

Mock Star Meeting

(Men dressed as women)

Preparation: Five Star Point chairs in straight row in West.

Action: All bowing should be low and elaborate. All action should be deliberate as though trying to be impressive. Check your makeup in mirror, brush your “hair”, squirt on perfume, wave your neck scarf around during meeting, etc.

Characters: Worthy Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Five Star Points, Warder

Program:

Officers enter in one line led by Worthy Matron. They march around room once, then circle the altar then go west again where the star points drop off as the places are passed. The WM continues marching until he has seated all officers, then he takes his place in the East, bows deeply to officers who respond in like manner. A loud rap of the gavel seats officers.

WM: “Dear Sister Secretary (who rises and bows), have all of our sweet sisters and brothers present paid their dues in advance and brought their receipt cards so that they are entitled to remain?”

Secretary takes out a large book marked “dues” on the outside. He puts on glasses and goes out into the room, first looking at members on one side and then the other. He consults his book often and occasionally asks for a receipt which is promptly handed to him. He examines it carefully before returning it. When the secretary has finished his rounds he stands before the WM and says: “Dearest Worthy Matron, all may remain.”

WM: “Dear Sisters and brothers, I see we have very distinguished guests in our midst. We will have them introduced now. Dear Sister conductress, you will present the lovely and charming Worthy Matron of Sweetness and Light Chapter”.

Conductress: “Dearest WM, I have the most excruciating pleasure of presenting the brilliant Worthy Matron of Sweetness and Light Chapter.”

WM: “Dear Sister Adeline, words cannot express the joy, happiness, delight and honor we feel tonight in having you grace us with your august and regal presence. Oh how happy we are. Brothers and Sisters let us give our dear Sister Adeline a very, very hearty cheer. (clapping, stamping of feet, whistling)

Any number of visitors may be introduced in an extravagant manner.

WM raps up officers (much bowing during this party)

WM: Dear Sister Adah, who are you and what do you do?

Adah: Dear Worthy Matron, I am Adah. I wear a long frock and I walk around and talk and talk.

WM: Dear Sister Ruth, who are you and what do you do?

Ruth: Dear WM, I am Ruth, I wear a long frock. I walk around and talk and talk.

WM; Dear Sister Esther, who are you and what do you do?

Esther: Dear WM, I am Esther, I wear a long frock and I walk around and talk and talk.

WM: Dear Sister Martha, who are you and what do you do?

Martha: Dear WM, I am Martha. I wear a long frock and I walk around and talk and talk.

WM: Dear Sister Electa, who are you and what do you do?

Electa: Dear WM, I am electa. I wear a long frock. I walk around and talk and talk.

WM: Dear Sister Warder, who are you and what do you do?

Warder: Dear WM, I guard the door with utmost care. Hoping some wicked Mason to ensnare. If one comes, with my strong arm I put him out then give the alarm.

WM: Good dear Warder, you do things right. Hold your own and just sit tight.

Dear Sister Conductress what do you do? Are your duties many or are they few?

Cond: Dear WM, my duties are many and I love them much for they have just enough of the feminine touch. I escort the guests and strut around the floor. How could an officer wish for more?

WM: Dear Sister Associate Conductress, what do you do? Are your duties many or are they few?

AssocCon: Dear WM, I sit and watch and pine and wait. Hoping for the year I'll have a date to escort my friends and show off my clothes, but the time seems long, goodness knows.

WM: Dear Sister secretary, who are you and have you very much to do?

Secretary: Dear WM, I am the secretary and I work real hard. I send out notices on a five penny card. I take the minutes and read them too. My duties are many, my honors are few.

WM: Dear Sister Treasurer, who are you and what do you do? Are your duties many or are they few?

Treasurer: Dear WM, I am the treasurer, I care for the book, which I try to balance by hook or crook. The task is hard through I strive and strive, to the right conclusion I seldom arrive.

WM: Now let us sing our opening song, with hearts of joy and voices strong.

Song (to the tune of three blind mice)

“OES, OES, Happy are we, happy are we, we all come out in our very best clothes, we’re dressed real smart from head to toes, our faces are painted right up to the nose, OES”

WM, (gavel): this order is now open for business. Dear Sister Secretary, you will read the minutes of our last meeting.

Secretary: The meeting opened in regular form with all officers present but Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder and Conductress. This was not a dress up night. It was voted to have every meeting be a dress up night so that more of the officers would attend. It was decided to have a very big card party to earn some money for the chapter. Mrs. Jones was to have complete charge of the affair. A discussion was held about inviting the masons to lower the hall rent from \$3.00 a month to \$1.00. It was also suggested that we ask the masons to recarpet the hall and buy new draperies. Sister June suggested that we also request a new powder room. The masons wouldn’t give us all we asked for anyway, but if we asked for each we might possibly get a little. This was doubted among some of the members. It was voted to have a big dinner for all members with flowers for officers, a cook to be hired to prepare the meal. Mrs. Jones was appointed to have charge of this dinner. The following bills were allowed: Table decorations \$18, Flowers \$25, dishwashing \$9, Past Matrons jewel \$75, Past Patrons jewel 98 cents. No other business appearing the meeting closed in due form. Sister Juanita, Secretary

WM: Are there any corrections?

Cond: Dear WM, I thought we decided on a 59 cent pin for the past patron instead of the 98 cent one?

