

PIE-BAKING ADDENDUM

PART I (For lady)

After installation, five of the newly installed officers ask to retire. Donning aprons, they wheel in a small table or tea wagon upon which the following paraphernalia has been stacked:

Small sack of flour bearing a brand name relating to your particular (lodge).

Can of shortening, likewise with significant label.

Pie tin.

Imitation pie crust, precut to size.

Mixing bowl containing (fifty-cent) pieces donated by the new officers.

Mixing bowl containing bright-colored gumdrops.

Mixing bowl with candy valentine hearts.

Small sugar and spice shakers.

Have the correct amounts of gumdrops and hearts measured beforehand so a full, colorful pie will be the result. The pie is made step by step by the five officers as they speak the corresponding lines.

When the table is in place in front of the station of the new (president), the first officer speaks:

- 1 -

It isn't good form to advertise,

But this recipe will take the prize.

My helpers will now come to my aid,

And show you exactly how it's made.

Success of your pie-crust will depend

On whether you use this perfect blend;

For this flour has been kitchen-tested — it's pure,

And bears the Good Housekeeping seal, I'm sure.

- 2 -

Measure two cups of flour and be sure to mix well
With this short'ning which no other brand can
excel;

Roll it out evenly like the one we have here,
And place in your pie-tin – now, isn't that clear?

-3-

The filling is made of ingredients rare,
Assembled by us with the greatest of care.
Each officer wanted to do her full part
In planning this recipe, right from the start.
So their contributions we'll carefully space
On top of the crust here to form a firm base.

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Add plenty of sweets and of goodies galore,
Then over it all, candy hearts you should pour:
Hearts that read "Darling," and "Honey," and
"Dear,"
"Please be my Sweetheart," "My love is sincere."
Last but not least – sprinkle sugar and spice,
Season it lightly, and flavor it nice!

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And now the pie's finished, you know what we'll
do?

Why, naturally, (name), we'll give it to you.
To tell you the truth, dear, we had you in mind
Before this choice pastry was ever designed.
We hope our concoction will tickle you pink;
We think it's a honey . . . now, what do you think?

The last officer hands the completed pie to the (president).

PART II (For man)

If a man is to be honored on the same night, these same five officers can officiate. Stored on the work table will be five small individual pies — chocolate, pear, apple, cream, and peach. The officers present their pies at the end of their respective verses.

- 1 -

Each of us has baked a pie, especially for you.
Mine is awfully sweet I know, but I think you're
sweet, too.

- 2 -

With the choicest of pears, I baked this with care;
Because you and (name of lady president) make
such a choice pair!

- 3 -

I made my pie of apple, and here's the reason
why —
You'll always be — no kidding — the apple of my
eye!

- 4 -

I made a luscious cream pie — made sure it was no
flop;
Because I know that this year you'll be the cream
on top!

- 5 -

Now I decided I'd make mine peach; it wasn't
hard to do;
For well I know that you're a peach, and others
know it, too!

The officers retire with their tea wagon.