

THE EASTERN LIGHT

A CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE FOR INCOMING MATRON AND PATRON

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This Candle Lighting ceremony is to be given immediately after the Installation has been completed. The retiring matron and patron, (the Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron) or if you prefer, the newly installed Associate Matron and Patron, or any members, will be speakers for this ceremony.

During recess preceding Installation, small candles should be given to all officers and to all members on the sidelines. Small candles of the Christmas tree variety may be had at "ten-cent stores" at a small price and will be very effective. Each officer and each member lights his neighbor's candle when so directed by the Junior Past Matron. (Specific instruction for lighting candles will be found at bottom of page 2.) If room is darkened except for the light over the Altar and the star in the east, the effect is very beautiful as each one picks up the flame.

JUNIOR PAST MATRON (OR WHO EVER IS TO TAKE THIS PART) ASKS:

Worthy Matron, may we approach the East?

Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron (or those taking the parts) seated near west doors, approach along north and south sides to music, each carrying two candles: one lighted and one unlighted. The newly installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron stand when Junior Past Matron speaks:

JUNIOR PAST MATRON SPEAKS:

Worthy Matron, I bring you a symbol of light, purity and joy so that in your year in the East, you may bring light to your sisters and brothers. There may be trying times when you will need this candle in a darkened world, for its glow symbolizes the light of the Star in the East which led the Wise Men from afar to worship Him. It will serve to remind you to return often for guidance to the Altar where we learn the lessons of our Order.

JUNIOR PAST PATRON SAYS:

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle-stick; and it giveth light unto all the house. So may it be with you. As you 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Lights are dimmed, and Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron each lights the other candle with his lighted one. The Junior Past Matron gives a lighted candle to the Worthy Matron, and the Junior Past Patron gives one to the Worthy Patron. They both step back down to position at floor level.

JUNIOR PAST MATRON SPEAKS:

To you we give the torch;
'Tis yours to hold it high,
And keep it burning pure and bright
As stars glow in the sky.

As you light the candle of your officers and they in turn give light to another, may it symbolize the influence of that light which should shine with undiminished luster through our lives. Let us all hold our candles high while we make this high resolve together and renew our pledge to our Worthy Matron.

We'll hold our candles high, and then
 Perhaps we'll see into the hearts of men,
 Above the sordidness of Life,
 Above misunderstandings - strife;
 Though many deeds that others do
 May foolish seem to me and you,
 Were we to take another's place
 We could not fill it with such grace.
 We'll hold our candles high, and then
 Perhaps we'll see the hearts of men. (Author unknown)

Music: All stand. Soft music while candles are being lighted. Then the Soloist sings the following song while the officers march in Candle Processional.

As song starts, Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron lead west past Altar as other officers come up into position and follow in this order-- (South) Conductress, Marshal, Secretary, Adah, Ruth, Warder, Associate Matron. --- (North)---Associate Conductress, Treasurer, Chaplain, Electa, Martha, Esther, Associate Patron.

SOLOIST SINGS. TUNE: "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

Verse. Brightly gleam our candles,
 Pointing to the sky.
 Beams so radiant glowing
 Like the Star on high.
 Love's bright rays to guide us
 O'er our pathway shine -
 And with hearts united
 In our faith divine.

Refrain. Brightly gleam our candles,
 Pointing to the sky.
 Guiding us still onward
 To the Star on high.

Verse. Onward then, ye faithful,
 Keep your Chapter strong.
 Free from strife - united
 Into a happy song.
 Truth and Love be honored
 In a world of strife,
 With the Star still leading
 To eternal life.

Refrain. Onward then, ye faithful,
 Shed your light afar,
 Guiding us still onward
 To our own bright Star.

Music may continue until march is finished.

