

## **TRIPLE MEETING**

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS JOB'S DAUGHTERS, EASTERN STAR & MASONS**

The Job's Daughters Bethel hosting this meeting must request a Special Dispensation from the Grand Guardian to hold this combined meeting. The invitations to the two organizations participating should be extended well in advance so that many officers will be able to participate. The Eastern Star Officers should be encouraged to wear their "official dress". The Masons should wear their aprons as they would in a meeting, and Worshipful Master wears his hat. All speaking parts should be given out well in advance of the actual meeting so officers are comfortable with their part.

The Bethel room should be set up in the usual manner, but double chairs are placed at all stations EXCEPT for the Librarian and Junior Custodian, as there are no comparable Eastern Star officers for these two stations. Eastern Star officers will be "paired" with a Job's Daughter station. The Blue Lodge officers sit as close to their regular stations as space allows. There will be a large crowd on the East dais (you may have to adjust as space in your Lodge allows). A diagram showing where officers sit is attached. The Eastern Star pedestals are placed behind the two chairs at each Messenger's station, and the emblem for that Star point is placed on the pedestal. Each Blue Lodge officer carries in their emblem, or they are placed in the Lodge Room before starting.

Before the start of the Job's Daughter's meeting, the two guest organizations line up outside and march in separately. The Masons enter first, then the Eastern Star. Each group enters in the listed order, and from the suggested door, following the North and South marching lines, proceeding straight to the East taking their respective stations as per diagram. The Eastern Star officers will sit in the outside chairs (farthest from the Altar). If there is not

sufficient room for the chairs to be side by side, they may sit behind, or as close as possible. Adjust the seating according to the size of your Lodge room.

Masons:

<u>Preparation Room</u>	<u>Anteroom</u>
Lodge Education Officer	Secretary
Master	Marshal
Treasurer	Chaplin
Senior Deacon	Senior Steward
Senior Warden	Junior Warden
	Junior Steward
	Junior Deacon
	Tyler

Master nods to his officers to seat them.

Eastern Star:

<u>Preparation Room</u>	<u>Anteroom</u>
Worthy Matron	Worthy Patron
Associate Matron	Associate Patron
Organist	Secretary
Marshal	Treasurer
Chaplain	Adah
Electa	Ruth
Martha	Warder
Esther	Conductress
Associate Conductress	Sentinel

Worthy Matron nods to her officers to seat them.

The Bethel meeting then begins in the usual manner (according to the Ritual) with the entrance of the Bethel Guardians, Custodians, and Bethel Choir (if there is a choir).

After the song “Behold We Are The Daughters of Job” and before continuing with the regular Ritual work, the Honored Queen invites the Worthy Matron to begin:

Worthy Matron asks the Associate Matron (as per their ritual);  
“How many officers constitute.....” The Associate Matron responds appropriately.

When they have finished, the Honored Queen begins Stations and Duties.

Special note: Be sure the J.D. Chaplain is prepared to give the Pledge of Secrecy!

#### Stations & Duties:

Both the Honored Queen and Worthy Matron remain SEATED during this section. Following each BETHEL OFFICER giving her station and duty, the Worthy Matron shall ask the comparable Eastern Star officer, “Sister or Brother \_\_\_\_\_, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?” The Eastern Star officers shall give the appropriate answers. The Masonic officers will have a similar question and response section after the Jobs and Star members have finished.

ALL EASTERN STAR OFFICERS, as they say their speaking parts, should gesture with their hands towards the regular place where they would sit in the Chapter Room.

#### Speaking parts for J.D. and Eastern Star

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Outer Guard.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Sentinel should come in the room when the Outer Guard enters the room. He should give his part right after the Outer Guard gives her part.

