The Past Patrons and Matrons are escorted by conductress back of Esther's Chair facing East. All face West and each Matron and Patron introduce themselves and give the year they served.

Worthy Matron welcomes them.

Eastern Stars sing "Silver Threads Among the Gold" to Pastas.

Each present officer then escorts a Past to her station and turns it over to her, giving a few lines of praise. (Pastas to be escorted in turn as they lined up originally.) Conductress will conduct present Patron and Associate to their places in case there is a shortage of Past Patrons. Three can be used. In case there are more than three Patrons present rest can be seated in the East. In case there are more Matrons present than offices they will be escorted to the East and act as a choir.

Pastas will then open lodge, with Worthy Matron retaining her place.

WORTHY MATRON'S WELCOME:

My sisters and brothers: There could be no group of people more welcome in this Chapter than you, our Past Matrons and Patrons, since to you, we owe a debt of gratitude that cannot be measured.

You contributed your time, your efforts, your enthusiasm, and your vision toward making our Chapter the splendid organization that it is today, and when your terms of office were over, you have still been an ever present help and inspiration to those who have followed you in office.

WORTHY MATRON WELCOMES PAST MATRON IN EAST

Now to you our Past Matron
So just and so fair,
May God bless you always;
For this is my prayer,
And from your Worthy Matron,
Who welcomes you here,
Accept all good wishes
And greetings sincere.

ASSOCIATE MATRON WELCOMES PAST TO HER STATION

God grant the years may bring to you
Richest blessings and friends so dear:
Our need of you is very great,
We want you always here.

WORTHY PATRON GREETS HIS WORTHY PAST:

A house is built of bricks and stone,
Of sills and posts and piers,
But this chapter is built of your loving deeds
That will stand through all the years.

ASSOCIATE PATRON GREETS HIS PAST:

1 I'd rather be a "has-been"
2 But a "has-been" was once an "Are".
3 Than a "might have been" by far
4 For a "might have been" has never been.
ADAH GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
Our dear past Matron
The years have brought us you,
We look to you with joy and pride,
For you are Stars most true.
Jephthah's daughter brings to you
The blue flowers, symbols of fidelity and courage.

RUTH GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
We welcome you, dear faithful one
Who has earnestly done your part,
May blessed peace, God's wonderful gift,
Dwell forever within your heart.
The gleaner Ruth, brings to you
The yellow flowers, symbols of constancy and devotion.

ESTHER GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
Once in a while our hearts to thrill
When we find our dreams come true,
But it's only once in a long, long time
We find sisters and brothers like you.
Queen Esther brings to you
The white flowers, symbols of purity and justice.

MARTHA GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
Your part in this beautiful life of service
Inspires and cheers us on our way:
We shall hold you in fond remembrance
Ready to serve you in every way
Trustful Martha brings to you
The green flowers, symbols of faith and immortality.

ELECTA GREETs HER PAST MATRON
May all the blessings you have brought
To others far and near
Join hands and circle back to you
Through many a happy year.
Electa brings to you
The red flowers, symbols of love and truth.

THE CONDUCTRESS GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
You have perhaps in the past conducted
Many a fair flower and manly men too
Through the ceremonies of our Chapter
But the faires t I've conducted is you.

THE ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS GREETs HER PAST MATRON:
In your dear old century Chapter
Your hours were not spent in vain
For in the heart of every member
You will live again and again.
THE SECRETARY GREETS... Our present books and minutes are up to date
From the time the chapter started thanks to you
If you ever want to check on the past my dear
Just check this book for all the credit due.

THE ORGANIST GREETS... No doubt the piano sounds the same
As it did in your day of glory
If it is a little out of tune
We are indeed extremely sorry.

CHAPLAIN GREETS... Our prayers from your time to now
Have ascended reverently from our altar
May God bless you and keep you
And with much happiness endow.

MARSHALL GREETS... Many a step has been taken by the marshall
Since you were last an officer here
Each step was taken with joy and pride
In dedication of your service, dear.

WARDER GREETS... Your chapter room has been free from interruption
Due to the diligence of each new warden
May we be the first to greet you warmly
On your visits to your dear old Century Chapter.

SENTINEL GREETS... My station is most lowly
Outside the chapter door
But may I present it to you
In memory of your start upon the floor.

TREASURER GREETS... Just a report to let you know
That Century Chapter is in the black
We've kept the chapter solvent
Because we knew you would be back.

WORTHY MATRON: (After Treasurer)
Now to you our Past Matrons and Patrons
So just and so fair,
May God bless you always;
For this is my prayer,
And from your Worthy Matron,
Who welcomes you here,
Accept all good wishes
And greetings sincere.
Tune: "Silver Threads Among the Gold!"

1. We now bring our welcome song  
   Past Matrons and Patrons too  
   You have been so true to us  
   So we will be true to you  
   You have been faithful to us each day  
   Always loyal on your way  
   So we bring our praise to you  
   For you have been always true.

2. Adah's courage gives to you  
   Faith to be in all things true  
   And like Ruth you'll always be  
   Having Esther's loyalty  
   For our Martha's faith we always pray  
   That you may have it always  
   And we give Electa's love  
   With God's blessings from above.

3. Our love never will grow old  
   When locks are no longer gold  
   Although you may older grow  
   Still our love for you we'll show  
   Our own Pasts you will forever be  
   Always young and fair to see  
   This one thing we'll always know  
   To us you'll no older grow.

Refrain:  
   Matrons, Patrons, you've been true  
   And you've been so loyal too  
   May our love be one that lasts  
   For you are our own dear Pasts.