

RETIRING WORTHY MATRON

Honoring Worthy Matron retiring from East. To be given after closing, Bible to be closed to permit those taking part to pass between the Altar and East.

Worthy Patron speaks:

"Sister Conductress you will present the Worthy Matron West of the Altar" - She does as requested and steps two steps back of Worthy Matron and remains there until the ceremony is over.

Worthy Patron Speaks:

"Before this altar a year ago, you pledged that through the year you'd follow in His Holy way, effulgence shows as living day. It was your pride to pass each test, to every task you gave your best; words cannot trace the pattern dear, you glorified the way this year."

Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa rise - form a semi-circle east of altar and each give the following verses appropriate to their station and present flowers to Worthy Matron.

Adah speaks: Fidelity means much to each,
Obedience to duty teach;
As you were faithful, loyal, true,
I share my pledge in radiant blue.

Ruth speaks: In honor high, in labor lowly,
You followed in his way so Holy;
Your constancy all will attest;
You gave to us your very best.

Esther speaks: Beneath my radiant pure white ray,
I share my pledge with you today;
Your courage, faithfulness and right,
Showed purity, and joy and light.

Martha speaks: You trusted in his promise true,
Great hope sustained you each day through;
You lived the pledge of faith serene
With you I share this living green.
(Gives green to W.M.)

Electa speaks: You showed perfect hospitality,
With Stardom's wholesome Charity;
Electa's love o'er all you shed;
So--share with me perfect red.

While all taking part at the altar - Worthy Patron calls up Chapter and all sing the following song to tune "When You and I Were Young Maggie".

Once we asked your pledge at this Altar, as a link of our golden chain;
We asked of your zeal and your service, a labor of love in His name.
But tireless you gleaned in the harvest, your sacrifice never unfold;
Our words cannot tell all the splendor,
For you have been a link of pure gold.

Chorus: You have shared in our Star's sacred pattern,
You have blessed with a service untold;
In honor we sing of your radiance,
For you have been a link of pure gold.

Undine Del Rose - P. G. Chaplain