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## A STAR WITHIN A CIRCLE

### Ceremony honoring a Worthy Matron

*W. Sawyer*  
(The feature of the program is centered around the Star Points. Each should have flowers, or a small gift wrapped in each of the 5 colors, to be presented to the WM at the close of each Point's speech. A star is formed by the Points standing at a position with ribbons extended from each to each so that a star is outlined. Those forming the star rotate as their names are called, making the star move from point to point, clockwise. When the Marshal whirls the star, she calls the name of the Point so it will be at the top when the Point speaks.)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** WM, in order to further attest our love and appreciation for you and to bestow on you every honor to which you are entitled as our leader, we wish to present a tribute, using as our central figure the 5 points of the Star. It shows a Star within a Circle. It has a double meaning which we will work out before your very eyes tonight.

(Star Points move to take their places.)

**MARSHAL:** Life is a Circle. We come upon the stage. We stand for a brief moment and deliver our message, then we swing around the circle and are gone. Some find the labors of life tiresome and they are prone to complain. But we who have traveled the path, lighted by the Star, find a light that shines in dark places and makes our journey one to be long remembered.

Tonight we have the privilege of paying tribute to one whom we all honor and love. One whose every act has been filled with kindness; whose every intent has been that of service. But I will let the Star Points speak. They will have a report to make on the one we honor tonight.

(Marshal whirls the star, stepping with blue point at top)

**ADAM:** One of the virtues most needed in this land of various experiences is FIDELITY. I represent that virtue. One who is faithful and loyal to a trust is one to be honored in every way. Our WM has been faithful and loyal throughout her term of office. She has brought light into our Chapter room. Her knowledge of our work has added to its beauty and meaning. The Sword and Veil have meant to her a courage to defend the right and a sympathy for our frailties that made her draw the veil of kindness over all of our mistakes. I honor her tonight with the colors of my station. And, with these flowers I offer her my sincere friendship. (Presents flowers.)

**MARSHAL:** Again I turn the Circle and the star shows its colors. Like a living thing, it glows with a yellow ray. (Stops star with Yellow point at top.)

**WOMAN:** **CONSTANCY** is a virtue that only the truest soul can appreciate. Our WM has been constant at all times. She has carried in the sheaves of the harvest, brought about by her cultivation and care. Her patient labors have brought her the reward of our love. Her humble attitude in her splendid service has brought words of praise to our lips. I bring to her these yellow flowers which bear a message of our deep sincerity. (Presents flowers.)

**MARSHAL:** Again the star whirls and the circle is complete. (Stops star with White Point at top.) Esther stands before us. Sister Esther, have you a word of praise for our WM?

**ESTHER:** **PIRITY** and **JOY** are part of the character of our WM. While she has worn the crown of authority all year and has held the scepter of administration in her hand, she has never used her authority unduly or her scepter unjustly. Her unselfish loyalty to her members and to her Chapter is a token that she has been worthy of the high position to which we called her. In the name of our beloved Eastern Star, I present this token of our admiration and appreciation. (Presents flowers.)

**MARSHAL:** Another Star Point comes into view. (Stops star with Green point at top.) Sister Martha, what message do you bring?

**MARTHA:** **HOPE** and **IMMORTALITY** are 2 of the virtues our WM has exemplified in her work in our Chapter room. She has offered comfort to the broken hearted and has pointed the way to a higher, nobler service for us all to follow. Her faith, her efforts to teach by example the thing she believes has made us all more faithful and loyal to each other. My gift of love bears the colors of my station. (Presents flowers.)

**MARSHAL:** The last Star Point completes the circle. (Stops star with Red Point at top.) Her message will benefit us all.)

**ELECTA:** Our beloved WM has been filled with a **FERVENCY** for our Chapter that will long be remembered. Her service has been outstanding. She has brought blessings rich and abounding to the meaning of our ritual. In her has sincere hospitality been reflected. The stranger has been welcomed. The honored guest has been given every added honor. The cup of friendship has overflowed with gladness; and the joy of comradeship has been given new life. To our WM, who has so beautifully exemplified in her daily life the teachings of our Order, I present this token of our love. (Presents flowers.)

**MARSHAL:** A Star within a Circle. Our Master of Ceremonies said we would watch it unfold before our very eyes. Star Points, you will bring this to pass. Attend to it now.

(Star Points encircle WM, making a circle with hands clasped.)

(A solo, chorus, or group singing of some appropriate song.)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** A Star within a Circle. Our WM is our Star tonight. The Circle of Love is around her. (Here Star Points open circle.) Let us all stand and join hands and thus extend the Circle of our Love so that it will hold us all within the bonds of friendship as long as we all may live - and beyond our earthly habitation.  
(All members form circle.)

**CHAPLAIN:** Our Father, as children drawn close to Thee because of the ties of Love which bind us all together and to Thee, we ask Thy blessing on our guest of honor here tonight. We ask that Thy protecting care may shield her from all sorrow. May Thy choicest blessing for her be peace and joy and gladness; and may her life continue to send its radiance down through the years as a blessing to those she labors with. And keep us, Thy children, free from the vanities of the world so that we may labor for Thee and show Thy love to ~~the~~ a world seeking a sign from Heaven. We give Thee thanks for this association of friends who love and serve each other. Be with us all until we meet again.

(Music would make a fitting close.)