

THE WHEELS OF TIME
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After all officers have been installed, Pres. of Past Matron's Club (or other Past Matron) takes position at foot of dais and speaks:

We have come to the close of another year, with a new year opening before us. The work of the retiring officers who have served us the past year is at a close, and they now enter upon new responsibilities. We sincerely appreciate the service which they have given to our Chapter, and thank them for their untiring efforts in making the past year a success.

(Bows to retiring Matron and escorts her to position in front of dais. Continues speaking, addressing retiring Matron.)

Sister -----,
The year is closed, and there's a call
For you to leave the East,
You have been faithful in all things,
From greatest unto least.
And when our work each year is done
Our Matrons come and go,
And leave for us a record here
That will their efforts show.
And you have been so very true,
And served our Chapter well,
So as we give our thanks to you,
It is with fond farewell.

Soloist sings the following song:

Tune: "America The Beautiful."

As our Matron we say farewell
For your year is now done,
As our Matron we give to you
The laurels you have won;
Farewell Matron, Farewell Matron,
We give our thanks to you,
May your work through the coming years
Keep you forever true.

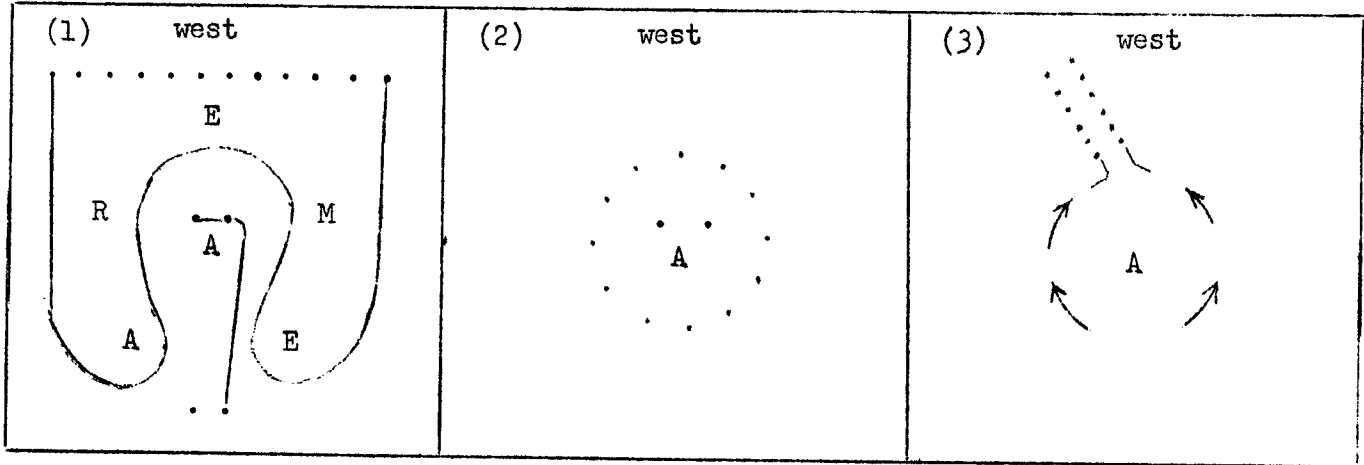
Farewell Matron, we wish you well
As you go on your way,
We hope the sun will shine for you,
With fair skies every day;
Farewell Matron, Farewell Matron,
To you our thanks are due,
For all your work has been well done,
And to us you've been true.

At close of song, the Associate Matron, (or Past Matron) takes position back of Esther's station and speaks as follows:

The wheels of time are moving on,
 And we now bring to you
 Our thanks for efforts you have made,
 For all the past years through;
 Now other duties call to you
 To leave the East and come,
 And rest with others of the Pasts
 Because your work is done.

From north and south the way is clear
 For your much needed rest,
 And all of this we give to you
 For you have done your best;
 And in the years which are to come
 We'll always look to you
 To stand by us along the way,
 And be forever true.

Diagram for March. This may be given by as many Past Matrons as desired.



After above verses are given, the retiring Matron is escorted to position west of Altar, Fig. 1, after which Past Matrons line back of Esther's station Fig. 1, continue march to form semicircle Fig. 1, then form into circle or wheel around Altar Fig. 2. As soon as wheel is formed, Past Matrons, (or soloist) sings closing song:

Tune: "America The Beautiful."

We welcome you into the Pasts,
 May this bring joy to you,
 For we are just a jolly crowd,
 Now you're one of us too;
 We welcome you, We welcome you,
 As Matrons of the Past,
 And now we bring with joy to you
 A welcome that will last.

We welcome you into the Pasts,
 May you our pleasures share,
 May you walk with us on the way,
 And lay aside each care;
 We welcome you, We welcome you,
 With faith that always lasts,
 For you are numbered with us now
 A member of the Pasts.

The Past Patron may be welcomed also by changing the word Matron to member. Past Matrons pass from wheel formation after song, forming double line to outer door, through which retiring Matron is escorted in leaving Chapter room.

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