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WILLOUGHBY, OHIO

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An Eastern Star Rosary

1--28

(Suggest you have a florist or member who handles flowers well make a garland of flowers in O. E. S. colors similar to a Hawaiian lei to place around the neck of the new Matron. If this is impossible, arm bouquet could be used but would not be as effective.)

WORTHY MATRON:

I now declare a recess.

PAST MATRON:

Sister Marshal, you will present our new Worthy Matron.

(Play "The Rosary" for marching. Marshal escorts W.M. to west side of altar facing East. P. M. steps down from dais and faces her across the altar. Marshal causes newly installed Worthy Matron to kneel.)

JR. PAST MATRON:

Sister -----,
Like a sister in a chapel
On bended knee tonight
You wait before the altar
Your eyes fixed on the light
That's shed on all our efforts,
On our little acts of love,
The light that beams down on us
From the guiding Star above.
And as you humbly petition the
Throne of Grace and Light
Your Members wish to pledge
Their faith in you tonight,
So I'll place on you this Rosary
That we would have you wear;
Its fragrance is our love for you;
Your virtue's the blossoms fair.

(Place garland about her neck.)

Soloist sings the following as officers form a circle around kneeling Matron.

The hours you spent 'neath the Star's bright light,
Are as a garland of flowers fair, -
You count them over every one apart,
And find sweet perfume there, and find sweet
perfume, there!

Each hour a flower, each flower bright,
Its fragrance leading to this night,
This night when dreams long dreamed come true,
at last
And skies are starry bright, and skies are starry
bright!

Each blossom speaks of blessings shared,
And promises rich joys to come, -
The joys of serving in His Star's bright light,
'Til He shall say, "Well done", 'Til He shall say
"Well done".

The above may be used while the newly installed W. M. is at the altar after having assumed her vows, or the whole ceremony may be given after all officers have been installed.

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father, we stand on the threshold of a new year, and we beseech Thee in Thy great goodness to look with favor on this Sister who is to guide the destinies of our Chapter. Give her strength and wisdom, patience and tolerance, and above all understanding, that her way may not be hard. May she emerge at the year's close with a garland of happy hours in her hands and a knowledge of rich fulfillment in her heart. Amen.

Jr. P. M. extends hand and helps W. M. to rise.

JUNIOR PAST MATRON:

My Sister,
As they form a human garland
To brighten up the scene,
Your officers wait to tell you
What the colors of your Rosary mean!

ADAH:

The blue flower tells of Adah
Who sacrificed her own precious life.
May her courage and fearlessness sustain you
When you meet with turmoil and strife.

RUTH:

The yellow blossom will ever remind those who
follow the Star
Of the lesson of constant devotion taught by Ruth
who traveled afar.

ESTHER:

The white flower tells of loyalty given in
fullest measure
By the beautiful Queen, - noble, - adored, who gladly
faced royal displeasure.

MARTHA:

The greens that bind the garland are like the vine
of trust
That binds us to the Master and following Him
we must
Be led to pastures verdant and into Heaven's light!
Like Martha keep your trustful faith; 'Twill ever
lead you right!

ELECTA:

The lesson of Electa you have learned.
It teaches us "Love one another".
The red in your Rosary of blossoms
Bespeaks Charity for Sister and Brother.

ASSOCIATE MATRON:

As minutes slip into days and days into years
And you count each precious flower
May you always be glad at the memory
Of this installation hour.
May your member's kind thoughts
And their friendly deeds
Always fully repay
The effort that you put into your job
And make you glad you passed this way!

Officers join hands around circle and extend it to new Matron. Gift may be presented from officers here if that is your custom.

JUNIOR PAST MATRON:

Our hands and hearts will draw you into
This Rosary that we're forming,
And may you be certain of our love
Be your heavens fair or storming.
We hope that when you count your blessings
The fairest by far of these
Will be your Eastern Star memories;
We will strive all year to please.

Presentation of gift or flowers, followed by repetition of "The Rosary" as officers take their stations.

The End