Installation ceremony to honor Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

A Wishing Well made of cardboard is placed in front of dais or in front of and to the right of Worthy Matron. The gifts are placed within the well, and each gift is tied with a ribbon appropriate to Star point colors. The ribbons should be long enough to hang over the edge of the well. The gift for the Worthy Patron is tied with a combination of the five colors. If other officers wish to present gifts, they may be tied with ribbons in pastel colors.

At close of Installation, the Marshal escorts Worthy Matron to the Wishing Well, and as soon as they take position, Marshal speaks as follows:

We've made a Wishing Well for you to use the whole year through, And we have put our wishes in and know that they are true; For every wish that we have made, we know will stand the test, For with the help of everyone, this year will be your best.

After Marshal speaks, each Star point in turn approaches the well, says verse to Worthy Matron, throws in a penny, waits until Worthy Matron draws the gift from the well, and then returns to her station.

Adah: Dear Matron, in our well you'll find a good year wish for you, And you will know which wish is mine for it is tied with blue; And as you draw it to the top, we hope that every day, Will be full of good wishes as you go along your way; So I will throw my penny in because there is no doubt, That pennies cast within the well, will draw good wishes out.

Ruth: The wish I placed within the well is full of wealth untold, For every good wish from a friend is worth it's weight in gold; And as the year unfolds for you, you'll find our wishes true, With all the good luck you can have each day the whole year through; So as I throw my penny in, I'm sure that you will know That every penny will send up the best there is below.

Esther: You'll find my wish is tied with white because it's crystal clear, And it will bring you happiness each day throughout the year; And it will show your loyalty in everything you do, And be a dream of hope for you each day the whole year through; And as I cast my penny in, we're sure there is no way That it can bring you better luck than service every day.

Martha: My wish for you is so sincere for it is tied with green, And as you look within the well, my wish is plainly seen; And it will give you faith to look beyond the deep blue sky, And see the things prepared for us in the sweet by and by; My penny goes within the well to give you faith each day, And give you strength for every task as you pass on your way.
Electa: You cannot have a better wish than one that comes from friends,
For they will be the very best, and true until life ends;
So I have tied my wish with red, with sunsets glow above,
That gives to us the charity that's filled with hope and love;
So as I cast my penny in, best wishes come to you,
That through the year which is to come, our Chapter will be true.

If other officers wish to give gifts, they may be tied with ribbons of pastel colors and placed within the well. In presenting these gifts, Marshal gives following verse:

The other gifts are from your friends who serve our Chapter well,
And they will pledge their faith to you as each gift will now tell;
For when we use a wishing well for Matrons who are true,
We're sure it will include the best for Matrons such as you.

After receiving gifts, Worthy Matron is escorted to her station.

If Worthy Patron is presented with gift, he is escorted to the well by Marshal where gift is presented as follows:

We hope you'll look within the well and find our colors true,
And tied together they will mean there is a gift for you;
For when we work together you will find a note of cheer,
Is found with our good wishes to last through all the year.

Worthy Patron draws his gift from the well. This gift may be tied with streamers of the five colors. After gift is received, Worthy Patron is escorted to his station.

NOTE: This service is protected by copyright and is for your presentation only. It cannot be copied or used by other Chapters without permission of publisher.