

JAN CHARTER

From: "Connie Shrum" <chickade@povn.com>
To: <OEStar@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2003 1:21 PM
Subject: [OEStar] Honor Masons Night

Dear Sister Vi ...

At my HONORING THE MASONS NIGHT back in 1998, I did some of this at the dinner the Chapter prepared for the men ... and later in our Chapter meeting. I was able to get much of this from 'stuff' my Mother had saved over the years ... also .. 'some' from books, etc. But enjoy!

AT DINNER ... served by the Chapter to the Masons.

Brothers:

It is always a special occasion to us when we can welcome you, the Master Masons, representatives of that Order to which we owe the existence of our own.

We honor you for the achievements of your Order, and we think of the influence of Newport Lodge (and Deer Park ... whatever Lodge you belong to) in this community. Let us think further on what the Order means in the larger community of the State and the Nation. Look at the various organizations that deal with our social and community affairs, our legislative and municipal bodies, our churches, our school boards, and the service organizations of various kinds. If you should take all Master Masons from the services rendered, what a gap you would find in the public life of the community.

Masons serve their fellow men and God forbid that they should ever cease to do so. May you have a constantly increasing influence.

"May the rays of our Star shining brightly
along the pathway of life

Bring you joy and scatter your sorrows,
ease your burdens and calm your strife

May the service you each have given
bring you blessings by the score

We wouldn't wish you any less ..

And we couldn't wish you more!

Four things in a land must dwell

If it endures and prospers well

One is manhood, true and good

One is noble womanhood

1/27/2003

The Order of Real She-men Cave No. —(I used chapter number)

Each Officers needs to wear a crown, robe and badge. These should be decorated according to the office. Crown of Most Honorable Great She-man Herself was decorated with penny's, robe of Director of Male Footsteps was decorated with footprints, etc. Badges are described in the skit also the needed items for each officer to have. One large bag of buttons and a large needle and a club for the Most Unexcelled Cave Woman.

For each candidate you will need five pennies, a doll or stuffed animal to represent the baby, a washboard, shirt, and a pillow for them to kneel on.

Position of Officers:

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself	sits in the East
Most Unexcelled Cave Woman	sits in the West
Most Impressive Worthy Example	sits in the North
Most Glorious Aphrodite	sits in the South
Director of Male Footsteps (2)	sits on either side of the entrance door
Organist	sits at the instrument
(Men Candidates)	

Opening Ceremony

As music is played, all officer, led by Director's of Male Footsteps strides into the room, heads high and manner pompous. They march around the room once, then take their respective stations. A rap of the gavel seats the officers.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself:

The order of Real She-Men Cave No. — is now convened. (Gavel) I demand all men present to arise and repeat after me their sacred promise to this lodge. (Gavel - all men present rise and repeat the following)

*I am a man poor and meek,
and in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

Men, be seated and as long as you remain in the presence of your exalted superiors you will keep this obligation in mind. (Gavel)

Sisters, Arise and repeat after me the great watchword of our Order.

Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin. (Gavel)

Sisters be seated.

(Gavel twice for officers to stand)

Most Unexcelled Cave Woman what badge upon your breast is seen, and tell the lodge what it doth mean.

Most Unexcelled Cave Woman

My badge is the Crossed Clubs within the cave, To tame the men when they rave.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Most Glorious Aphrodite what badge upon your breast is seen, and tell the lodge what it doth mean..

Most Glorious Aphrodite

My badge is a Washboard, the great emblem of work, To hand the men when they shirk.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Most Impressive Worthy Example, what badge upon your breast is seen, and tell the lodge what it doth mean.

Most Impressive Worthy Example

My badge is a Sack of Buttons of all sizes and shapes. For males to sew on where there are gapes.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Directors of Male Footsteps. What badge upon your breast is seen and tell the lodge what it doth mean.

Directors of Male Footsteps

We carry cushions on which candidates kneel so the bare floor they may not feel.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

(Gavel) I now declare the Order of Real She-Men, Cave No. ____ open for initiation.
Directors of Male Footsteps you will retire to the anti-room and see how many curious members of the weaker sex are looking through the key-hole while waiting to be initiated into our Grand Old Order.

Directors of Male Footsteps

(Directors of Male Footsteps goes into the hall and comes back to report:)
There are candidates awaiting without,
To find out what it's all about.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Director of Male footsteps, you will drag the candidates within the door that they may find the knowledge for which they seek.

Directors of Male Footsteps go out and enter with the candidates. Just within the door they are directed to kneel on the pillow placed for them by the Directors of Male Footsteps.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Man/men, know your place, repeat after me this sacred promise before you proceed further within our portals.

*I am a man poor and meek
And in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

Sisters of the Order, respond with our great watchword.
(All women) Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'

Director of Male Footsteps

Arise men and follow us, being careful to preform each act imposed upon you with true humility as becomes your station.

Music is played and candidates are taken to a position in front of the Most Honorable Great She-man Herself in the East. They must kneel again and repeat the sacred promise:

*I am a man poor and meek
And in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

All women answer: Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'.

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

The first degree is that of high finance. Money though earned by the sweat of womans brow is thoughtlessly squandered by man. He does not care nor realize how hard it is to obtain nor how the tired business woman toils unceasingly to buy their wants and needs. Men, money has always been handed to you, now before us all try to pick up a little for yourself.

(Five pennies are thrown on the floor for each candidate must pick these up, keeping one leg straight not bending the knee. The other foot may be raised from the floor to help

keep balance.)

