RING OUT THE BELLS
(Installation Ceremony.)

When, the newly Installed Worthy Matron is still at the altar after having received the badge of her office, the following song (music included in ceremony) is sung in her honor.

"RING OUT THE BELLS"

1st Verse:
Ring out the bells
And hear them say
A Matron new
Is ours today.
They tell of one
Who's good and true,
Who'll do her best
For all of you!

Chorus:
Oh ring, ye bells!
Ring out today.
Proclaim the news (our joy)
Along the way!
Ring out the old;
Ring in the new;
Ring in the best
The whole year through.

2nd Verse:
Ring out the bells;
Their echoes tell
Our Matron's (that she is) here
And all is well.
Our star of light
Is shining too
To shed its rays
On each of you I

Chorus:
Oh ring, ye bells!
Ring out today.
Proclaim the news (our joy)
Along the way!
Ring out the old;
Ring in the new;
Ring in the best
The whole year through.

As the song is being sung, as many escorts as you desire may enter through the door of the preparation room to form an aisle through which the new Worthy Matron may pass as she is escorted to the East.
The escorts, wearing their long dresses, enter in double file, and each carries a large Christmas bell which they move as though they were being rung.

When the escorts are in the aisle formation, they raise high their right arms which are holding the bells, and they ring them slowly to and fro as the Worthy Matron passes through.

If it isn't possible to find Christmas bells, you may find it more satisfactory to cut your own out of colored drawing paper such as youngsters make at school. If these bells are made of the various colors, it gives an interesting effect; however, if your incoming Matron has chosen her colors for the year, you may prefer using those.

When the Matron is in the East, the escort marches to line of march in front of East dais, turns and one half goes north and one half goes south; then all turn west down lines of march to exit through doors of preparation room.

**STAR POINT ADDENDUM**

After all officers have been installed, this star point addendum is given by the Marshal and the five newly installed points.

Suggest that you make a number of colored bells (star point colors) and hang them in the East. Suspend them in such a manner that they may be pulled with a cord and look as if they are ringing. If this is not possible, just drop pulls from them and as the Marshal speaks, ask two assistants in the East to pull or ring the bells. When each Star Point speaks, ask the assistants to ring just the bell colored appropriate to the degree given.

The bells may be placed on the right of the W. M. and the left of the W. P. or whatever place would be most suitable in your hall.

For a nice effect sprinkle the bells with crystals and suspend them on various cord lengths.

If the organist can play soft chime-like chords throughout this addendum and then fade softly into the music of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", it will add greatly to the effectiveness.

The Installing Marshal rises but does not leave her station and says;

Many years ago on that first Christmas eve, the Angels sang a song of Peace and Goodwill. Since then, bells have rung out again and again to repeat their message to all generations.

(Bells ring in the East.)

Ring out tonight, oh, colored bells,
And may the sound go far,
Bringing Love, Joy, Peace, Goodwill,
To all who see our Star.
ADAH rises and speaks:  (Blue bell is rung in East.)

My bell rings out fidelity,
And if we suffer much,
Oh, let us feel upon our brow
The Master's healing touch!

RUTH rises and speaks:  (Yellow bell is rung.)

My bell rings out Constancy!
Oh, may we give our best,
And labor ever diligently
To reap a great harvest.

ESTHER rises and speaks:  (white bell is rung.)

My bell rings out loyalty!
Oh, may we have no fear,
But keep our eyes on what is right
And bring to others cheer.

MARTHA rises and speaks:  (Green bell is rung.)

My bell rings out faith secure!
Oh, teach us to believe,
So when sorrow touches us,
Soothed, we shall not grieve.

ELECTA rises and says:  (Red bell is rung.)

My bell rings out Love divine!
Oh, grant us deep affection
For all creation, every man,
To make our earth perfection.

Organist softly plays "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", as Star Points and Soloist take positions as shown in diagram on following page.

(Notice that the music is march time.)

Ask someone on either side to pull the cords thus ringing the bells across the East. Lower the lights and throw a spotlight on the bells.
When in position as shown in diagram on following page, soloist sings to music "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day".

We hear the bells ring out tonight!
Oh, help us, Lord, to live aright,
And may we all, both near and far,
Follow the precepts of our Star.

INSTRUCTIONS for marching.

ADAH and ELECTA march around inside chairs of five Star points.
ESTHER goes down straight as per diagram.
SOLOIST moves to the center.
MARTHA and RUTH go on the outside of chairs to positions as designated.
Return same way. All hum as they return to their stations as per diagram.