

THE OLD FASHIONED GARDEN  
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Worthy Matron welcomes guests as follows:

On behalf of Chapter No.----- we extend to you a most cordial welcome. We have been looking forward to this occasion with a great deal of pleasure, and this pleasure has been greatly increased because of your presence. We have appreciated your efforts and the time and talents given in the work of our Order, and we are glad that we can assemble together in a common interest as we enjoy this fraternal relationship. It has been said that one of the sweetest things in life is memory. May the memory of this meeting with the opportunity to meet and greet friends, remain a bright spot in your memory for years to come. You have pleased us by your coming and we trust that we may please you by extending to you a most sincere welcome together with the pleasures of the evening.

We wish all friends were just like you,  
So very loyal and so true,  
So generous and so very kind,  
And yet to all our faults so blind;  
We'd fill the world with friends like these,  
If we could have things as we please,  
We would enjoy each hour too,  
If all our friends were just like you.

As soon as guests are escorted to the East, the Conductress and Associate Conductress lead line of March, Page 2, the Conductress following plain line, and the Associate Conductress following dotted line.

The song, "Old Fashioned Garden" is sung during march, repeating chorus if necessary until march is finished.

Those in march may carry baskets of flowers. Big hats made into baskets and filled with flowers are very suitable. Small umbrellas in pastel shades are also very effective if carried in the march.

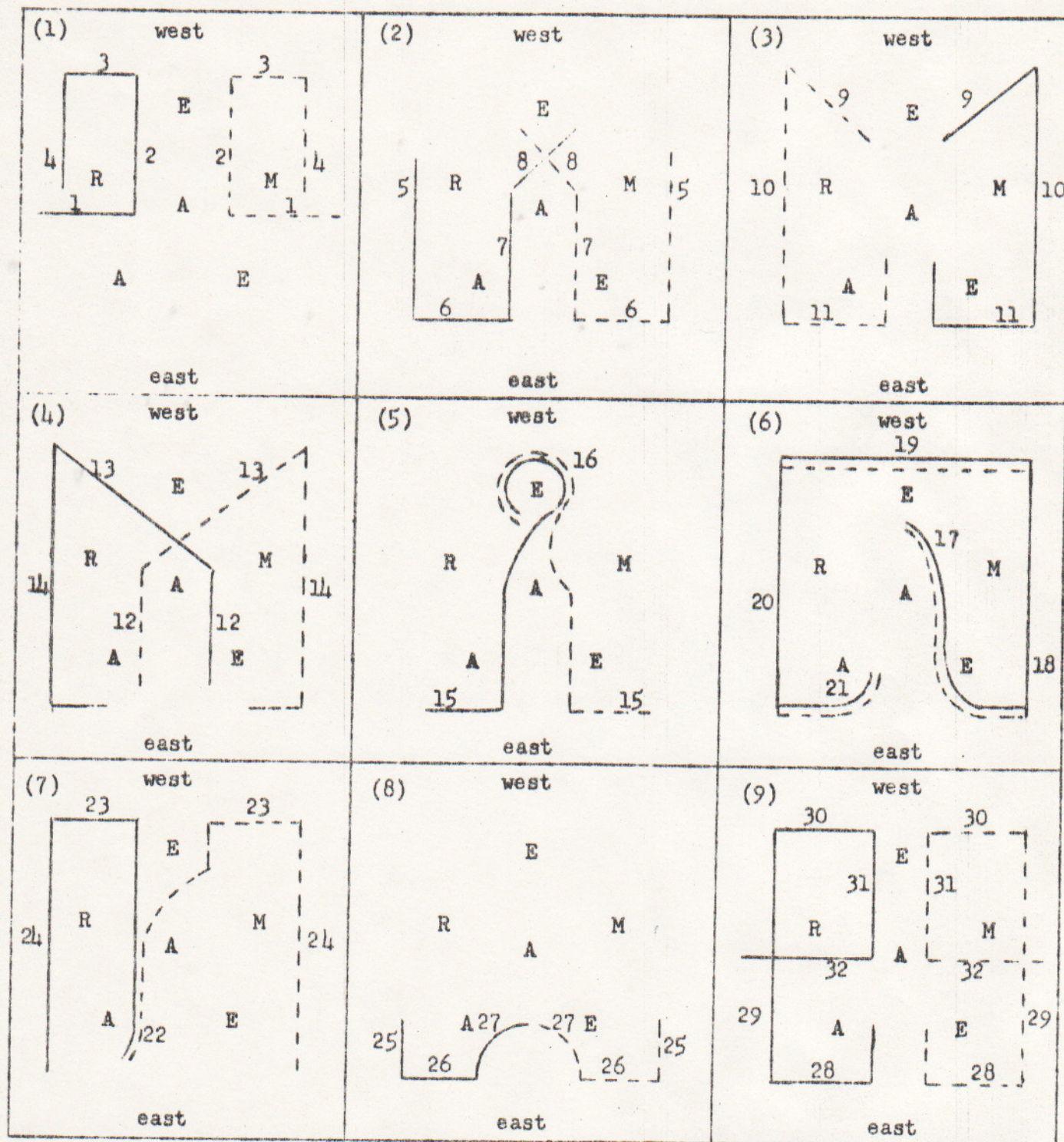
Officers step into line of march as follows: On south side, Conductress, Associate Matron, Ruth, Adah, Secretary, and Marshal. On north side, Associate Conductress Esther, Martha, Electa, Treasurer, and Chaplain. Lines cross back of Altar in Figs. 2 and 4. Double line is formed on line 16, marching single file on lines 18 and 20, with double lines on 19 and 21. Semicircle is formed on lines 27, Fig. 8. Gift is presented to guest(s) at this time.

Verses for presenting gift:

From our old fashioned garden we bring our gift to you,  
To show our friendly spirit which lasts the whole year through;  
We give it with good wishes and a bundle of good cheer,  
It is not only for a day, but for the coming year.

We hope you'll not forget us while you are on your way,  
For good friends are not always found so easily every day;  
But we'll think of you always as friends so very true,  
This is the very reason why we bring our gift to you.





Officers return to stations by following lines of march in Fig. 9, stopping at stations in passing.

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