INSTALLATION OF LOVE

While this is an installation accenting Electa, it is appropriately suitable for any installation program.

To soft music the outgoing Officers retire, and as they do so, CHOIR sings to the tune, "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," the words:

Dear ones, they served their year in love so loyal,
And we sing a tribute to them here;
In faith and harmony their year was blessed...
As they served our Chapter dear.

To march music they retire. Incoming Officers take their places in a semi-circle west of the altar as their names are called. Ritual is followed until obligation is completed. Then, when the Chapter is seated, and before Worthy Matron is presented, two Sisters enter through the Chapter room door, march east, circle Adah's chair to face the incoming Officers. One Sister carries a basket of roses, either real or artificial, from which the other Sister presents them to the Officers after the first Sister speaks.

SISTER: This is the rose of love. It is symbolic of Electa's station in our Chapter room because Electa represents love. This is the love that each of you will be asked in your service this coming year.

After each Officer has been presented with one of these roses, the two Sisters return west. Installation proceeds in regular form until all are in their places. Then the Star Point Officers rise and to soft music, move from their stations to form a short line in front of the Worthy Matron, between the Matron's pedestal and the Chaplain's chair.

ADAH, presenting her rose to the Worthy Matron (Each in turn, presents her rose to the Worthy Matron): I pledge each daughter of our Order to serve this coming year with love in her heart. The love of a daughter implies obedience and this we offer.

RUTH: I pledge each widow of our Order to serve in love and humility.

ESTHER: I pledge each wife to serve this coming year in love that is blended with loyalty. Through our service let there be joy and light.

MARThA: I pledge each Sister of our Order to serve this coming year in love that is interwoven with faith, hope and trust. Thus will the strength of our service be multiplied.

ELECTA: I pledge each mother in our Order to serve in self-sacrifice, showing her love by uniting charity and hospitality.

WORTHY MATRON: If my arm and heart are strengthened by the service of these members of our Chapter, truly we will have a year blessed by harmony, happiness and crowned with success.
**SOLOIST** sings to the tune, "More Love to Thee", the words:

Our love we pledge tonight,
And service rare;
To make a year so bright,
Cloudless and fair,
Hear then our promise true —
Hopeful and prayerful, too,
We offer you
Our love so true.

A rap is heard at the door. Worthy Matron instructs the Warder to ascertain the cause of the alarm. The Warder reports:

**WARDER**: Worthy Matron, two Sisters desire to enter with a pattern for your year.

**WORTHY MATRON**: You will admit them.

Two Sisters in formats enter, march slowly forward, entering the Labyrinth between Ruth and Esther. The first carries a cardboard cross, about 24 inches high, covered with white material and the second Sister carries the traditional cup of Electa.

**FIRST SISTER**: I bring a cross. This is the emblem of the self-sacrifice that each one accepts, in the service of others. Do you, Worthy Matron, for the ensuing year, accept this holy emblem to signify your willingness to give up all thought of self? Worthy Matron nods assent. Then, in the name of every member here, we accept this pattern also and will serve with you. May the thought of OTHERS dominate our every thought and deed.

**FIRST SISTER** carries the cross to the Chaplain, and offers it, saying: With this symbol, you accept the loving service of each one here. Through your prayers, it will ever have more meaning. Through our acknowledgment, it will gain more power. In love we follow its pattern.

As she returns to a seat at the west of room, **CHOIR** sings, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross."

Second Sister holds the cup high, that all may see.

**SECOND SISTER** carries the cup to Electa, saying: As members of this Chapter, we would strengthen your love and charity. Love bindeth all to the promises, and so we will serve. May your self-sacrifice be glorified by all that we do, also.

To soft music she retires to a seat in the West.

Two Sisters in formals enter, one by Chapter room door, and the other by the Preparation room door. Each carries a basket of roses, one for the Worthy Matron, and one for the Worthy Patron.

FIRST SISTER to Worthy Matron: The rose is truly the flower of love. We know you have love in your heart or you would not be willing to serve us. Know also that we have love for you in our hearts. These roses may wither away and fade, but our love will not. Our service will be the proof of what is in our hearts tonight.

SECOND SISTER to Worthy Patron: The roses of love will be more fragrant because of your willingness to serve us in this Chapter. The ties between your brotherhood and our sisterhood are close and are bound only by love. That is the message of the roses.

As they are presented, a SOLOIST sings, to tune, "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice," the words:

These roses bring our love to you,  
You make our hallowed East more fair;  
And from your officers so true,  
Is promise of allegiance rare.  
Happy night, happy night,  
You do but add to our delight;  
You'll guide us safely through the year,  
You walk in starlight without fear;  
Happy night, happy night,  
When you add more Star radiance bright.

Soft music is played as sisters return to their places.