Worthy Matron requests Secretary to call the roll of Past Matrons and Past Patrons, after which the Marshal presents them for introduction.

Welcome speech by Worthy Matron:

We are very happy at this time to bring greetings to you from this Chapter. We have been looking forward to this meeting with a great deal of anticipation, principally because of your coming. You have doubtless given much valuable time to the work of our Order during your years of service, and I am sure this is to you a very pleasant memory, and to us it is an inspiration through which we may be more able to grasp a deeper meaning of the principles of our Order.

We appreciate to the fullest extent your presence which is an evidence of your continued interest in the work of our Order. To be numbered among those who have occupied the East is an honor and a lasting reminder of loyalty and service. The memories of innumerable friendships have endeared you to us in many ways, and we are most happy to open wide the doors of our hearts to bid you welcome.

When time steals all our years away, and steals our pleasures too,
The memory of the past remains to help the journey through;
And when we think of friends we've made throughout the passing years,
Friends who rejoice with us in joy, and sorrow in our tears,
May we ourselves prove friendly too to those we meet each day,
And may he help then bear their load as we pass on our way;
And may we thus continue on 'till we have crossed the bar,
Just working, planning, praying for, our own dear Eastern Star.

Soloist sings welcome song:

Tune: The Beautiful Garden of Prayer.

We are bringing to you a glad welcome, 
As we greet you with happiness here; 
We are glad you can be present with us, 
As we bring you our song of good cheer.

Refrain: May our Star just keep shining for you every day, 
May no clouds hide the light of the sun, 
May all joys be for you, all the long journey through, 
With God's blessings 'till life's work is done.

We are grateful for all of your efforts, 
For your service, the greatest and least; 
We shall never cease singing your praises 
For how nobly you served in the East.

If Pastas are to fill chairs, the roll is called of those selected. As their names are called, Conductress and Asso. Conductress escort them to positions as in Fig. 1. Following lines of March, Conductress bows to Worthy Patron, who takes station. She then in turn bows to Marshal and Secretary, who take stations. Offers arm to each of the following officers who in turn take stations; Adah, Ruth, Asso. Matron, Warder, (and Conductress). At same time on north side, Asso. Conductress escorts her officers
to stations, after which these officers find seats.

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East

Line up for officers, Fig. 1.
South -
1. Worthy Patron
2. Marshal
3. Secretary
4. Adah
5. Ruth
6. Asso. Matron
7. Warder
8. Conductress

North -
1. Asso. Conductress
2. Worthy Matron
3. Chaplain
4. Treasurer
5. Electa
6. Martha
7. Asso. Patron
8. Asso. Conductress

Gifts or flowers may be presented to guests while seated in the East or at close of meeting. Two regular officers, each with basket of flowers, or gifts, approach the East and stand at positions at north and south of dais until Worthy Matron gives following verse, after which flowers or gifts may be presented to guests.

Many times in the twilight as you sit alone,
You will think of the friends which you call your own;
And may each thought every sorrow destroy;
And bring to your mind an increasing joy;
May the wonderful Star which you follow each day,
Just peep through the clouds if they darken your way;
May the message of Adah, so loyal and true,
And the bright ray of Ruth with its beautiful hue;
The courage of Esther, Martha's hope in above,
All together give truth to Electa's great love;
And may these little gifts which we bring to you,
With all of our love and our loyalty too.
Still shine in your heart when other things cease,
And bring you the joy that gives comfort and peace;
For as you gave yourselves and to us you were true,
So we with these gifts, give ourselves to you.

If flowers are given, use the word "flowers" in place of "gifts".

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