Worthy Matron: “Sisters/Brother Sentinel, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

SENTINEL: My station is outside the door to our Chapter room, Worthy Matron. My duty is to keep watch outside the door so our meeting is not interrupted.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Inner Guard.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Warder, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

WARDER: My station is near the door Worthy Matron. My duty is to work with the Sentinel so members and visitors may enter or leave our meetings with the permission of the Worthy Matron.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Jr. Custodian.  
Note: There is no comparable Eastern Star officer.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Sr. Custodian.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Marshal, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

MARSHAL: My station is in the East in front of the Worthy Patron,

Worthy Matron. My duty is to assist in all ceremonies, to lead processions upon request, and to care for and maintain the properties of the Chapter.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Adah, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ADAH: My station is at the first point of the Star, Worthy Matron. My duty is to explain the story of Jephthah’s daughter to the candidates. My emblem is the sword and veil, and I symbolize the virtue of Fidelity as represented by the color Blue.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Ruth, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

RUTH: My station is at the second point of the Star, Worthy Matron. My duty is to explain the story of Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, to the candidates. My emblem is the sheaf of wheat and I symbolize the virtue of Constancy as represented by the color Yellow.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Electa, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ELECTA: My station is at the fifth point of the Star, Worthy Matron. My duty is to explain to the candidates the story from the second epistle of John that refers to “the elect lady and her children”. My emblem is the cup of hospitality and I symbolize the virtue of Loyalty as represented by the color Red.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the 4<sup>th</sup> Messenger.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Martha, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

MARTHA: My station is at the fourth point of the Star, Worthy Matron. My duty is to explain the story of Lazarus’ sister, Martha, to the candidates. My emblem is the broken column and I symbolize the virtue of Faith as represented by the color Green.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Esther, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ESTHER: My station is at the third point of the Star, Worthy Matron. My duty is to explain the story of Queen Esther to the candidates. My emblem is the crown and scepter and I symbolize the virtue of a pure and upright Life as represented by the color White.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Librarian.

Note: There is no comparable Eastern Star officer.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Musician.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Organist, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ORGANIST: My station is at the instrument, Worthy Matron. My duty is to provide suitable and appropriate music for all meetings and ceremonies, so that our work will be as impressive as possible.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Recorder.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Secretary, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

SECRETARY: My station is in the southeast, Worthy Matron. My duty is to keep proper minutes, conduct all necessary correspondence, to receive all monies due the Chapter and pay them over to the Treasurer.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Treasurer.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Treasurer, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

TREASURER: My station is in the northeast, Worthy Matron. My duty is to receive all monies from the Secretary and to pay all bills for the necessary expenses of our Eastern Star Chapter, to be sure funds are available at unexpected times for charitable purposes.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Chaplain.

Worthy Matron: “Sister/Brother Chaplain, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

CHAPLAIN: Worthy Matron, my station is in the East, in front of the Worthy Matron. My duty is to attend at the Altar and to lead the Chapter members in prayer.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Marshal.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Associate Conductress, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS: My station is in the north, Worthy Matron. My duty is to work with the candidates for initiation and to assist the Conductress in the marches and other duties of the Chapter.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Guide.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Conductress, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

CONDUCTRESS: My station is in the south, Worthy Matron. My duty is to assist the Associate Matron, to conduct candidates through the ceremony of initiation, and to present and escort our visitors during regular meetings.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Jr. Princess.

Note: There is not comparable Eastern Star station.

Honored Queen: Asks for the station and duty of the Sr. Princess.

Worthy Matron: “Brother Associate Patron, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ASSOCIATE PATRON: My station is at the left of the Associate Matron, Worthy Matron. My duty is to assist the Worthy Patron in the active duties of the Chapter. In this respect, I must study the laws and regulations of our Order and acquire a good knowledge of our constitutional foundation.

Worthy Matron: “Sister Associate Matron, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

ASSOCIATE MATRON: My station is in the west, Worthy Matron. My duty is to assist the Worthy Matron, and to serve as presiding officer in her absence. As such, I must be thoroughly familiar with the duties of her office.

Honored Queen: My duty as Honored Queen is to preside...(says her ritual part)...as we journey through life.”

Honored Queen stops speaking here. (Honored Queen nods to the Worthy Matron so she may continue with her part.)

