

## HONORING SECRETARY OF A CHAPTER

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If the Secretary belongs to a district Secretary's Club these members should be invited to her honor night. Also, if there is a Past Matron's Club for her year, an invitation should be sent to the membership. Places should be reserved for each group in the Chapter room.

After all other introductions have been made, the Worthy Matron asks the Secretary to stand, then instructs the Conductress to escort her to the East. After formal introduction has been made, the Worthy Matron invites the honored member to ascend the dais. If a corsage is to be presented, this is done now. The Worthy Matron gives the following verse (or she may wish to pin the corsage after giving the verse):

Without you, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, where would our Chapter be?  
 You sit in your own corner with great serenity,  
 You record our good deeds, and help someone in need,  
 You perform your tasks faithfully, this is your creed.  
 You are duly elected, but are not of the "line".  
 Over and over you serve, and we think this is fine.

Crossed pens within the Star is the perfect badge for you;  
 We know you need two pens for the many things you do.  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_, to you all honor is due,  
 Your devoted Chapter is truly in love with you.

If at all possible the honored guest should always be expected to remain in the East, but the Secretary may feel that she should be at her desk. In that case she should be escorted back to the East under Good of the Order and at this time she introduces the special guests who have come to honor her. The Worthy Matron instructs the Conductress to escort these groups to the East. Since the Secretary is almost always a Past Matron of the Chapter, the Past Matrons and Patrons are escorted and introduced, also. At closing, she is invited to give the farewell.

## A BRIEF ADDENDUM FOR THE SECRETARY USING THE STAR POINTS

Worthy Matron: Sister Marshall, you will escort our Sister Secretary to the several points of our Star.

Marshall: Sister Adah, have you a word for our Secretary?

Adah: Your fidelity to convictions of right  
 Has helped Adah's ray to shine ever bright.

Marshall: Sister Ruth, do you have a message for our Sister?

Ruth: Constancy is ~~bookish~~ one of our watchwords true  
 And is exemplified by the work you do.

Marshall: Sister Esther, have you some light to share with our Sister?

Esther: Esther's white ray of joy, purity, and light  
 Has shown out in your life, so lovely and bright.

Marshall: Sister Martha, please share a message of faith with our Sister.

Martha: The great lesson of faith as taught in this ray,  
Has been your inspiration from day to day.

Marshall: Sister Electa, would you share with our Sister some of the love of our Order?

Electa: Fraternal love which runs true and deep,  
Is found in the records which you keep.

Gift-giving is at the discretion of the Worthy Matron. Instead of the corsage, she might like to have the Star Points present a floral offering as the Secretary is led around. The Marshall could hold the container and hand it to the honored member as she is returned to the East. The Worthy Matron could say: Sister \_\_\_\_\_, it is a joy to have you as our Secretary, and we have chosen this way to thank you.

AN OPTIONAL ADDENDUM, NOT IN VERSE

(the Marshall salutes the Star Points with the same greeting as in the above)

Adah: My Sister, your fidelity to this Order is evident in your attendance in our Chapter, and at your Secretary's desk.

Ruth: The records you keep of our Chapter's proceedings prove the constancy of your ways. May this constancy never waiver.

Eather: Our Order exists to provide light to our Loyal members. The part you have in recording the good deeds of your companions helps to spread that light.

Martha: Faith such as Martha exhibited to our Lord is that upon which our Order is built. We commend you for your faithfulness to your duties.

Electa: With fidelity, constancy, loyalty, and faith, we have love. May the light of love always shine upon our Order and each one of us.

The Secretary may wish to present small favors to the special guests who have come to honor her.

Responses are requested from these special groups.