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CEREMONY for INCOMING WORTHY MATRON and WORTHY PATRON

At the close of the Installation of Officers the Asso. Matron will rise and give the following verses:-

Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

How shall we tell you,
And what shall we say,
In the words that shall wish you
The happiest year?

Shall we fold it in parchment,
With colors of the Star,
And tell you at times
To be "handled with care?"

Live life in its fullness,
And pray no shadows fall,
For love binds us together
In its fragile fairy walls.

Gather of the roses,
Although a whisper warns,
Beneath the star-kissed petals
Lie in wait the thorns.

So, come into our garden,
To the altar of faith and prayer,
And see what Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Faith and Love
Will tell you there.

At this time soft music as the Conductress and Associate Conductress go to the East and escort the W.M. and W.P. to the labyrinth. Star points will rise, pick up their flowers and circle their chairs. (I might add here that before you present this ceremony have the Marshall present the flowers to the Star Points and place the boutonniere (red rose) on Adah's ~~XXXXXX~~ pedestal- and just before the ~~Grand~~ Asso. Cond. gives her part she will pick it up). As each Star Point recites her lines she presents her flowers to the W.M.

ADAH (Fidelity) recites:

In the skies are many stars,
But just one shines for you;
In the garden are many flowers,
So these I gathered for you.
Just one heaven above the earth,
One sun shines in its blue;
Just one love, the love that binds
In the Star of the East for you.

RUTH (Constancy) recites:

In my thoughts there is a garden,
Fashioned of sweetest flowers,
Calling with its voice of gold,
A gift of happy hours.
Dream flowers grow in the garden,
There in its yellow ray,
Blossom with sun and showers,
These flowers of constancy.

ESTHER (Purity) recites:

There are lilies in the valley,
There are lilies in the fields;
In every open petal,
A glorious love reveals.
Take this lily, while its petals
Are as yet without a stain,
So that when your work is over
It will not have been in vain.
The sunshine from God's sky of blue
Shines here a hopeless thing in vain,
Without the work that mortals do.

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MARTHA (Faith) recites:

Nature's own life eternal,
An emblem of faith and love,
Its restful colors, and peaceful grace,
Must count each passing hour.
But, oh, when comes the break of day,
Calling and answering the voice from above,
~~Whispering softly the words of love.~~
The fern.

ELECTA (Love) recâtes:

May the days of the year unfold for you,
Likely a lovely red rosebud
All jeweled with dew.
May each tiny petal hold blessings of love,
And the thorns find no place
When the rose is full-bloomed.
The rose is an emblem of courage and love,
And binds together the star flowers we love.

When the Star Points have finished, the Asso. Cond. addresses the Worthy Patron and recites the following lines after which she will pin a red rose on the lapel of his coat.

Asso. Cond. - "Electa teaches us of Truth and Love,
Truly a blessing inspired by the One from above;
In your year of service may there come to you
True love and true friendships
That will last your life through." (Pins rose)

While all are in position in the labyrinth - a Colanist may sing "You're the Only Stars in my Blue Heaven" changing the words to "in our dear chapter", etc. Or use "Always" or any other number that you prefer that would be fitting.

W.M. and W.P. are then escorted back to the East and all officers taking part will go back to their stations and are seated - altogether.

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