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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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TOASTMISTRESS' RESPONSE

(Assuming that she has been introduced by Worthy Grand Matron or other Grand Officer.)
Toastmistress:—

I appreciate the honor of being introduced by one who so truly exemplifies our highest ideals and who has spent the greater part of the year devising ways and means to raise the standard of our beloved ORDER.

WELCOMING REMARKS OF TOASTMISTRESS

Each year as the hands of the clock move the calendar over its space of time, we lay aside the routine duties of the chapter and spend one evening in convivial friendship.

For many days we have had pleasant anticipation of this occasion, sensing the fact that by association with those whose very presence brings us happiness and whose greatest delight in life is to bring happiness to others could but net us a worthwhile evening.

We like to entertain the belief that the reputation of our chapter for genuine and cordial hospitality is so well established that there can be no lingering doubt in the mind of anyone that you are heartily welcome.

We are sure that this evening's event will tend to cultivate and strengthen the fraternal bond by which we are united.

INTRODUCTION OF WORTHY MATRON

Toastmistress:—

To be counted worthy of the confidence of one's friends and associates is a worthwhile achievement. A fact that holds good in fraternal as well as private life.

In fraternal affiliations this confidence finds expression in the conferring of advancement to the individual by promotion in the grades and degrees of office.

In THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR the highest chapter station attainable is that of Worthy Matron.

The person whom I am about to introduce has lived her life so that those who not privileged to enter may have a greater respect for the Order of which we are so proud and whose interests we have so much at heart.

We feel the Chapter has made a wise choice in selecting for its head a sister who has fulfilled all of these qualifications.

So, at this time I wish to introduce your Official Hostess (Name) Worthy Matron of _____
_____, Chapter, Number _____, (Town and State).

INTRODUCING WORTHY PATRON

Toastmistress:—

It requires poise and serenity to keep the aims of the Chapter headed toward effectual goals throughout the year—Sometimes we like to feel there are those members who inject broader meaning into our Order than just the Ritualistic work—Persons who try to feel that the Order has done its part in being an incentive to our citizens for closer co-operation in community affairs.

We have with us tonight one who is capable of lending just that sort of assistance.

It gives me added pleasure to present our official host (Name).

INTRODUCING PAST MATRONS AND PATRONS

Toastmistress:—

They tell us the greatest servants of humanity are those who have labored to make the world better and happier for its followers. They found the true road to happiness by practicing the virtues exemplified by The Order of The Eastern Star.

So we are exceedingly happy to have with us tonight so many _____
(also visiting _____). Will they please rise.

Worthy Matrons and Patrons:—Your good judgment and sense of fairness for every one has been a great means of setting the high standard for which our Order stands today. It must be a great source of satisfaction for you to know you were co-builders of this organization and each one of you has tried—Oh! so hard—to bring the work nearer and nearer to perfection.

I know that my sisters and brothers, who have shared and profited by your experiences, join with me in giving you one of the warmest welcomes you have ever had—(arousing handclap).

Response by Representative Member of Past Officers' Association.

INTRODUCING HEAD OF MASONIC LODGE

Toastmistress:—

“The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star is brotherhood.”

—Edwin Markham.

I am most happy when introducing to you one who is a leader and an exemplary member of one of the greatest of brotherhoods—The Order of Free Masonry. A brother who has traveled hand in hand with us in the service of humanity.

The greatest pleasure in living is doing for others and you have been inspired by the same lofty ideals that tend to promote charity and loving kindness.

So we welcome you at this banquet for the position you hold and the title you bear—It inspires us when we think of the pleasant relations that exist between these two grand bodies—We congratulate you on being chosen head of your organization and congratulate them upon having you.

Most happily I introduce (_____).

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY

Toastmistress:—

Now I wish to introduce one whose office calls for co-operation in every undertaking. We know she is very much interested in devising and providing ways so that by means of which the subordinate chapters may receive instructions and encouragement in their work.

Your Grand Matron is proud indeed to have you serve as her representatives in the several districts of the state. She has chosen you because you entertain an unbiased respect for each other's opinion. So I am happy to introduce Sister (_____) whose friendly helpfulness has meant much to our extremely busy Worthy Grand Matron.

INTRODUCING WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Toastmistress:—

We have with us tonight one whose official visits have, as have these of the Worthy Grand Matron, brought him in touch with many chapters.

On these occasions he has found that aside from their individual problems they are interested in those which confront the world at large.

Knowing the interest you have felt in following their deliberations, I am sure that the heart of each and every member here present is beating just a little faster because we have for a guest tonight, one who has spent much of his life in instilling in the hearts of our members the fine basic principles of Fraternalism.

Permit me to present our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother (Name _____) who will now address you. (Brother _____.)

INTRODUCTION OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Toastmistress:—

Once in a lifetime perhaps, is accorded a toastmistress the distinction and privilege of introducing a truly great personage.

Such a privilege is mine tonight.

The acts of its citizens individually and collectively determine the claim to greatness of a town, state, community or organization.

Seldom do we find in a single individual the rare combination of the qualities of heart and mind which pre-eminently fit one to lead and govern in an organization such as ours.

We have in mind one who in a large measure possesses these desirable traits.

One whose home town can truly say they are honored in having a resident whose work, ideals and attainments have made her one of the leading citizens of our community.

Contributing a storehouse of knowledge and experience, and putting duty before every other consideration, she has kept her character true and lovable, and expressive of her love and admiration of one of the greatest organizations in the world.

Her great desire and aim has ever been to help make the membership stronger, better and happier when her year's work shall be finished.

I consider myself honored in being permitted to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister (Name_____).

RESPONSE

Toastmistress:—

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Summing up your talk tonight, and also gleaning from the different sisters and brothers of other jurisdictions a word picture of the manner in which you have stimulated good fellowship it seems to me that your year of service has been (or is to be) altogether too short.

Your sense of fairmindedness and of responsibility in your duties has left an indelible imprint on our memories.

Also it has caused us to appreciate more and more the worth of this marvelous ORDER.

I now take pleasure in returning the further conduct of this meeting to our Worthy Matron, Sister_____, your official hostess.

CONCLUDING REMARKS OF WORTHY MATRON TO VISITING GUESTS AND MEMBERS

Worthy Matron:—

To our visiting guests, and members, tonight as our paths divide and we go our separate ways I would like to say that—I trust this meeting will hold pleasant memories for all. We hope this meeting has given as much pleasure to you as your presence has afforded us.

And above all we want you to take away that feeling of friendship garnered this evening which is so vital in this busy life.

So we wish to and we would, leave with you this parting thought—Where there is friendship there is definite advancement.