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Below is the Retiring of the Badge Ceremony. Hope that you will enjoy it!

## RETIRING OF THE BADGES

OFFICERS FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE ALTAR.

MUSIC: STAR OF THE EAST

NARRATOR:

(\* Indicates a pause so officer can place badge on altar.)

They have served this year with joy and love,  
 Guided by the Lord above.  
 Blessed by our members true loyalty,  
 And our lessons of Fidelity.  
 Though they now may shed a tear,  
 It has been a wonderful year.

Their badges now they lay to rest,  
 Trusting that they've done their best.  
 The **CROSSED SWORDS** brought Security \*  
 The peaceful **DOVE** pure Harmony. \*  
**ELECTA'S** cup of Hospitality, \*  
**MARTHA'S** column hope of Immortality, \*  
 The **CROWN** and **SCEPTER** for Loyalty, \*  
 The **GOLDEN SHEAF** of Constancy, \*  
 The **SWORD** and **VEIL** a Vow Obeyed, \*  
 The **LYRE** for sweet Music played.\*  
 The **CROSSED BATONS** for Courtesy, \*  
 The **OPEN BIBLE**, God's Word to see \*  
 The **BATON** means Leadership that's fair, \*  
 The **SCROLL** and **BATON**, Plans made with care\*  
 The **CROSSED KEYS** to keep our Funds secure, \*  
 The **CROSSED PENS** for Records that will endure. \*  
 The **STAR WITHIN THE STAR**, Divine Guidance does show, \*  
 The **EFFULGENT SUN** to make our Principals glow. \*  
 The **SQUARE** and **COMPASSES** for Cherished Ties \*  
 The **GAVEL** where Careful Authority Lies.

>From the Altar we received them,  
 On the Altar, now, we leave them.  
 May this year's heritage ever reflect,

*Duties performed with love and respect*

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