Assoc cond: Dear WM, we discussed it but decided it might look cheap to pay only 59 cents for the pin while the PM’s pin was \$75. Of course, the \$75 pin has a diamond in it.

Martha: Dear WM, I still think the 59 cent pin would be as good as the 98 cent one. A man wouldn't know the difference.

Adah: Dear WM, I do think we would appear cheap. The patron's wife would know the difference. I still think the 98 cent pin should be bought.

Treasurer: Dear WM, it seems useless to discuss the matter further because we voted to buy the 98 cent pin, although personally I was opposed to it as we are low in funds.

Esther: Dear WM, I move the discussion be closed and that you, Dearest WM be entrusted to make such a lovely and impressive presentation speech that the past patron won't notice the pin cost 59 cents.

Electa: Dear WM, Sister Esther is out of order as there is a motion before the house about accepting the minutes.

Esther: Dear WM, that is no motion. You asked for corrections and we are making them.

Assoc cond: Dear WM, I think dear Sister Electa is out of order.

Cond: Dear WM, I disagree. Sister Esther is out of order.

Warder: Dear WM, I still think 98 cents is too much for a simple pin and I move that we reconsider and buy the 59 cent one.

Treasurer: Dear WM, the warder is out of order, the pin has already been purchased and it was 98 cents even if I did think the 59 cent pin good enough. I move the matter be closed.

Secretary: Dear WM, I am getting a bit confused. There seems to be several motions before the house at once. What shall I do?

WM: Dear Secretary, there does seem to be a bit of confusion, however, I will straighten it all out. We will consider all the motions that have been made as carried. The minutes will stand approved as read. (gavel) We will now have the treasurer's report.

Treasurer: Dear WM we have \$2.38 in the treasury. That is why I wished for the 59 cent pin instead of the 98 cent pin. It would save us money.

Warder: Dear WM, I still think we should buy the 59 cent pin.

Cond: Dear WM, I move that this discussion be closed.

WM: The motion is carried and the discussion is closed. Have we any other business?

Martha: Dear WM, our treasury is low and we need to earn some money.

Adah: Dear WM, I move we have a rummage sale and get rid of our old clothes so we can get some new ones.

Ruth: Dear WM, I second the motion. Jonh will never let me have a new rag as long as there is an old one in the closet. I'll clean out the closet.

Esther: Dear WM, I think a rummage sale would be wonderful. I will donate several of my husband's suits that are unbecoming to him. He looks terrible in brown and he always insists on wearing it. I don't like some of his slacks, either.

Martha: Dear Sister WM, I can't think of a better way to get money than from a rummage sale. We will advertise. I think we can get free advertising at the theater on the screen and in the newspaper, too. We will put it in the social column. We don't want any expense connected with it. We can get the art class in the high school to make posters for nothing. I am sure the Band Box cleaners will loan us hangers and Durand Hardware will give us wire and rope.

WM: Now dear sisters, who will serve on the rummage sale committee?

Adah: Dear WM, I'd just love to, but I'm getting ready for the ladies aid so it just won't be possible.

Ruth: Dear WM, I'd just love to, but my mother in law is coming and I'll have to clean house. She's one of those fussy people.

Esther: Dear WM, I'm busy too, and am sorry because being on a rummage sale committee is such fun.

Martha: Dear WM, the doctor told me that I'd simply have to quit doing so many outside things.

Electa: Dear WM, if my sinus doesn't get any worse, I will help if my ankles don't give out again, but I really do feel miserable.

Treasurer: Dear WM, if we would save some money instead of wasting it like we do on 98 cent pins when 59 cents pins will do, we wouldn't have to have rummage sales.

Cond: Dear WM, we are all busy. Now why don't we ask Mrs. Jones to do it? She isn't here tonight because she is sick, but you know how good she is on committees. She worked on the bridge party and on the dinner and she's on the calling committee and the clean up committee.

Acond: Dear WM, I agree. Mrs. Jones would be ideal. The old saying goes – if you want a thing done, ask a sick person to do it.

Warder: The saying was misquoted. It really is that if you want a thing done, you go to a busy person.

Sec: Dear WM, the saying is if you want a thing done you do it yourself.

WM: Thank you for the correction. I appoint Mrs. Jones to entire charge of the rummage sale. Dear Sister Secretary, will you send her a five penny card and so inform her? Have we any other business?

Treasurer: Dear WM, how about asking the masons again about the rug and drapes?

WM: Dear Sister Secretary, you will also send a five penny post card to the masons and ask them about the rugs and drapes. Is there any further business?

Acond: Dear WM, sister Jennie fell down the cellar steps and skinned her knee and so forth, badly.

Cond: Dear WM, I move that we send Sister Jennie a post card.

WM, Dear Sister Secretary, will you please send another five penny card to dear Sister Jennie.

Secretary: Dear WM, that will be the last of the five penny post cards on hand.

WM: Our business then is over for tonight. Let us close our ceremonies. We will sing our closing song.

Song (tune of three blind mice)

Good night all, good night all, We leave this hall, we leave this hall, We go away all happy and gay, to come again another day,. Good night all.

WM: I now declare our meeting closed. We will have our retiring march.

The WM leaves his station, marches around the room to pick up all officers, circles the altar and then they all leave the room.

Frank and Ruth Ferris