ALUMNS of O. E. S.

(Past Matron's and Past Patron's Night.)
[NOT: missing diagrams and music]

The Past Officers may or may not fill the stations for the evening. This ceremony is to be given after the regular meeting. All officers retire. Have as many as you wish dressed as "kiddies": hair ribbons, half socks, pigtails, etc. You may use all the officers and more too or just the exact number required.

We suggest that the Worthy Matron may either dress for the part with a long, old-fashioned dress, old-fashioned hair style and wear old "spectacles" or she may remain in modern dress - same will hold true for Worthy Patron. Instruct the Past Officers on the side line to fall in line behind Conductress and Associate Conductress (both dressed as girls.)

MARCH MUSIC: — The Conductress and the Associate Conductress enter the doors in the west, followed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, respectively. They march to the East where the Matron and Patron take their regular positions. (See diagram I.) When they are seated, the Conductresses then march west, pass the altar to in front of dais in the west; one turns north and the other south to side lines; then both turn east. The Past Officers arise and follow them to positions. (Diagram II.) (The Matron should instruct the Past Officers to follow the Conductresses.)

When the Past Officers are in position, the Conductress and Associate Conductress return to doors and are followed by pupils all singing "School Days". (See Diagram III. Not included)

MUSIC: — "SCHOOL DAYS".

Those on the sidelines may be allowed to sing too if you prefer. When all are in their proper places, the Worthy Matron rings her little bell and seats them.

WORTHY MATRON speaks:

As you know, students, we have been looking forward eagerly to this evening when many Alumns of our school O. E. S. would be with us again. Each year we set aside a special day and ask our "grads" to be sure to return so that we may have the pleasure of welcoming and honoring them.

You see, for at least a year at some time or other, they have attended here steadily learning the lessons taught and performing their necessary duties pleasantly and well, until the time when they graduated -and thus - have become Past Officers, tried and true.

Each, during his term here, has applied himself diligently and unselfishly for the good of O. E. S. Each has learned some lesson in patience, faith, fidelity, constancy, loyalty, and love. Our order has benefitted and is benefitting from their interest and help.

Since they have done us much good and have been such worthy Matrons and worthy Patrons, it's no wonder that we're very proud of them and
think that they are by far the finest group of alumnus any school ever had.
Past Officers, we are most happy to welcome you. Our students have prepared a little program in your honor; they have worked hard with the hope that it may please you. First, on our program is a (solo, duet, or trio) given by --- -- --.

Pupil, or pupils rise and go to the front of class and sing.

**SONG:** --"HOW DO YOU DO?" (Found in most any book of favorite songs.)

1. How do you do, Past Of'cers
   How do you do?
   We are here to give a greeting just for you.
   We praise your virtues right
   With our songs and sayings bright.
   How do you do, Past Of'cers
   How do you do?

2. Welcome here, Past Of'cers,
   Welcome here.
   Your kind, smiling faces bring a cheer.
   Your presence here tonight
   Makes everything all right.
   Welcome here, Past Of'cers,
   Welcome here.

3. Sit at ease, Past Of'cers,
   Sit at ease.
   We hope that with our frolic, you'll be pleased.
   And now it is our plan
   To give you all a hand. (All pupils and chapter clap.)
   Sit at ease, Past Of'cers,
   Sit at ease. (Return to seats.)

**WORTHY MATRON says:**

Now we shall be favored with a little recitation by --- --- ---

Pupil goes to front and recites.

1. Welcome, Past Of'cers,
   We're glad you're here.
   It's so good to see you
   Again this year.

2. We're pleased to express
   Our thanks to you
   For your aid in the Past -
   And the Present, too.

3. Your wisdom and grace
   Your kindness, and charm
   Have helped a great deal
   To keep us from harm.
4. We hope you'll enjoy
Your evening here.
May it be filled
With joy and good cheer.

We suggest that you may use at this time, if you wish, instrumental solos, readings, or whatever form of entertainment that might be supplied by talented members of your Star.

The answers to the following questions should be supplied beforehand to the students who will answer them. Students should hold up hands when questions are asked.

WORTHY MATRON rises and speaks:

Who can tell me who were the very first Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of our Chapter?

Student rises and answers.

WORTHY MATRON asks: — What years did they serve?

A student answers. (If either or both Past Officers are present have each stand. All clap.)

WORTHY MATRON continues: — Who is the oldest Past Officer present?

Pupil arises and answers.

WORTHY MATRON: — When did she or he serve?

Pupil answers. (Past Officer stands to be greeted.)

WORTHY MATRON: — Who is the youngest present?

(Use if you wish.)

Student answers.

WORTHY MATRON: — When did she or he serve?

Student answers.

WORTHY MATRON: --- What Past Officer has served the longest time in the capacity of Worthy Matron or Patron in this chapter? For what years did he or she serve?

Another student answers. (Past Officer stands and is greeted.)

WORTHY MATRON continues: — What Past Officer here has been a member of the Eastern Star for the longest time? When did he or she serve?

A pupil answers. (Past Officer stands, etc.)

WORTHY MATRON again speaks: — What Past Officer has come the greatest distance to be present tonight? When did he or she serve?

Another pupil stands as he answers. (Past Officer stands and is greeted.)
Further questions and answers may be added here if you wish.

