

Each officer may invite a friend to fill her station, or the Worthy Matron may invite friends--Worthy Matrons of other chapters, to fill the stations for the evening. In either event the Worthy Matron will welcome them.

WORTHY MATRON'S WELCOME. Salutation, : I am indeed glad to extend a very friendly welcome to all those who are present on this our "Friends' Night". I hope you may each enjoy being here as much as we are glad to have you.

We are delighted to have the following friends fill the stations for the evening: (Introduce each friend, stating her name, the name of her chapter, etc., and the station she is filling for the evening.)

I am now prepared to sit on the sidelines and relax because I know that the affairs of the chapter are in the hands of FRIENDS tonight.

Later in the evening, at the correct time for speeches, the Worthy Matron may speak as follows:

WORTHY MATRON'S SPEECH ON FRIENDS' NIGHT

Sisters and Brothers etc., : It sometimes happens that brother rises against brother thereby causing suffering and inharmony. This happened as long ago as the days of Esau and Jacob.

We are glad that such events are the rare exception rather than the rule to the law of brotherly love which governs humanity generally.

While a true brother or sister is a source of comfort, strength, and loving companionship, and we thank God for them, still there is a comfort and a pleasure which can be experienced only through the possession of true friendship.

To have the assurance and knowledge that one has "a friend" is to have a feeling of being in possession of a valuable gift.

There are friends of many degrees. There are those who are willing to give us a cheering word of encouragement--and to help us to some extent in times of sorrow or lack.

There are others who manifest the highest degree of friendship that exists. This kind of friend is known as "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother". The Bible says that no man can have any greater love than this: "that he will lay down his life for his friend".

I firmly believe that true friendship is one of the things which God made and saw as part of his "very good" creation.

I am very grateful for the enduring and sincere friendships which have been made between the members of our great order.

I have so thoroughly enjoyed having our friends with us tonight. I hope each has enjoyed the evening as much as I have.

I am afraid, however, that unless I bring this speech to a close, I may lose the friendship of some because of making too long a speech; so I shall give the Worthy Patron and some of our friends an opportunity to speak.

WORTHY PATRON'S SPEECH ON FRIENDS' NIGHT

Salutation, : Sisters and brothers. I too have thoroughly enjoyed the evening because I have been conscience of a feeling of being with friends. One is or

should be happy in such surroundings.

I have never experienced the sensation of knowing that I was surrounded by enemies, so I can only imagine how unpleasant such an experience would be. But to be surrounded by friends, well, that is grand, and I have certainly enjoyed being here tonight.

It has been said:

'If trouble never happened and if sorrow never came,
The only thing you'd know about your neighbor is his name.
If all your days were bright and fair, and certain was your place,
You'd only know a fellow by the features of his face.
Acquaintances upon this earth are all you'd ever own
If care had always passed you by and grief you'd never know.'
(Author unknown to me.)

It is in time of trouble that we find "a friend indeed".
From Him, in time of sorrow, too, we get the strength we need.
And so I thank our Father, God, because in His great plan
He met our need before it came, and made "a friend" for man.
(K.C.L.)

At the most appropriate time, either before or right after the time for speeches on "Guest or Friends" night, gifts may be presented to the guests by using the following:

The following regular officers may march in, in two straight lines, and stop at the following places:

Chaplain	*		*	Marshal
Treasurer	*		*	Secretary
Electa	*		*	Adah
		altar		
Asso. Conductress	*		*	Conductress
Martha	*		*	Ruth
Esther	*		*	Asso. Matron

They may carry shepherd's crooks which may be wrapped with cloth or crepe paper of any color you wish. The crooks should be held at about the same angle as the staffs when carried by the Conductress. They may chant the following as they enter.

Little Bo Peep she lost her sheep,
And didn't know where to find them;
She left them alone, And they came home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

We now request each honor'd guest
To stand so we twelve can find them;
A gift to present--is our intent
And so we pause beside them.

The Marshal presents gifts to the Acting Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.
Chaplain presents gifts to the Acting Chaplain and Organist.
Secretary presents gift to the Acting Secretary.
Treasurer to the Acting Treasurer
Conductress to Acting Conductress
Asso. Conductress to Acting Asso. Conductress
Adah to Acting Adah
Electa to Acting Electa

Ruth to Acting Ruth
Martha to Acting Martha
Esther to Acting Esther
Asso. Matron to Acting Asso. Matron and Asso. Patron

MARSHAL to Acting Worthy Matron.

While you have filled our Matron's chair,
You looked so nice while sitting there
And we have listened to your voice,
It surely made our hearts rejoice.
Just one more thing we wish to do
And that is: present this to you;
Although in size it may seem small,
Its real intent is not at all. (Presents gift.)

MARSHAL to acting Worthy Patron.

While you have filled our Patron's chair,
You, too, looked nice while sitting there;
So this small gift which I present
Just for a friendly act is meant.

CHAPLAIN to acting Chaplain.

May God bless you ever,
Forsaking you never;
May loving friends help bear your load
As they walk with you down Life's road.

To acting Organist.

We thank you for the har-mo-ny
You made for us tonight;
May all your friendships be as true,
And bring you much delight.

SECRETARY to acting Secretary.

This little gift asks you to pen
That it is from "a friend to friend".

TREASURER to acting Treasurer.

May you treasure the friendships you find in our Star;
May you ne'er be without them, go you ever so far.

CONDUCTRESS to the acting Conductress.

As you conduct the candidates about your chapter room,
May you rejoice because, for both, the friendship flowers bloom!

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS to acting Associate Conductress.

This little gift, I must confess, is big with hopes for happiness,
For you, and for your chapter dear, from all the friends you both have here.

ADAH to friend filling Adah's station.

We all think of the color "blue" as denoting that which is true;
May "True-blue" friends in many ways, bring you much joy in future days.

ELECTA to friend filling Electa's station.

The station which you have filled tonight is one which brings us much delight,
Because it teaches of LOVE'S RAY--This gift brings love to you today.

RUTH to friend filling Ruth's station.

I have no gold to give to you--so something else will have to do;
We hope you'll like it quite a lot; it brings our love and gold might not.

MARTHA to friend who is filling Martha's station.

May all the friends prove faithful who, are walking Life's highway with you;
And may this little gift express, something that is not hard to guess.
We know you've guessed it: We adore friends just like you and want some more!

ESTHER to friend filling Esther's station.

No golden scepter I extend: No priceless gift will I pretend
This one to be
This gift is just a "Me-men-to: We hope that you will like it though
Quite thor-ough-ly.

To acting Warder.

We guard our doors against alarm; our friendships too must fear no harm!
Just as we guard the door in here, so guard our friends year after year.

ASSOCIATE MATRON to acting Associate Matron.

A gorgeous sunset in the west
Shows Nature's beauty at its best;
So may your life be blessed each day
With beauty from true friendships Ray!

To acting Associate Patron.

We hope you're finding, in our Star,
How grand and true our friendships are!

Officers may return to their seats while organist plays "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", or any other appropriate "Friendship" Song.
