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This is a simple and easily put on ceremony to honor the husbands. This may be only those husbands who are members of the Order, but it is much better if it can include all the husbands, regardless of their membership, especially as it should be put on at the close of Chapter.

This presentation may be at any time of the year and the time could govern the type of decorations. It would influence the shape and color of the invitations. A suggested invitation verse follows:

Husband of mine, I ask you now
That, regardless of plans already made,
You'll come to Chapter anyhow,
And join our happy Star parade.
A welcome,
And some fun,
Is planned;
So, husband, come,
And give the girls
A hand.

Date_____ Hour_____

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Have prepared or brought beforehand enough tiny crepe paper aprons, gaudy and pretty, with ribbon ties long enough to go round each husband; one huge safety pin for each; enough cold boiled potatoes for one for each; a box of the pretty plastic tooth picks (so each man may have two); excuses for each, neatly typed or written on cards (a list of these follows the ceremony); and a tiny boutonniere or single flower for each husband.

WORTHY MATRON: There is a warm feeling in every heart tonight when we see so many husbands with us. Greetings, husbands, you are thrice welcome. Some of our Sisters will continue my welcome.

Brothers are escorted to stand in a line in the East.

FIRST SISTER: This is an apron to wear, when your wife goes to meetings and leaves you home to do the housework (or the dishes). *(She ties the aprons on the men as she speaks.)* If the Chapter is large enough, two Sisters may act in each instance, instead of one.

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SECOND SISTER: These are the toothpicks that you can use to prop your eyes open when you sit up long hours waiting for your wife to come home from meetings. *(Two picks are given to each man.)*

THIRD SISTER: When your wife has a lot on her mind about her many meetings, you can just take an old cold potato and wait. *(Each is given a cold boiled potato.)*

FOURTH SISTER: You can always use this safety pin, for that button your wife has not found time to sew on. It is an improvement on the old-fashioned nail, which used to be called a bachelor button. *(Each man is given a pin.)*

FIFTH SISTER: These are the excuses you give your wife when she comes home, and finds you have not done what she has asked you to. *(Each man is given a slip of paper, and as soon as the last one is given, they read in turn, what is printed or written on their cards. Some excuses follow. A live committee can think up many.)*

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I fell asleep.

I couldn't remember what you said.

I got tired washing dishes, so I went down to the Elks' Club.

I forgot.

I intended to, but the cutest magazine sales-lady came along.

I went fishing instead.

But, my dear, I knew I couldn't do it nearly as well as you could, yourself.

A neighbor invited me in for a rubber of bridge.

SIXTH SISTER: Although we are ashamed to admit it, the only pay you have ever had has been an occasional kiss. (*Here the men are offered a bowl of bright and paper wrapped candy kisses.*)

SEVENTH SISTER: Now, because of what you do . . . and in spite of what you think . . . we give you each a flower because we love you. You are our dear husbands, and we wouldn't change a thing about any of you. (*One Sister carries a basket holding the flowers, and the*

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other pins the flower or boutonniere on each brother.)

Those taking part now offer their arm to each husband, and march briskly around the room, while they and the rest of the wives sing to tune of "Old Faithful," the following words . . .

Dear Husbands . . . you're every one a honey,

Dear Husbands . . . then hear our testimony;
You are helpful, and sometimes you're right . . .

And you're good to warm the bed at night,
Dear Husbands, we all love you true.

Dear Husbands . . . the best in all creation,
Dear Husbands . . . we're glad you're our relation,

You are patient, you are strong and good,
And you love us like you said you would,
Dear Husbands, we are glad you do.

At the close of the song, the husbands are escorted to their seats, and those taking part are also seated.