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GROUP OF SPEECHES FOR THE INCOMING MATRON

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1. PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE WORTHY MATRON, BY THE ASSOCIATE MATRON, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS

Worthy Matron, your officers feel that they would like to express their love to you with their appreciation for the service you have rendered ---- Chapter while filling the station in the East. That station has responsibilities which you have not shirked. It has problems which you have solved. It has limitations which you have overcome. It has high requirements for qualification in office which you have fulfilled. In nothing have you been found wanting by your corps of officers. They have been happy to work with you for the chapter. You have been a grand leader whom they have been glad to follow. They have asked me to present this on their behalf, and I am very happy to do so. Please accept it from the officers of 19--.

2. WELCOME TO A GRAND OFFICER

*just* Sister --- ----, --- ---- ( title ), I haven't had much experience in extending welcomes so I shall say simply that you are most welcome here tonight ( or today ). I feel that it is an honor to have you visit our chapter and I hope that you may have a most enjoyable time with us.

3. WELCOME TO VISITORS TO THE CHAPTER

*just* Salutation ---- ----; I am very happy to welcome our visitors tonight. Although your presence may have made us a little excited about giving our work perfectly and correctly, it has at the same time given us a feeling of pleasure at your coming. I hope you have enjoyed ( or will enjoy ) your visit to our chapter. I shall not make a long speech in welcoming you, because I hope you may have some thing to say to us. You are welcome, and I hope you will come again whenever you can.

4. INSTALLATION NIGHT SPEECH

Sisters and brothers, all that I can give you in return for this wonderful evening is a little sentence of three words. It is: 'I thank you'.

Although I have assumed much responsibility by the attainment of the station and title of Worthy Matron of this chapter, I have assumed too, in a different way, that I can be sure of your loyal help and support; and for this I wish to say again 'I thank you'.

Unless I could feel that I can depend upon your help, for I am dependent upon it, I should never have had the courage to let myself be installed here in the East. I shall try my best to fill the station creditably, and I ask your help and support in doing that which is best for the chapter and for our Order,

I thank you very much for these beautiful flowers. There is nothing more beautiful than flowers, unless it might be the loving hands and smiling faces which are turned toward one in friendly greeting and helpful understanding, in time of need.

I think I have decided, suddenly, to take for my keynote for the year 'Service with a Smile'.

I shall try to keep that motto always in mind, and I am certain that it will be like looking into a mirror with a smile which will be reflected back to me.

I think we all look better when we smile so let's begin this new year with a smile. I hope that when it ends, we will be smiling still.

I thank you for everything about this night which I can never forget. Neither will I forget those who have had a part in it.

I wish especially to thank the installing officers. Their work was beautifully done. I know it has been thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was no easy thing which they have done, and I do appreciate their service to the chapter and to me. Thank you, --- --- ---, --- --- ---, and ---- --- ---- etc. You have given us a good start by causing us to begin the year with a smile of pleasure and appreciation. After such a splendid start, we should 'come smiling through'.

Our meeting nights are --- ---- ---, and I wish my first official act to be that of extending an invitation to you all to attend our meetings. I thank you.

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