Worthy Matron: “Worthy Patron, where is your station in the Chapter and what is your duty?”

WORTHY PATRON: Worthy Matron, my station is at your left. My duty is to preside during the ceremony of Initiation, to assist the Worthy Matron, and to see that all officers are proficient in their work. As a Master Mason, I represent the relationship that the Eastern Star members have to the Masonic fraternity.

WORTHY MATRON: My station is in the East. My duty is to preside during the Chapter meetings, to see that all business is completed, and to be sure our members adhere to the rules and regulations of the Order of Eastern Star. I am responsible for the welfare of the Chapter and its' members.

(At this point the Job's Daughters and Eastern Star members may be rapped down so that the floor is open for the Masonic Lodge members to say their parts. Since we know so little about the Masons this was interesting for the Job's members. What follows is what our local Master did when they were invited to take an active part in this joint meeting. I suggest that you meet ahead of time with the local Master and agree on what they are comfortable with.)

Honored Queen nods to the Master. He begins with a brief explanation of the Lodge setup, explains what an Entered Apprentice is, that there are 13 officers but that only 7 normally have a speaking role when the Lodge is opened. The script continues as follows:

WM: Brother Marshal, what is your position in the Lodge?

Marshal: On the left hand of the Worshipful Master in the East.

WM: What are your duties there?

Marshal: It is my duty to form and conduct processions of the Lodge on all public occasions, to welcome visiting Brethren, and to attend to such other interests in the practice of our rites as the Master shall direct.

WM: Brother Senior Steward, what is your position in the Lodge?

SS: On the right hand of the Junior Warden in the South.

WM: What are your duties there?

SS: It is my duty to assist the Deacons and other officers in the discharge of their duties, to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and that every Brother is suitably provided for. It is also my duty to aid in the introduction of candidates, as from me the first impression of our institution is received by them. I should be particularly careful, by the seriousness of my deportment, to properly prepare them for the dignified and important ceremonies of Initiation.

WM: Brother Junior Steward, where is your position in the Lodge?

JS: On the left hand of the Junior Warden in the South.

WM: What are your duties there?

JS: It is my duty to cheerfully aid and assist the Senior Steward and other officers in the discharge of their duties.

WM: Brother Tyler, what is your position in the Lodge?

Tyler: On the outside of the Anteroom Door.

WM: What are your duties there?

Tyler: To keep off all cowans ad eavesdroppers, and to see that none pass or repass but such as are duly qualified and have permission of the Worshipful Master.

WM: Brother Lodge Education Officer, what is your position in the Lodge?

LEO: To the left of the Worshipful Master in the East.

WM: What are your duties there?

LEO: My duty is to assist the Master in providing good and wholesome instruction for the Craft for their labors.

WM: Brother Chaplain, what is your position in the Lodge?

Chaplain: On the left hand of the Worshipful Mater in the East.

WM: What are your duties there?

Chaplain: It is my special duty to conduct the devotions of the Lodge, and bear before the throne of Heavenly Grace the spiritual needs of the Brethren.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, how many anciently composed a Lodge of Entered Apprentices?

SW: Seven or more.

WM: When composed of only Seven ETC.....(continue with the entered apprentice's opening.) When he finishes, the WM nods to seat his officer (or he may rap them down, whichever is his choice.)

Honored Queen stands to finish her part from the ritual she stopped at before the Masons began their stations and duties. (Ritual page 59.) She says: "Daughters, you will rise and join in exemplifying the signs and repeating the responses of our Order". Proceed as per ritual through the Proficiency work.

Honored Queen: Our Chaplain will lead us in the Lord's Prayer.  
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### ESCORT, HONORS & INTRODUCTIONS

Once "Stations and Duties" are completed, the Bethel meeting continues in the usual manner. Under "Escort, Introduction, and Honors", the Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron, and Worthy Patron should be introduced.

Sometimes during the meeting (either here or under “Good of the Order”) the Masonic officers, and the Eastern Star officers should