(After they have picked up the money)

Men, you have picked the money. Hand it back to me immediately lest you spend it foolishly. Now groan in five different ways, each groan louder than the last.

(After this is done)

Director of Male Footsteps take these insignificant specimens of humanity to the station of the Most Unexcelled Cave Woman. (in the West) When that station is reached the candidates kneel and say:

*I am a man poor and meek
And in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

Most Unexcelled Cave Woman

Sisters, the response.

All Sisters: Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'.

Most Unexcelled Cave Woman

Men, I represent the original home of Eve, where a woman was a woman and Queen of her own domain, as she shall be again when our exalted Order of Real She-Men has been established throughout all four corners of the earth.

The child is the emblem of the home. (Produces large baby made of pillow and hands it to candidates)

What sweeter than the tiny babe. Take this innocent little life into your arms and in a melodious voice sing to it the beloved old song we learned at our mother's knee. Rock-a-bye Baby. (Candidate must sing song to the baby)

Now imitate a sleepy mother walking the baby at 2 A.M. (After this is done)

Men! Shame upon you for over subjecting your noble mate to arise in the cold bitter night hours to care for a child. This work belongs to the men and as a member of our order you will never again be permitted to shift this job upon your wife. Men, keep this child as you proceed along your journey of knowledge in our great exalted and noble order.

Remember it is the supreme emblem of the original home in the cave, the crossed clubs which I carry (produce them) are the emblem of highest authority - they are the badge of a masterful woman. Seldom are men permitted to touch these weapons, but in order that you may for your own benefit and instruction be enlightened, you are given the use of them just once. We often hear the old adage - spare the rod and spoil the child. Men, your weak sex are spoiling our children - you have become too lazy and indifferent to discipline them. This must all be changed. Here, take these clubs and as a conscientious Father should, spank the emblematic child which you hold in your arms.

(Candidate must do this)

Enough! Follow again the Directors of Male Footsteps to the station of the Most Glorious Aphrodite so that you may learn other useful lessons. (in the South)

Candidates are taken to the South where they kneel and repeat the sacred promise

*I am a man poor and meek.
And in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

Most Glorious Aphrodite

Sisters, the response

All women

Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'

Most Glorious Aphrodite

Men, I teach the lesson of honest labor. My badge is the washboard (produce one and hand it to candidate). Work is fast becoming a lost art among men and we, the real She-men, are going to revive this lost art. Here, men, take this shirt (produce one) and give proper demonstration of the correct way to wash it on the board.

I see at this work you are very green,
But for gosh sakes get the collar clean.

(Candidates must put baby down, kneel on the cushion and give a demonstration on the washboard by washing shirt handed to him - after this is done)

Men, the work was poorly done. Go home and plead with your wife for the privilege of more practice of this kind. She will not object to a clean shirt every day. Take your emblematic child and this emblematic washboard and move along for further instruction from the Most Impressive Worthy Example. (In the North)

Candidates follow Director of Male Footsteps to North, kneel and repeat the sacred promise.

*I am a man poor and meek
And in this lodge I will not speak
Unless I'm spoken to.*

Most Impressive Worthy Example

Sisters, the response

All Women

Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'

Most Impressive Worthy Example

I represent WOMEN, the great example to men. Would they but follow in our footsteps how much better the world would be. But alas! They have not done so. We have been too kind hearted, but all this shall change in the twinkling of an eye when the teachings of our grand order be broadcast to the ends of the earth. We have permitted the poor weak sex to neglect their duties towards us. Take for example the matter of buttons. The emblem of my station is a sack of buttons. (Produce a very large sack of buttons). Each one of these buttons has fallen from the garments of my sisters in the last two months. Has man offered to sew them on? No, brothers they have not! Now you will take this bag of buttons, the emblem of security and modesty and this needle and thread, then follow the Director of Male Footsteps to the East to the station of the Most Honorable Great She-man Herself. Upon reaching the station you will remove a large button from the bag and sew it on the robe of the Highest Official of the Order.

(Candidates take the button bag, the baby and the washboard and follow the Director of Male Footsteps to the East where they each sew a button on officer's robe. The needle should be large and the thread very long. After the buttons are sewed on)

Most Honorable Great She-man Herself

Men, now go home tonight and sew a few buttons upon your Queen's garments, only do it better than you did this. You will now be permitted to take our obligation, a noble promise which must be kept if you wish to avoid the crossed clubs of the Most Unexcelled Cave Woman.

(Candidates are taken to the center of the room, made to kneel surrounded by the emblems they have received and with The Most Unexcelled Cave Woman standing behind them with raised clubs they repeat the obligation)

Repeat after me:

I will implicitly obey my Queen in all things.

I will never take the car without her permission.

I will not complain when she goes shopping and out to lunch.

I will never complain when she comes home late from Lodge

I will cook all the things she likes

I admit that she is always right.

I will never expect a cent of money to spend.

I will keep buttons sewed on her clothing and keep her shirt collar washed clean.

I will obey all the beautiful and uplifting teachings of the Grand Order of Real

She-men.

Sisters, we have managed to subject another abject specimen into submission. Each one

brow beaten means another step to the ultimate great and exalted emancipation of the Real She-men. Arise and with me repeat the watchword.

Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'.

Directors of Male Footsteps you will escort our new members to their seats.

I now declare the Order of Real She-men Cave No. ____ closed.