HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS  
( For Installation Night)

To be given after all officers have been installed. The new Worthy Matron rises and says:

WORTHY MATRON:

Tonight I am happy! Happy to think that you have placed me in this honored position in the East! Happy because you have given me your confidence and trust and have expressed it in so many ways while I have been preparing for this moment!

However, I am beginning to feel the weight of responsibility that will fall upon my shoulders during the coming year. I suppose that if any Worthy Matron thought that she would have to carry out all the necessary work of her year without the cooperation of others, she would never have the courage to start. Even though we all work together, we still know that we should be helpless if we did not believe in "an All Seeing Eye that watches over us and an All Powerful Hand that guides us on our way".

As we advance through this coming year, we vow that we will try to follow the guidance of our Heavenly Father by practicing the virtues of fidelity and constancy, of loyalty, faith and love. In so doing, we hope to find the path He would have us go, and to make the decisions He would have us make.

Every year brings its own share of important work to be accomplished and goals to be attained. The big questions in my mind right now are, "Will I be equal to the challenge that is before me?" and "Will I always have the courage and the strength to lead our chapter in the activities that mean so much to a successful year?"

(Officers taking part stand and remain standing until the close of ceremony.)

ADAH:

When Adah offered up her life  
She trusted in God's care;  
And though the sacrifice was great  
She felt His presence there.

So, if we're faithful to our vows  
And if we always stand  
Prepared to follow where He leads,  
He'll guide us with His hand.

RUTH:

Naomi's God became Ruth's God,  
And Ruth rejoiced to find
Her paths were pleasant, and her days
Were blessed with peace of mind.

And it will be the same for us
If we but do His will,
And if, through times both good and bad,
We trust His goodness still.

ESTHER:

Sometimes, like Esther, we have need
Of wisdom and of light
In making bold decisions that
Are fair and just and right!

Then if we ask Him for His help,
We'll hear Him gently speak,
And as we listen we'll receive
The answer that we seek.

MARTHA:

Whenever faith shines true and clear
As Martha's did of old,
We'll find that joys beyond our dreams
Will through the days unfold.

For God's directing hand will lead
In all we do and say;
And even when the path is dim,
His love will show the way.

ELECTA:

How well Electa knew the joy
That help divine can give;
For in this help she found the source
Of strength by which to live.

Her love for Christ brought happiness;
It gave the will to dare;
And when we follow in her steps
Her joy, we, too, will share.

ASSOCIATE MATRON:
So, Worthy Matron, have no fear;  
We'll be close by your side;  
Our hearts and hands are ready now  
Assistance to provide.

And He who led our heroines  
And kept our hearts aglow,  
Will also lead you step by step  
As through the year you go.

**WORTHY MATRON:**

Dear fellow-workers, you have given me the hope and cheer and encouragement that I need. You have helped me to understand the admonition, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths". Thank you for giving me the key for working to make a happy and successful year.

*This may be sung now or while the newly installed Worthy Matron is kneeling at the altar, as you prefer.*

**SOLOIST: (Tune: “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” - Methodist Hymnal)**

There's a new year waiting for us;  
There's a new year just begun;  
And with our united efforts  
It will be a happy one.  
Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron,  
We rejoice with you tonight;  
Where you go we'll gladly travel  
With our Star to give us light.

We believe that He who truly  
Watches over one and all  
Will be ever near to guide us  
And will hear us when we call.  
Let us then, with full assurance,  
Face the future unafraid;  
And we'll find those heavenly  
blessings - -  
Blessings that will never fade.

THE END