgrowth of the banding together in the mid 17th century, skilled architects to preserve their very special talents. These first “Master Masons” created magnificent buildings working under their own governing of high ideals and craftsmanship and traveling wherever their work dictated.

Later as the demands for their actual work skills decreased, they opened their bands and took in men of prominence in church and state who were attracted to this society based on lofty moral principals, noble ideals and manly virtues. Today men from all walks of life who aspire to these same virtues seek membership in the Masonic Fraternity.

Free Masonry has survived the persecution of those who felt its free thinking and high ideals a threat to their greed and anarchy. The history of the Masonic order tells of those who gave their lives that the Order would survive – of deeds well done, of men set free and of service to all mankind.

Modern day Masons are no different than those of the first Lodges. The men who wear its famed apron range from astronaut to accountant, president to package handler, all sharing and holding well to the beautiful doctrines – love one another, teach one another, help one another. Job’s Daughters know from our actions, from our care and concern that it is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man.

Girls go forward to form the Square and Compass one at a time.

1. A Mason believes and serves his God.
2. Freemasonry makes a man aware of the divinity within him.
3. A Mason’s whole life takes beauty and meaning from this divine spark.
4. A Mason has a profound sense of his smallness in the greater scheme of life.
5. A Mason builds using the tools of love and care.
6. A Mason stands for all the good things men should be.

Your Masonic Daughters have formed the Square and Compass, symbolic emblems of our exalted order. They know that the triangle of Job’s Daughters will always be a working tool to give and gain strength in the shadow of this famous emblem.

Honored Queen: We now salute the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bethel Guardian: There are so many similarities between the two orders formed for women related to Master Masons that surely both Robert Morris, founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Ethel T Wead Mick, founder of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, must have been led by an inner knowledge that they would serve as wonderful compliments to each other and the Masonic Fraternity.

Our five Messengers, much as the five star points, tell the stories of faith, hope, patience, fidelity and reward to candidates as they enter the Order.

Messengers go to stand under Star light as color is mentioned.

1. The blue ray shines as a symbolic reminder of fidelity. A lesson dispatched also in the teachings of Job.
2. The yellow ray beams its lesson of patient industry in the service of love.
3. The white ray pierces the darkness to remind us of the loyalty so sorely needed in the face of adversity.
4. The green ray floods our inner being with a faith that comforts and protects through all our days. Faith too, a key work to the daughters of Job.
5. The red ray gives its fervent light to admonish love of one another for there is no greater tribute to a supreme being than to care for each other.

Yes friends, in the order of the Eastern Star we pay tribute that no one can mar. You teach by your actions – your strong helping hand, gives love to our daughters – the fairest in the land. The Daughters of Job – standing young, clean and bright reflect now your star and its symbols of light.

Messengers: As Daughters of Job we stand now in the light of the star – symbolic to women throughout the world who find they are fairest among thousands altogether lovely.

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