

STARS OF THE PAST
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To honor Past Star points.

Worthy Matron has basket of flowers. In this basket also are gifts for the Past Star points. These gifts may be inexpensive, but tied with Star point colors.

Worthy Matron speaks:

We are very happy tonight to honor our Star points who have served our Order in the past. We owe a debt of gratitude to these faithful ones, who have through the years, taught the lessons that are so essential to our well being. You who have been honored by being chosen as one of the floral center, are very deserving of our tribute.

Worthy Matron addresses Marshal as follows:

In the garden of love we found growing,
The flowers of our yesterday;
They are still as lovely as ever,
So we gathered some on our way;
We found there the blue of the violet,
And the jessamine yellow with gold,
The lily so white with the fern leaves,
And the roses as sweet as of old;
So call all the Star points together,
For they've shared all our doubts and our fears,
And have given their very best service,
Which in memory will last through the years.

Marshal takes basket and passes to position between dais and Altar, and speaks:

Star points of the past, we are calling,
For you to come into our Star,
You may be the ones who are near us,
And others may come from afar;
But our doors have all been thrown open,
To greet you as you come our way,
And we'll give you a most gracious welcome,
The Star points of our yesterday.

Marshal to Adah: Sister Adah, will you call all Star points who have served as Adah, to your station?

Each Star point is provided with a small telephone. When Marshal speaks, Adah rises, rings the bell on the telephone and speaks:

Calling all Adahs! Calling all Adahs!
All Past Adahs please stand.

When Adahs stand, Marshal escorts them to Adah's station, and places the group in semicircle back of station, Adah taking position to right of semicircle.

Marshal: To you who have served as our Adahs,
We bring you a tribute of love,
For you've been to us just as faithful,
As the blue sky that shines from above;
We are now giving to you a token,
It's a gift of our love just for you,
With all of our hearts we can give it,
Because through the years you've been true.

Marshal gives gifts to each Past Adah. Adah may assist if desired.

Marshal passes to Ruth's station and addresses Ruth. Ruth rises.

Marshal: Sister Ruth, will you call all Past Ruths to your station?

Ruth takes phone, rings bell, and calls:

Calling all Ruths! Calling all Ruths!
All Past Ruths please stand.

When Ruths stand, Marshal escorts them to Ruth's station, making semicircle back of Ruth's station, Ruth taking position on right.

Marshal: As Ruths, we know you've been constant,
And true to your tasks every day,
So that is just why we are giving,
These gifts as you pass on your way;
We know you were loyal to station,
And to each humble task you were true,
So we give to you all of our friendship,
And our love, in these gifts to you.

Marshal gives gifts to each Past Ruth, assisted by Ruth if desired.

Marshal passes to Esther's station and addresses Esther. Esther rises.

Marshal: Sister Esther, will you call all Past Esthers to your station?

Esther takes phone, rings bell, and calls:

Calling all Esthers! Calling all Esthers!
All Past Esthers please stand.

When Esthers stand, Marshal escorts them to Esther's station, making semicircle back of Esther's station, Esther taking position on right.

Marshal: As Esthers, you have always been loyal,
And true to your kindred and friends,
And you'll find our bright Star will lead you,
All the way until life for you ends;
So these gifts in all of their beauty,
Come to you from friends who are true,
For we have remembered your service,
And these gifts speak of our love for you.

Marshal gives gifts to each Past Esther, assisted by Esther if desired.

Marshal passes to Martha's station and addresses Martha. Martha rises.

Marshal: Sister Martha, will you call all Past Marthas to your station?

Martha takes phone, rings the bell, and calls:

Calling all Marthas! Calling all Marthas!
All Past Marthas please stand.

When Marthas stand, Marshal escorts them to Martha's station, making semicircle back of Martha's station, Martha taking position on left.

Marshal: We are always so happy to greet you,
For we hold you in highest esteem,
And we will have faith in you always,
For in you trustful faith has been seen;
The gifts which we give will bring courage,
And hope for a much better day,
And your faith will also be strengthened,
Because you have passed by our way.

Marshal gives gifts to each Past Martha, assisted by Martha if desired.

Marshal passes to Electa's station and addresses Electa. Electa rises.

Marshal: Sister Electa, will you call all Past Electas to your station?

Electa takes phone, rings the bell, and calls:

Calling all Electas! Calling all Electas!
All Past Electas please stand.

When Electas stand, Marshal escorts them to Electa's station, making semicircle back of Electa's station, with Electa on left.

Marshal: The love which you gave to our Order,
We know will always be true,
So that is just why we are bringing,
Our gifts full of love just for you;
We know you have given much service,
With love and with charity too,
And as you pass by we are giving,
These gifts full of love just for you.

Marshal gives gifts to each Past Electa, assisted by Electa if desired.

After gifts are presented, Marshal bows and escorts the Electas around her station, all guests following. Passing to north of Martha's station she bows to Marthas, and Marthas follow in line. Passing back of Esther's station, she bows to Esthers and they follow in line. Passing to south of Ruth's station, Ruths follow in line. Passing north around Adah's station, Adahs follow in line. Passing to the west, the guests are escorted to their seats and Star points resume stations.

Each Star point may escort their own guests to their seats if desired and Star points resume stations.

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