FRIENDSHIP IS THE KEY
(For Friendship Night)
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Each Star Point may hold a large key made of heavy white cardboard or styrofoam, brushed with glue and sprinkled generously on both sides with glitter in appropriate Star Point color. Each key may also have a large bow of ribbon of matching color. Keys may be as simple or elaborate as desired. All officers taking part should stand throughout the ceremony.

A small key may be attached to each gift presented to friends.

Under the "Good of the Order", the Worthy Matron rises and says:

WORTHY MATRON:

Give me your hand in friendship
And my heart will sing aloud;
I will joyfully walk life's highway
With my head erect and proud.

Give me your hand in friendship
And the stars will shine once more;
And life will be better and brighter
Than it ever has been before.

No journey can truly be weary
If you find at the bend in the road
A friend who is waiting to greet you
And help you to carry your load.

So tonight our door is thrown open,
Our handclasp is warm and sincere,
And we hope that our actions will tell you
We are glad to welcome you here.

ASSOCIATE MATRON rises and says:

True friendship will open the gateway
To a land of gladness and light;
It's the key to delightful pleasures
That make our lives happy and bright.

And this key comes in radiant colors;
Each color a joy to behold,
And each has a message to tell you,
A message that now we'll unfold.

ADAH rises and says:

The blue key of friendship will bring us
The skies that are sunny and clear;
It will chase away shadows and darkness
With its laughter, its smile, and its cheer.

For friends help to keep us light-hearted;
They bring us the sunshine and fun
That carry us through the hard places
Where difficult work must be done.
RUTH rises and says:
The key of deep friendship is golden,
As precious as jewels rare,
A key to be constantly guarded
And kept with the greatest care.

For whether our friends are the new ones,
Or the old ones, steadfast and true,
We hold every one as a treasure
To be cherished a lifetime through.

ESTHER rises and says:
The white key will lead into friendships
Whose motives are honest and pure;
The kind that are founded on values
That ever and ever endure.

So let us give freely of kindness
To all whom we meet by the way;
Let us offer them love and assistance
That will brighten the gloomiest day.

MARTHA rises and says:
The green key will open the doorway
To friendships that never can die
But continue to grow even dearer
As the days of our years hasten by.

We covet the friends who stand by us,
Who walk with us mile after mile,
Whose loyalty always inspires us,
And makes all our labors worthwhile.

ELECTA rises and says:
The red key unlocks the devotion
That binds us to friends old and new;
It brings us the brightest of blessings
As nothing but love can do.

How much this old world needs affection,
Needs the kind of encouraging cheer
That comes when we know we're supported
By friends who are lovingly near.

PERSON presents gifts and says:
No gift of ours could ever tell
The worth your friendship bears;
And yet we hope that this will show
Our chapter really cares
And want to thank you gratefully
For coming here tonight
To give us just the friendly touch
That gives us great delight.
SOLOIST: (Or all Officers):
Tune: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (Methodist Hymnal)

Glad you came and we hope that often
We can greet and welcome you,
For you give us inspiration
And you bring us sunshine, too.
Friendly smiles and friendly faces
Give us joy that cheers the heart,
And we find new strength for living
In the blessings you impart.

May your way be always pleasant
As you travel near or far,
And each step be safely lighted
By the radiance of our Star;
May you find the truest friendships
All around you everywhere,
And may God in heaven keep you
In His gracious love and care.

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