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Short Speeches of Welcome

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To have such friends as you with us makes our work seem like play;  
We're sure it would be fun for us to have you here each day;  
For friends like you will help a lot to lift a load of care,  
For you're the kind that's needed, every day and every where.

We are so glad that you had time to stop while on your way,  
And we wish you would try to come to see us every day;  
We'd like to take you by the hand and say "How do you do".  
And show you by a smile and nod that we want friends like you.

Welcome to W. G. M.

We are so very happy to welcome you on this occasion. We have looked forward to your coming for many months. Your presence means more to us than words can tell. We are very proud not only because of the great honor which has come to you, but because of the great work which you are doing throughout our State, on your mission of love. We feel sure that the inspiration which we will receive from your presence will be an incentive to us to give more of our time and our talents to the upbuilding of our great organization. We are most happy to welcome you.

May the years that are numbered before you  
Be untouched by the worries of care,  
May the flowers around you be blooming,  
And the skies up above you be fair.

May our Star ever shine on your pathway,  
With a light that time never can mar;  
May your life reflect all of the glory  
That you find in our own Eastern Star.

Welcome to Other Grand Officers.

It affords me much pleasure to extend to you a most cordial welcome and to greet you with our fraternal love. This year gives you a wonderful opportunity to stress the true meaning of the significance of our Order, and to exemplify in your own thoughts and actions the lessons taught by our distinguished heroines. This year is yours to rejoice because of the opportunity to make friends, for friendship is one of the outstanding privileges which we enjoy in our great Order. As we welcome you tonight as friends, may we see through your coming a clearer vision of the lessons taught to us by the emblematic rays of our beautiful S Star.

We extend to you a welcome most cordial and one that is full of love and kindness.

We welcome you joyously. We want you to have a pleasant time - so pleasant in fact, that you will want to come again and again.

We are happy to welcome you and we know that your presence with us will be an inspiration to all.

We bid you a sincere welcome. We hope that whenever the opportunity presents itself, you will turn the knob and walk in again. When you do, I assure you that you will find the same warm welcome here that we have given you before.

I am indeed honored in having the privilege of welcoming you to our Chapter. May you enjoy the happiest year of your life as you fill this high office and go about from place to place serving our beautiful Order.

Having you with us tonight gives us all much joy. May I add my personal welcome to that of my Chapter, and tell you how much I have appreciated knowing you and calling you my friend.

✓ Friends, we are so happy to have you as our guests tonight. We are all working for the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. May I say that while coming together this way is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success. Shall we not all do our utmost to make our Order the real success that we want it to be?

✓ It's just the same sweet message,  
And so it always ends,  
We're happy at your coming,  
Dear distinguished friends.