PLAN FOR LIGHTING CANDLES

J. P. Matron to Worthy Matron
 Worthy Matron to Chaplain
 Chaplain to Treasurer
 Chaplain to Side lines
 Treasurer to Electa
 Electa to Martha
 Associate Conductress continues side
 Martha to Esther
 Esther to Associate Matron
 Associate Matron to Associate Patron

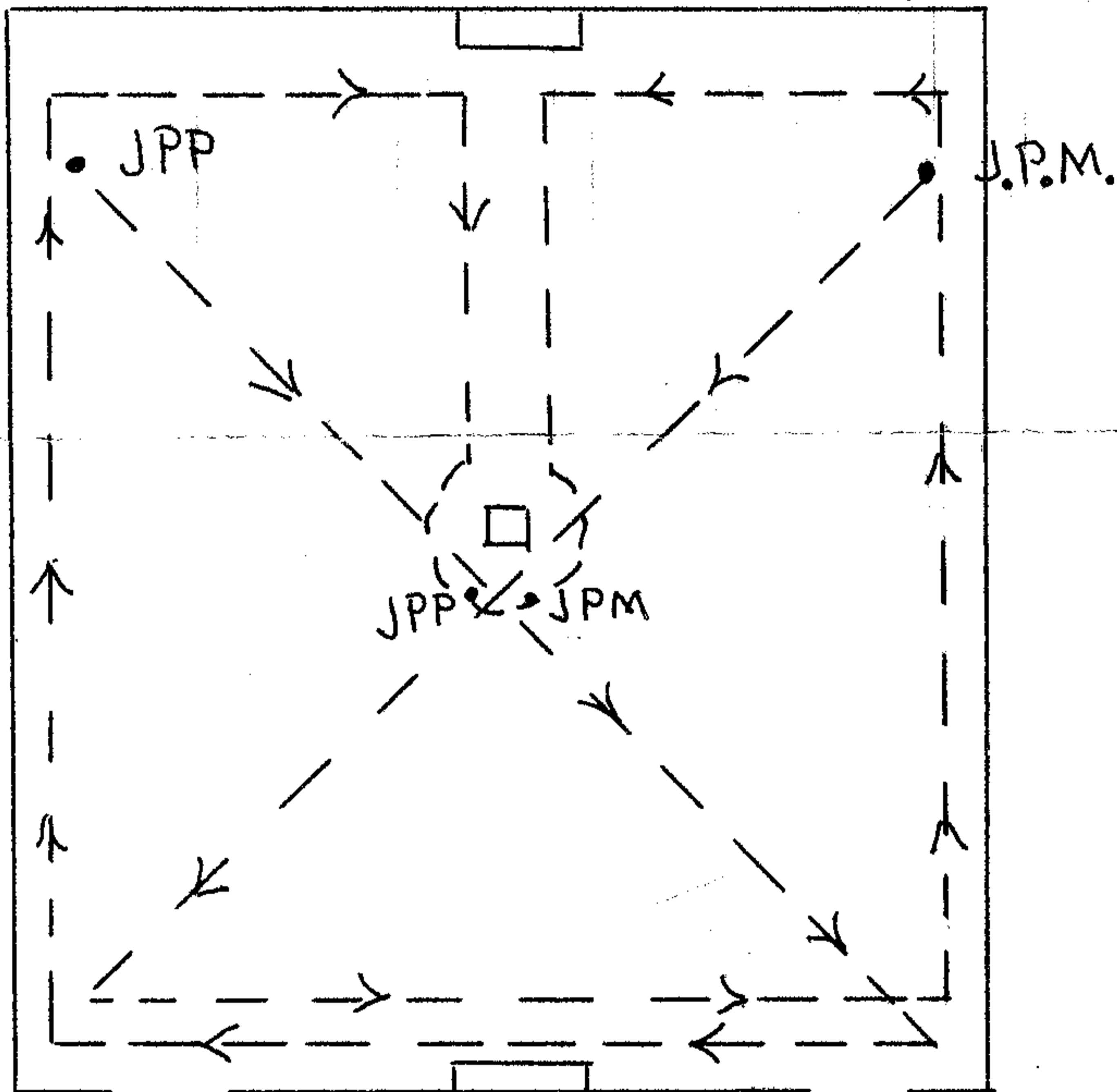
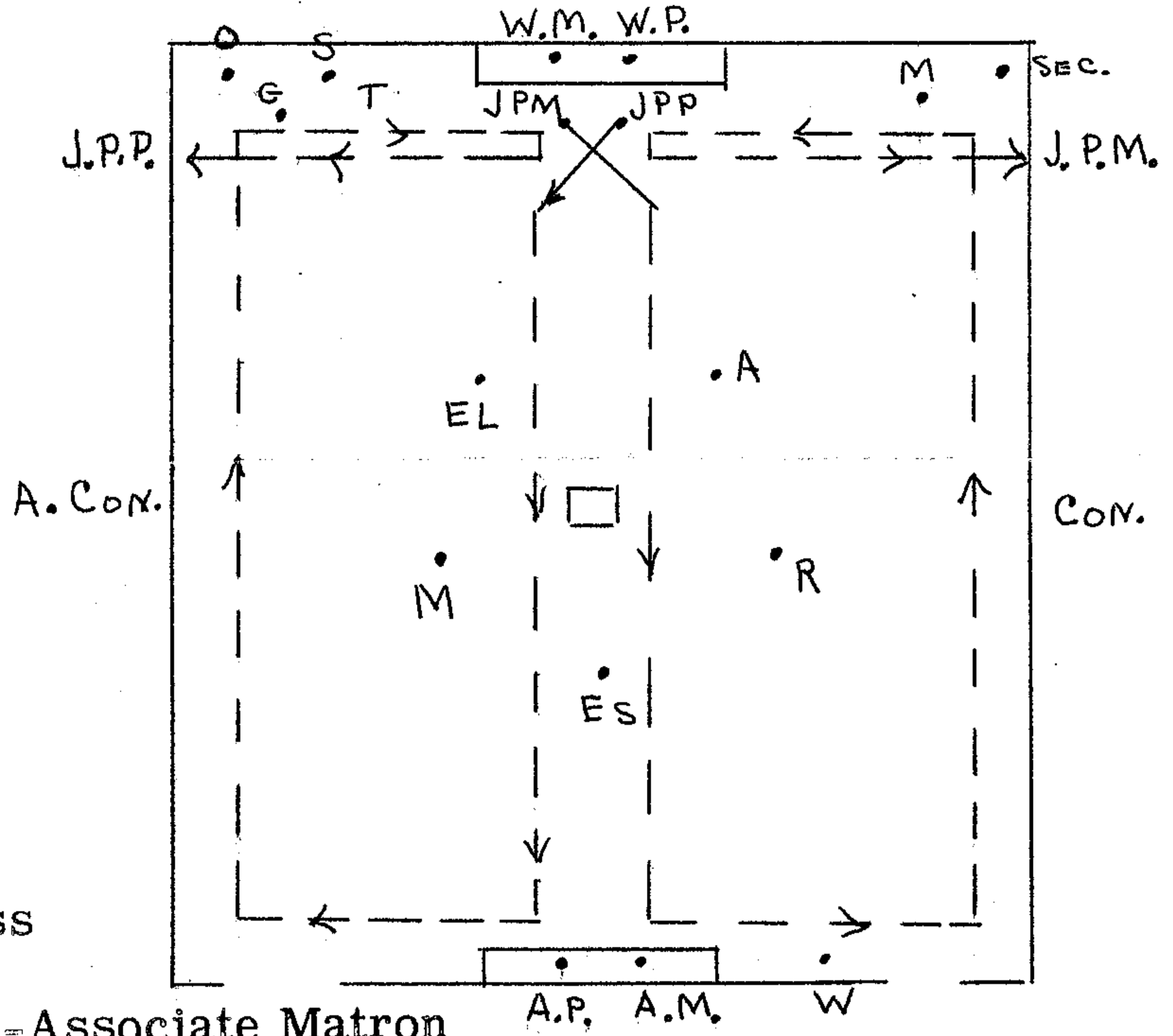
J. P. Patron to Worthy Patron
 Worthy Patron to Marshal
 Marshal to Secretary
 Marshal to Adah
 Secretary to Side lines
 Adah to Ruth
 Conductress continues sides
 Ruth to Warder

