

Queen and King for a Night

A Ceremony to be Used for Friend's Night.

You might like to invite neighboring chapters with special officers from each. These may serve as officers at your meeting, or they may just be your honored guests. You should issue a special invitation to the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of each chapter to come wearing their best "bib and tucker" and be ready to compete in the "Queen and King for a Night" program from which the guest Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron [the queen and king for a night] will be chosen.

Before the meeting, select a good Master/Mistress of Ceremonies [one good at public speaking and one who can "ad lib" and add a little fun as he/she goes along] Ask that they be prepared with a portable or dummy microphone, and a tentative list of questions such as:

1. What is your name?
2. What is your chapter?
3. Do you have a guest officer taking your part tonight? [If so, the guest may be introduced in this way]
4. Are you married?
5. Have you a family?
6. How long have you been a member of Eastern Star?
7. Did you always think that you would like to be a Worthy Matron/Patron?
8. Is your spouse your Patron/Matron?
9. Wouldn't you rather have someone else share the East with you?
10. Did you attend Grand Chapter?
11. What was the funniest thing that happened to you there?
12. What was your most embarrassing moment during this, your year?
13. What was the nicest thing that happened to you this year?

[These are just suggestions; more will come to mind as the interview progresses so that the questions may be varied. Don't spend too much time with anyone since it will drag out the meeting and make it too long.]

Each interview might be closed by asking: If you were chosen Queen/King for tonight , what would your Queenly/Kingly wish be?

Prior to the meeting, select 3 judges and ask them to sit at a card table in front of the Secretary's desk. One may act as chairman and can give instructions to the contestants when asked to do so by the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies.

Instructions are: Each do his/her very best since the winning lady will serve as Queen, and the winning man as our King.

There will be consolation prizes; the merchants of our town have been very generous in contributing these prizes; "Buick sedan, radio, refrigerator", etc. [Miniatures from the toy counter are used.]

The judges select the prize winners either from the applause or by using their judgement.

If you like, you may make crowns out of cardboard covered in silver or gold and topped with star colors, to be used in crowning the King and Queen—and you may present a gift wrapped with a Gold Crown resting on each.

After the meeting is opened in form, and the visiting Matrons and Patrons are presented in the West, the following verse may be sung/said:

TUNE: "Linger Awhile"

Eastern Stars are around you! or

[Our Star wants to greet you!]

So, linger awhile!

They'll tell you

You're welcome.

So, linger awhile!

We're glad that our friends have come.

We greet you—yes—everyone!

So, neighbors, let's relax and

We'll all have some fun!

The WORTHY MATRON says:

Sisters and brothers, we are very happy that so many Worthy Matrons and Patrons responded to our invitation to participate in our "Queen and King for a Night" program.

I shall not give you a formal introduction since our Master/Mistress of Ceremonies _____, is here and wishes to introduce you on the air. Sister Conductress, you will escort our visiting Matrons and Patrons to their seats.

The contest is then held. Once the final decision is made, the Worthy Matron has the Queen and King escorted to the East, introduced, given their gifts/crowns, and given a hearty welcome.

The toy consolation prizes may be given next, and then each guest may be presented with a chocolate coin, Andes mint or other candy.

OPTIONAL:

Exchange marches may be held; regular officers may pin on a corsage, then the badge of their office, and the guest officers may proceed with the remainder of the meeting. By the time the contest is over, the group is in the spirit of the fun, and the remainder of the time could well be given over to friendly short speeches followed by a social hour.

OPTIONAL:

With your invitation, e-mail or letter to your own members announcing the Friend's Night party, you might like to enclose a .pdf of a little streamer badge on which is printed **Reception Committee**. This tends to encourage the members to get out for each meeting, and then all members are wearing badges except the guests. Otherwise, badges may be cut out of colored construction paper, and printed by a member who is helpful.

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