CEREMONY FOR PAST MATRONS’
AND PAST PATRONS’ NIGHT

SCENE

Chapter room with present officers in their stations.

LINE OF MARCH

Conductress and Associate Conductress present the Past Matrons and Past Patrons in a line back of Esther's chair, facing the East. Then each one is presented to Worthy Matron.

After Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron verse the line turns and faces the West. Following Associate Matron and Associate Patron verse the line of march goes to the East in front of Worthy Matron’s station, facing the altar. Then Star Points with baskets of flowers form a line in front of Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

At this time preceding the Star Point ceremony the vocal solo, No. 4030, "Love Eternal"—Gilbert—M (G) (postpaid), 55c, may be effectively used.

WORTHY MATRON REPEATS

Past Matrons and Past Patrons,
So just and so fair,
May God bless you always
For this is my prayer.
And from your Worthy Matron
Who welcomes you here,
Accept all good wishes
And greetings most sincere.

WORTHY PATRON REPEATS

A house is built of bricks and stone,
Of sills and posts and piers,
But this Chapter is built of your loving deeds
That will stand through all the years.

Line turns facing the West

ASSOCIATE MATRON REPEATS

God grant the years may bring to you
Richest blessings, friends so dear.
Our need of you is very great
We want you always here.

ASSOCIATE PATRON REPEATS

I'd rather be a "has been"
Than a "might have been" by far
For a "might have been" has never been
But a "has been" was once and are.
Line of march then goes to the East, etc.

ADAH REPEATS
Past Matrons and Past Patrons,
The years have brought us you.
We look to you with joy and pride
For you are Stars most true.

Jephthah's daughter brings to you
The blue flowers, symbols of fidelity and courage.

RUTH REPEATS
We welcome you, dear faithful ones
Who have earnestly done your part,
May blessed peace, God's wonderful gift,
Forever dwell within your hearts.

The Gleaner, Ruth, brings to you
The yellow flowers, symbols of constancy and devotion.

ESTHER REPEATS
Once in a while our hearts do thrill
When we find our dreams come true,
But it's only once in a great while
We find sisters and brothers like you.

Queen Esther brings to you
The white flowers, symbols of purity and justice.

MARTHA REPEATS
Your part in this beautiful life of service
Inspires and cheers us on our way,
We shall hold you in fond remembrance
Ready to serve you in every way.

Trustful Martha brings to you
The green flowers, symbols of faith and immortality.

ELECTA REPEATS
May all the blessings you have brought
To others far and near,
Join hands and circle back to you
Through many a happy year.

Electa brings to you
The red flowers, symbols of love and truth.

Chaplain steps forth from her station with following verse:

God give to us the faith that blesses you
In the service of truth and love.
May we all do our best and leave the rest
To our Heavenly Father above.