This ceremony is suited to the honoring of a sponsoring Chapter,—for showing appreciation to a Chapter for some rendered service,—or simply as a gesture of friendship. It may be put on by the visiting Chapter, or put on in the home Chapter honoring specially invited guests.

It requires the Worthy Matron, two Sisters and a Brother; also a Soloist Choir.

Also required are a small garden cart, which may be decorated to suit the occasion, a small square box about a foot square which has been painted green, some soil... in the cart, with a small tree, with bare branches, some artificial leaves, with wire stems, some artificial flowers, also with wire stems, and some odd-shaped packages, compactly wrapped in gold paper, to represent the fruit of the tree. One of these packages can contain the gift. If the gift is a large item, it will be concealed at the bottom of the cart, that it may be presented at the same time as the tree.

This ceremony is to be put on for the Good of the Order.

Worthy Matron (of Chapter making the presentation): Sister -----, our Chapter wishes to share some of your meeting time this evening.

Hostess: Worthy Matron, (if meeting is not at home): It will be our pleasure.

The two taking the speaking parts, followed by the Brother wheeling the garden cart, enter through the Chapter room door, and turn North between Associate Matron and Sister. The cart contains the items mentioned above. The three proceed East, to stand between Chaplain and Worthy Matron. The music for this marching is to be "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and as soon as they reach this position, Soloist sings to same tune, the words:

Then good friends gather together,
'Tis fine and sunny weather,
When good friends gather together,
How happy we can be.
How happy we can be...
When love can plant a tree,
So, we'll all be happy together,
With hearts as light as a feather,
We'll love and serve together,
And happy we will be.

First Sister: Whenever we read of great events being commemorated in happy fashion, somehow the theme seems so often to be the planting of a tree. Tonight we would commemorate the happy relations between our Chapters. (If there is a special reason, state it here,) and we will plant a tree.

Second Sister: Here is a box. It will contain our tree. (She passes the box to the Brother, who holds it, and adds each item passed to him). To hold a tree, this box must have boundaries, but the happy feelings of fraternal cooperation
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between our Chapters has no boundaries. It is as limitless as the joys of our associations.

First Sister: Into the box must go some earth. The Bible tells us that seeds which fall on fallow ground will flourish, so our soil is rich and mellow. Like the feeling of true fraternity between our Chapters, each thought and deed falls into the rich soil of shared service.

Second Sister: Here is our tree. Its roots are sturdy and free from imperfections. With such a rootstock our tree should thrive. Between our Chapters there is rooted a bond of strength that will survive the storms of everyday living.

First Sister: Here are the leaves. To breathe in the pure fresh sunlight, and carry on the many building processes of daily growth. So it is with our Chapters. The service to our Order is carried on, singly or together, for the good of all.

Second Sister: We add the flowers of beauty, that are the evidence of seasons of growth. Between our Chapters the flowers of beauty are love, and loyalty, and friendship, enthusiasm, and many more.

First Sister: In due season our tree will bear fruit. This is the final reward of growth. The fruit of our Chapter associations is more neighborliness, more hospitality, more service to others... and more gleam for our Star.

To you and yours, from me and mine...

Brother steps forward, with tree AND gift: / In appreciation of our past, we present it to you... and in happiness for our present, we add our love, and with the joyous anticipation for a continued sharing in our future, we dedicate this tree as the Tree of Fraternity.

Soloist sings "Trees", then the three retire, as they entered, through the Chapter room door.

This concludes the ceremony.

Many items make suitable gifts for such an occasion....
A history of the district, or state.
A framed picture suitable for Chapter room.
A flower bowl, suitable for the Chapter piano, or desk.
A set of star shaped candle holders.
A subscription to an Eastern Star periodical.
Reference Books for the Chapter use.