Ceremony - For Retiring Matron and Retiring Patron

The following ceremony was built around the song - "Mister Sandman" - words as follows, which may be either sung or read to music.

Worthy Matron, your year is o'er (If this is read to music, add words "Worthy Patron" following Worthy Matron, and it will fit in.)
Well worth working for
You've seen the job--
From January to December
It's been a year
That we'll all remember.
Matron -- your ship's in port
You've steered it onward
And now -- home port.
So bring your log up-to-date
Worthy Matron (Worthy Patron) your year was great.

Second verse to both Retiring Matron and Patron

Mister Sandman
Bring them a dream
Make it the best that
They've ever seen;
Give them the word, that they
have no worries
Then tell them that those busy times are over,
Sandman, bring them a dream
So they will be here to help.
Our new officers in the East.
Mister Sandman - bring them a dream.

Bible should be closed informally.
Asso. Matron approaches East on the last meeting night of the year, instructs Conductress to present Sister... and Brother... (The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron)
Asso. Matron welcomes them:
Sister... and Brother... your year as W.M. and W.P. are almost completed.
You have served us well and we sincerely hope you have enjoyed your year in the East. Of course, it has meant a lot of hard work but you will have a lot of fond memories and new friendships that will outweigh and make it worth it all.

Sister Conductress you will escort our Sister and our Brother to the East. (Lights Out)

Asso. Patron enters dressed in night shirt and cap carrying an old fashioned lamp which is lighted. He approaches the East and comes to a stop just a little East of Adah's station. As he approaches the East, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are conducted to the East and midway between Altar and dias. All officers, (Treas., Chap., Sec'y, Marshal, Warder, Sentinel) move in around star points and Associate Matron moves down and is in position directly across from Associate Patron, who is Mister Sandman. Treas., Chap., Sec'y Marshal, Warder, Sentinel each have a lighted candle, preferably square candles with glitter on.
When all officers are in place Associate Matron reads slowly one verse of the Song as the organist plays.
Then Adah says: Mister Sandman bring them a dream of Fidelity edged by the blue,
And keep them every faithful and true to convictions of right and duty.

Ruth says: Mister Sandman bring them a dream of Ruth who was constant and true
And may the yellow ray remind them to be just.

Esther says: Mister Sandman bring them a dream of the Noble Queen so loyal to the welfare of others,
And the white shed its light on their path.

Martha says: Mister Sandman bring them a dream of Martha giving hope of life everlasting
And the green ray to give them faith to believe.

Electa says: Mister Sandman give them a dream of inspired faith as that of the Elect lady
And of the red ray to give them courage and power.

Conductress says: Mister Sandman make all these dreams come true
For they make our bright and shining star,
And with its rays comes strength for each day and each hour.
Asso. Matron reads the second verse of the Song as the organist plays. When she has given the second verse

sister.... we as your officers want you to accept this gift from us. It comes to you as an expression of appreciation for the work which you have done in your year as Worthy Matron of ........... Chapter. Maybe you can dream up something to use it for.

Asso. Patron then gives gift to Worthy Patron.

Most men can think of something to say at this point.

All officers return to their stations and conductress opens Bible as she returns without being instructed, when all officers are in place lights come on.

With the exception of the words to the song, this ceremony is original by Gladys Fehr, W.M. 1956.