PRESENTATION OF PATRON'S JEWEL
TO
PAST PATRON OR PATRONS
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Characters--
Worthy Patron or Patrons to be decorated.
Worthy Patrons to the same number.
Presiding Officer and Appointed Reader.

Properties--
Past Patron's Jewel or Jewels.
Illuminated Star.

Scene--
Chapter Room with chairs arranged in the East in form of
Square and Compasses if the number of officers to be decorated are
sufficient and it is desired to carry out that plan, otherwise in
straight line if preferred.
In case of single presentation or just a few adapt to the
occasion.
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Movement --

This ceremony is designed to serve the purpose of presenting jewels to a number of Past Patrons who have not previously received them and also adaptable to single presentation.

If there are Past Patrons to the number of a dozen or more have them seated before opening chapter on the south side of the room in the West, ranged in order of seniority of service, from East to West.

Opposite (on north) seat the Matrons: who served with them, ranging in corresponding order from West to East.

When the presiding officer summons them to rise The Matrons will file across the West, to South and as they come each to the Patron of her term of office she offers her arm and conducts the Patrons to the chairs arranged for them in the East.

These may be arranged in a straight line and the Matrons stand or sit each back of her Patron, or if desired to carry out the idea of the Square and Compasses provided for in the outline of the work, the chairs of the Patrons will be arranged in the form of the Square and those of the Matrons in the form of the Compasses.

If a single presentation eliminate the lines which are provided for the Square and Compasses.

NOTE—Light Illuminated Star point by point as indicated by lines in last stanza of poetical fable.
ORIGIN OF THE EASTERN STAR

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The temple of Free Masonry is built on shifting sand;
Its walls and its foundations were planned and made by a master hand.
The lines are all laid by plummet and Square,
True as a die every angle and bevel,
The circles are drawn by Compasses true
And every timber placed on the Level.
The Keystone and Arch were firm and concrete
When the rafters affirmed the work was complete.

In due course of time woman knocked at the door
Beseeching admittance and earnestly prayed
In behalf of the tender relations she bore
That she be permitted man's efforts to aid.

That she be permitted to share with her brother
His labor of love in her own humble sphere.
So the daughter, the widow, wife, sister and mother
Were given a small cottage annexed very near.
And soon it developed that flowers were blooming;
Most wonderful blossoms began to appear;
And each dainty bloom bore an eloquent meaning,
A message of fortitude, gladness and cheer.

The little blue violet murmured "be faithful;" "Be constant," the sweet yellow jessamine said;
"Be pure, shed the sunshine of joy as you journey,"
The white lily spoke as she raised her proud head.
"Hope and trust in the Lord," thus the fern from the shadow;
Then spake the red rose: "Dear Sister and Brother,
Keep the gospel of TRUTH, be ye strong and defend it,
And heed God's command -- that ye 'love one another.'"

High in The East rose a wonderful Star,
And as over the garden its beams shone afar
Into one ray stole the violet blue,
(Light on light in blue point of Star)
The next caught the sweet yellow jessamine's hue,
(Light yellow point)
The white lily of peace shed her radiant light,
(Light white point)
The living green fern
(Light in green point)
and the rose, warm and bright.
(Light in red point)
And the Star of The East in our firmament, still
Proclaims God's Peace on earth and to all men good will.
ADDRESS OF PRESIDING OFFICER

The little fable just given by serves to remind us once again of our obligation to the Masonic brother.

We have our Past Matron's Association and we honor these sisters with ceremonies and presentations but how often do we pay like honor and publicly demonstrate our appreciation of the Masonic brother without whom our work would lack bone, sinew, and spine.

Even as nationally we observe Mother's Day and take Father for granted we seem to have accepted our Worthy Patron's service in chapter as a matter of course.

No doubt in like fashion Friend Adam was compelled to take a back seat while Father Eve flirted with and accepted the favors and attentions of the serpent "In the shade of the old apple tree."

It does no harm to pause once in a while and consider the question of where would we be had not Adam happened to be able to spare that rib.

And this is why we have tonight given conspicuous position on The Square to these brothers who have in the past served as Worthy Patrons of Chapter.

Again and furthermore would not these brothers sitting on The Square miss something without the Gropasses to complete the symbol?

And surely they will not resent the formation of that figure by the sisters who served opposite them during their term in The East.

This arrangement seems to be strictly "on the Level."

The Masonic fraternity with true brotherly generosity gave us the wonderful foundation upon which to build.

And therefore the daughters, widows, wives, sisters, and mothers of Master Masons have erected a beautiful temple dedicated to Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness, the temple of the Eastern Star.

For this our gratitude must ever endure and we delight in giving it expression.

Brothers of the Masonic Fraternity, Past Patrons of Chapter, it is little we can offer in return for your terms of faithful service.
As of old Aaron and Hur upheld the tired hands of Moses and helped to turn the tide of battle in favor of the Israelites, even so have you by counsel and untiring zeal supported and aided the Worthy Patron in conducting the affairs of the chapter.

When in the past we have pinned our faith to you we have not been disappointed. But the pin was merely metaphorical and tonight we purpose to change metaphor to substance by presenting you with the little gold emblem which is your rightful insignia.

And therewith we again pin to you the faith we had in the beginning and added to that the esteem and confidence you have meanwhile justified.

As I call the years of your service the sister who shared that term with you will invest you with the Past Patron's Jewel as a loving tribute from ____ Chapter.

Singing: Rob Morris Hymn

LEVEL AND SQUARE

Tune Missionary Hymn

We meet upon the level,
We part upon the square,
What words of precious meaning
Those words Masonic are.

Hands round them, faithful sisters
In bright fraternal chain,
Though here some links be broken
In heaven we'll join again.

Come let us contemplate them;
They're worthy of a thought,
With the truest and the purest
And the rarest they are fraught.

What words of precious meaning
What comfort too they bear;
We part upon the level
And we meet upon the square.