Any other convenient plan may be used

*Always
 give the only
 place in my
 Blue Heaven*

THE EASTERN LIGHT DIAGRAMS OF CANDLE PROCESSIONAL

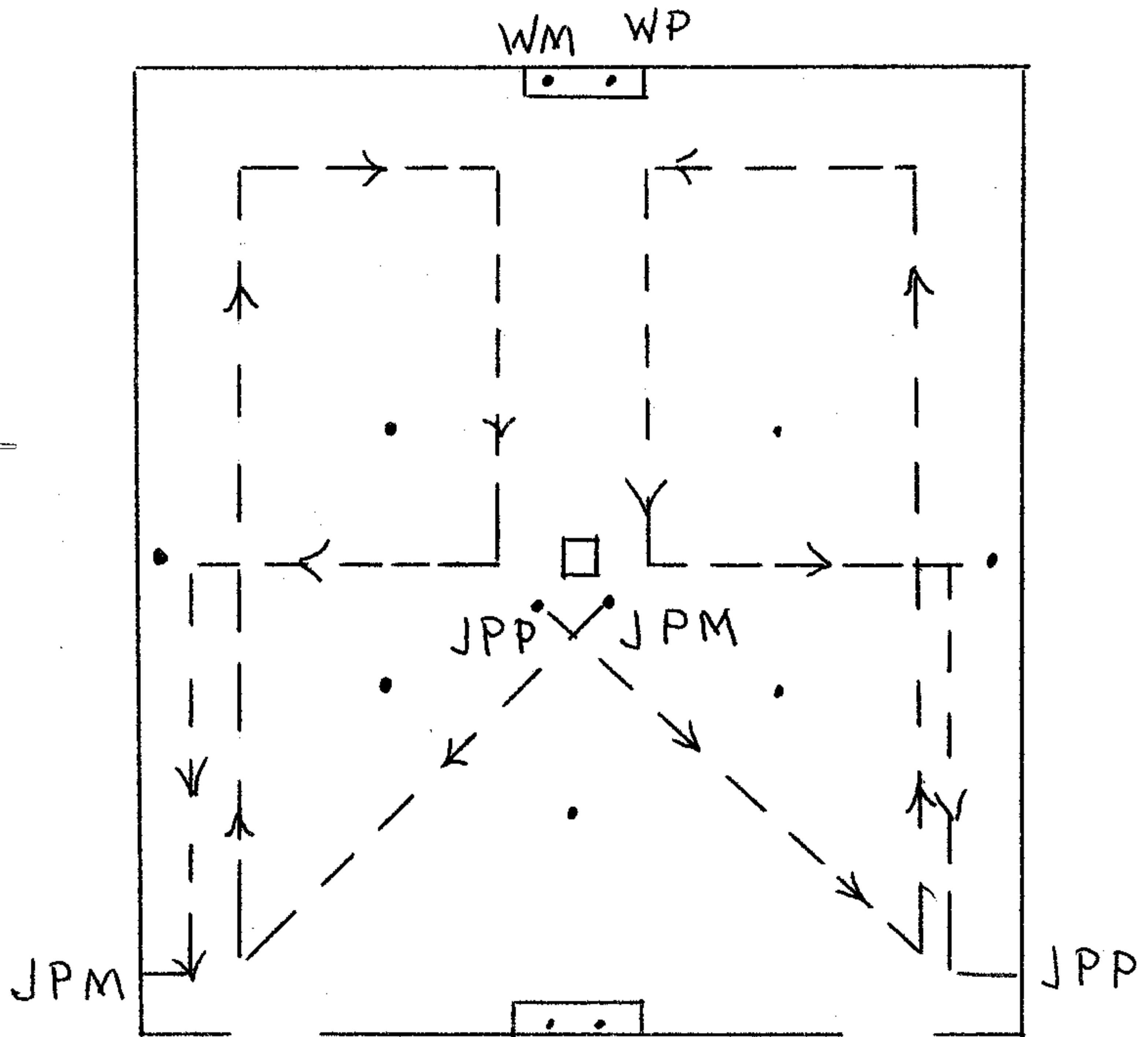
W; M.-Worthy Matron
W.P. - Worthy Patron
O.- Organist
S.- Solosist
Sec. - Secretary
C.- Chaplain
T.- Treasurer
M.- Marshal
JPM- Junior Past Matron
JPP- Junior Past Patron
El.- Electa
A.- Adah
M.- Martha
R.- Ruth
Es.- Esther
W.-Warder
A.Con.- Associate Conductress
Con.- Conductress
A.P.- Associate Patron- A.M.-Associate Matron



The March continues with Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron leading from points at side in the above diagram.

Pause when circle is formed at all and hold candles high, then continue with lines crossing out of circle, as in next diagram, officers dropping off to their positions.

When Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron reach the positions from which they started, candles are snuffed out and all are seated together.



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