

BADGE RETIRING CEREMONY (Optional Ceremony)

Officers form a circle around the Altar as Music: “Star of the East” is played
(*Indicates a pause so that the officer can place the badge on the Altar.)

NARRATOR:

“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 is 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 principles glow*

The square and compass 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.”