PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS TO A SECRETARY WHO HAS SERVED MANY YEARS OR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

(This may be given under the "Good of the Order". Have as many roses as the number of years the Secretary has served. The roses may be presented by the Worthy Matron or by Flower Girls who will enter Chapter room through the door in the west, go across west to the South aisle, up aisle to stand in double file running North and South in the aisle in front of the Secretary's desk. Leaders of the double line stop when they reach Secretary's desk. Girls in the line will pass their flowers to the leaders of the lines. The leader of the South line will then pass the flowers from that line to the leader of the North line who will present them to the Secretary.

A flower basket may be placed near Marshal's chair where North leader can easily reach it. Or if the Secretary has served an uneven number of years, the leader of the North line may carry the flower basket but not any flowers.

At the proper time, the Worthy Matron will address the Secretary who will stand when addressed.

Worthy Matron: Sister Secretary, for .......years you have served.........Chapter, faithfully and well. So tonight on behalf of the chapter, I wish to express to you our thanks and grateful appreciation for your service.

"Fresh with dew, a rose-full blown,
As a smile of God is known."

Work well done is always acceptable to our Heavenly Father, so we think that you deserve some of His smiles. (she now either takes hold of the basket of roses to be presented, or the Flower Girls, if they are to present them, enter at this time and proceed as instructed above.)

The presentation then continues as follows:

Your faithful service through the (or past) years
Has brought us smiles instead of tears;
And so the least that we can do
Is to send back some smiles to you.

We'll give them now; these roses bright
Shall bring to you our smiles tonight;
And if their beauty brings you cheer,
Know this: Each rose stands for a year
Made beautiful by perfect work
Which you have done. You did not shirk
Your slightest task! Oh, if we could,
We'd give you more; you've been so good! (Presents roses.)

This same ceremony may be used in a different fashion.

The Worthy Matron may ask the Conductress to present the Secretary. When back of Esther's chair the Flower Girls (or escorts) may enter the chapter room and circle the labyrinth. After the Secretary has been greeted by W.M. the escorts will form an aisle from the Asso. Conductress's station to the East. Each girl may carry a large feather type pen (I refer to the original heavy quill type) made from cardboard or any material you prefer and before the Secretary and Conductress go thru the xx aisle they will raise them and thus form the emblem "crossed pens". The Asso. matron or anyone you wish may present her roses with the closing presentation verse given above. This person may be in the East or may follow the Conductress and Secretary through the aisle to the East.