WORTHY MATRON: — Now what other Past Officers are here tonight?

SECRETARY (dressed as a kiddy) volunteers and then-rises from the front row, turns facing Past Officers, and reads their names and dates. (Each Officer should stand to be acknowledged as name is read.)

WORTHY MATRON asks: — Who can tell me the five important lessons exemplified and taught in our O. E. S. school?

We suggest Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa answer. Let each wear a "kiddy dress" in color appropriate to point of Star. Let each wear appropriate ribbon or flowers in hair. These five should occupy chairs in the front row in proper order. When they are called, they should stand facing the Past Officers while they answer the questions.

WORTHY MATRON: — Adah?

ADAH — Fidelity is exemplified in our school.

WORTHY MATRON: -- Ruth?

RUTH: — Constancy too, is a Golden Rule.

WORTHY MATRON: — Esther?

ESTHER: — Purity we are taught to know.

WORTHY MATRON: -- Martha?

MARTHA: — Often faith we're called to show.

WORTHY MATRON: -- Electa?

ELECTA: — A fervent love we seek to find.
Are these the five you have in mind?

All five stand until Adah speaks, then all sit.

ADAH:

Past Matrons and Past Patrons,
You all have walked the same pathway
Veering neither to left nor to right.
Led by the rays of a starlight blue
You've proved Fidelity's might.
By your help, in all times needed,
With your words, which we have heeded,
You've made us love and honor you
And proved yourselves to be true blue.
Past Officers, a token, I give to thee
In remembrance of Fidelity.

(See directions at end.)

RUTH:
You have all walked in our fields of grain
Among yellow sheaves piled high.
And you, your own bright sheaf did find
Beneath a burnished sky.
For by your works of Constancy,
Our sheaf of plenty grew – to be –
A mountainous stack of work, all done,
And contentment from a race, well run.
Past Officers, a token, I bring to thee –
In remembrance of your Constancy.

ESTHER:

We'll take you to the throne of a king
And show you the golden crown,
But the joy and purity you have showed
Far exceeds all else, there around.
For Purity gleams with radiance, white,
And brightens even the darkest night.
So - through the years you've helped each day
To lighten our tasks in your kindly way.
Past Officers, a token, I bring to thee
In remembrance of your Purity.

MARTHA:

Please come with us to the out of doors
On the soft, velvet carpet of green –
Where old Mother Nature expresses herself
With hues of various sheen.
Here you will see that life is renewed,
From a dead, drear cycle to one bright-hued.
Here you will find despair turns to hope
And fear of destruction becomes remote.
Past Officers, a token, I bring to thee
In remembrance of Immortality.

ELECTA:

You have lifted high the sacred cross
So that it lit our way;
And from the gracious cup you drank
Imbibing deep of Love's red ray.
You've loved one another, it's very true;
You've kept our fervency ever new.
You've whispered always, with loving breath,
That love can never know real death.
Past Officers, a token, I bring to thee
In remembrance of Love and fervency.

All pupils now form a line in the East facing the Past Officers and sing
the following song. (The music for the words will be found at the end of
ceremonial{not included}.) Song written especially for this ceremonial.

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Past Matrons, true,
Past Patrons, too,
You're the only ones.
Ever in our hearts
We'll hold you apart
Until this life is done.
Proud we will be,
As you see,
That our "Alumns" you are.
May you never wander far.
Alumns of O. E. S.

We've welcomed you
With love so true.
Now, it's time to go.
Ever in your hearts
Keep these past remarks
Because they all are so.
God grant you health,
And some wealth,
Friends for you, kind and true.
You are the fairest of the fair.
Alumns of O. E. S.

Students divide and go to stand equi-distant behind Past Officers. Then after Worthy Patron's speech they escort Past Officers to the sidelines.

WORTHY PATRON rises and speaks:

Tonight, I served as Principal,
Of this fine school, so fair,
Whose very dear Past Officers
Are far beyond compare.

The work which they did here
Will live beyond their days;
And we who follow afterward
Will speak of it with praise.

And now, school days are o'er,
We'll have to say goodbye
We hope you'll plan to see us soon
When Chapter night draws nigh.
(Worthy Patron says: School is dismissed.)

Organist plays tune "Alumns of O. E. S." while the guests are being escorted to sidelines. When the guests of honor are seated, the program may be considered over, or the pupils may follow the Conductresses out of the room by any march you care to use. This gives a better opportunity to "show off" the pupils' costumes, perhaps. We offer a simple march in Diagram IV.

NOTE: We suggest that you make arm bands of crepe paper in the five colors with monogram O. E. S. on them. These may be pinned on the arms of the Past Officers. Let Adah put on the blue ones; Ruth, yellow; etc. as "the token".

The Past Officers may receive them before the ceremony, if you prefer. In this case we suggest that bands be made of white crepe paper. See Diagram V. These can be pinned on the sleeve easily.
Then little gifts wrapped in appropriate colors may be presented by the Star Points after each speech. Each serve one-fifth of the Past Officers. Pupils may carry gifts in little baskets until time of presentation.

You may use pennants if you prefer. Make them of stiff paper and put a balloon stick through them. Diagram V.
Diagram II.

Conductress and Associate Leading.