

DECEMBER - THE CHRISTMAS MONTH
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For entertainment at Christmas time.

Star in color is formed in the East.

A large pasteboard Star stands in the east at the foot of the dais. The parts made to fit this star may be held in position by thumb tacks.

Worthy Matron speaks:

It's Christmas time. We close the year
With days that every heart holds dear,
They must not close with melancholy,
For these are days of mirth and holly,
When friendly voices shout and say,
"A very Merry Christmas Day."

The year is fast drawing to a close with cherished memories. At Christmas time we think of childhood days, weeks of planning and preparation, family gatherings, filled stockings, cakes, candies, and nuts. We think of the Christmas tree, and if it be large or small, it is an important part of Christmas. We read again the story of the first Christmas. The story of the Star that made it possible for us to have Christmas, for it teaches us not only of the birth of the Savior, but the lessons of love and good deeds that bring hope and peace.

Through the teachings of Christ who was born that night in Bethlehem, we are more qualified to meet the battles of life, to have the spirit of loving kindness to all mankind, and to serve and sacrifice for others. Through our wonderful Fraternal Order, let us keep alive these things by cooperating with everything that is good, and extending to all, the true Christmas spirit of peace on earth, good will toward men.

The Associate Matron takes position west of Altar. She carries the center of white for the Star in the east.

Associate Matron speaks:

It's Christmas time; again we hear
The story of Christ's birth,
We hear again the angels song
Of peace throughout the earth.

We give all honor to the One
Who taught us ways of right,
And may His Star shine once again,
This blessed Christmas night.

Associate Matron approaches the east and places the white center in proper position on the pasteboard Star, after which she returns to position west of Altar. As she does so, the Conductress and Associate Conductress pass to positions west of Altar, to right and left of Associate Matron respectively. When the three are in position, Associate Matron speaks:

The wise men traveled far and found what they were seeking. As wise men, we will travel until we too, will find the Star which shines out to all the world to tell the story of Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness.

The three together pass to Adah's station, and the Conductress speaks:

Dear Adah: Your point is touched with lovely blue,
Which tells to us that you are true,
And just to show how true you are,
We seek your point to form our Star;
That it may shine out every day,
To give us light upon our way.

Adah gives Conductress a blue point which has been made to fit the Star in the east, and Conductress takes the point, approaches the east, and places it in proper position on the Star.

When Conductress resumes her position, the three pass to Ruth's station, and Associate Conductress speaks:

Dear Ruth: We willingly now turn
To you who did such honors earn
By shielding one you loved so well,
As often you her story tell;
The Christmas story is retold
If you will give your point of gold.

Ruth gives Associate Conductress a yellow point which has been made to fit the Star in the east, and the Associate Conductress takes the point, approaches the east, and places it in proper position on the Star.

The Associate Conductress resumes her position, and the three pass to Esther's station. Conductress speaks:

Dear Esther: You had the courage to be true
To your friends who believed in you;
Your fame will down the ages ring,
Because you did a noble thing;
And we know you were in the right,
So give to us your point of white.

Esther gives the Conductress her white point. She takes it and approaches the east, and places it in proper position on the Star.

The Conductress resumes her position and the three pass to Martha's station. The Associate Conductress speaks:

Dear Martha: In faith we turn our thoughts to you,
For you believed in things so true,
In every hope that Jesus gave
Of life and love beyond the grave;
So this faith will be plainly seen,
We seek from you your point of green.

Martha gives the Associate Conductress her green point. She takes it and approaches the east, and places it in proper position on the Star.

The Associate Conductress resumes her position and the three pass to Electa's station. The Conductress speaks:

Dear Electa: The love you hold will help us care
For everyone with whom we share,
And give us faith to always do
The things that help another through;
As we by charity are led,
We ask from you the point of red.

Electa gives the Conductress her red point. She takes it and approaches the east, and places it in proper position on the Star, after which she resumes her position to right of Associate Matron. Together they turn to position in front of and to the right of Worthy Matron, facing west.

Associate Matron speaks:

To all our friends that we may see,
Friends in our land, across the sea,
Whatever place they chance to be,
A Merry Christmas.

To everyone we meet each day,
To those who live across the way,
To those we love we want to say,
A Merry Christmas.

To everyone within our call,
To all the people large and small,
To each of you, we wish you all,
A Merry Christmas.

After verses are given the three officers return to their station.

The points and center of the Star should be made with metallics to make it as attractively and beautiful as possible.

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