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HOME AT THE RANGE.

This very simple ceremony is to honor the retiring Matron, and is short and easy to put on. It requires the Associate Matron, and one other Sister. Either Soloist or Choir can do the song parodies, but the entire Chapter should join in the choruses.

Required are: a robe, a crown and gavel. (These may be as simple as desired), a toy stove, which is in Northeast corner covered with a scarf, an old-fashioned dust cap, an apron, an egg beater, and as many other small kitchen gadgets as are desired. These small gadgets may be omitted, unless it is desired to give a matched set, or more members are desired to take part. (In this case, the lines of the Associate Matron may be divided.)

Associate Matron: Worthy Matron, may I approach the East?

Worthy Matron: You may, Sister Associate Matron.

To marching music, Associate Matron approaches along North side of Chapter room, bows to Worthy Matron and offers her arm. Together they retire to Preparation room, where the robe and crown are placed upon Worthy Matron, and she is given a gavel. (This may be Chapter gavel, if desired.) They then re-enter the room. At the same moment, another Sister enters through Chapter room door, bearing the dust cap, etc.. Just before they re-enter the room, the cover is removed from the toy stove, and it is moved into better view.

Worthy Patron: For the Good of the Order, I declare the Chapter at ease, but all will please remain in their places.

As they re-enter the Chapter room, Choir or Soloist sings to tune "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean", the words:

Dear Sisters and Brothers, this Matron
Has served well throughout this past year;
And now that her trials have ended -
We sing her our tribute sincere.

Entire Chapter joins in chorus:

To you... so true...
We sing a melody of love;
Tonight ... our delight...
Is this happy tribute in song.

2. Dear Sister, we're here to salute you,
You've been a fine Matron and gal;
You don't need the gavel of office,
In our hearts you are a good pal.

Entire Chapter sings chorus again.

By this time they are in the East, facing the Chapter. Associate Matron removes the robe.

Associate Matron: This robe of virtue has been a symbol of your service in our Chapter. Now that your year is over, you will have no further need for it. From now on, this will suit much better. (She takes the kitchen apron from waiting Sister, and ties it on the Matron.)

Your crown of office will not be as useful as this dust-cap. (She removes the crown and puts the cap upon the Matron's head.)

a. m. For your gavel of authority we will exchange this egg beater.

With it you can carry on your good work of mixing things. Here, with your gavel, you mixed sunshine and service, harmony and happiness, and kindness and self-sacrifice. These same qualities will be mixed in all you do, whether you do it with this egg beater, or not. And now, your future is before you.

She leads Worthy Matron to the toy range, (where the other gadgets are waiting, if they are given.) As they go, Choir or Soloist sings to tune "Home On the Range," the words:

Now, you're going home,
And you'll never more roam,
With a Patron beside you, at Star;
To your husband's delight
You will stay home at night,
Too long he saw you from afar.

Entire Chapter joins in...

Home, home to the range,
Making biscuits and cakes that are grand;
Where roast beef and spuds,
Served in gay kitchen duds,
Make waistlines of husbands expand.

2. With every new chore,
You'll stay home more and more...
So, our protests this meeting must mar;
For the point of this rhyme
Is: you must spare some time
To meet with us often, at Star.

She is led back to her station in the East.

This concludes the ceremony.

If a presentation is desired, other than the kitchen gadgets, it should be made, as soon as she reaches her station in the East again. However, this is left to the pleasure of the Chapter.

Past matrons pin given here with a few words of appreciation. She found the pin in her pocket.

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