

SPEECHES FOR WORTHY MATRON.

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I. WELCOME TO PAST MATRONS AND PATRONS ON PAST OFFICERS' NIGHT. (Past Officers are to fill the stations.)

Salutation: Past Matrons and Past Patrons of ----- Chapter.
At some time in the past, each of you has stood in the east and has spoken cordial words of welcome to the guests of honor, grand officers, visitors, members, and friends.

You may have used more eloquent language than I am capable of using to-night in welcoming you, but I am sure your words were not - because they *could not be* - more sincere than these which I shall speak to you as I welcome you on behalf of ----- Chapter which is *your* chapter and mine.

You are indeed welcome. Although you know it or *should* know it, I think that it is a very nice thing to do - to *tell* you so. I think we *should* make a *special* effort, at least *once* each year, to let you know we, the present officers and members, appreciate you and your work in the chapter, both in the past and at the present time.

We, too, are very glad to have you fill the stations to-night. (You may now announce the names of the Past Officers with the station each is filling for the evening.)

We know you will do your work perfectly so, after extending a most cordial welcome, I shall sit quietly here on the sidelines and enjoy the evening.

II. AT THE CLOSE OF THE EVENING.

(After the Past Officers have given the initiatory work.)

Sisters and brothers, I must thank you now for your wonderful work to-night.

I was quite confident that you would give the ritual correctly, and letter perfect. Since I have heard you, I am certain that our candidate(s) have received the favorable impressions which are desirable.

I know that all present must feel glad because of being here to-night.

I want to thank you again, on behalf of the Chapter, for filling the stations to-night, with credit to yourselves and much pleasure to us.

III. WORTHY MATRON EXPRESSES HER APPRECIATION TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, BEFORE LEAVING THE EAST.

Sisters and brothers, I feel that it would be almost like leaving a party, where I had had a good time, without bidding my hostess farewell and telling her that I had enjoyed myself, if I should leave the East without bidding *you* farewell and without thanking you for the wonderful time I have had in the East, for almost a year.

My, *our* party has lasted quite a long time, hasn't it? Almost a year! It may seem rather odd to some, if I should compare my year in the East to a party which you have given me but, since the idea came to me a little while ago, I don't think it very strange. I truly have had such a good time - with pleasant associates; then too, there is preparation, and work, connected with having a party, just as there has been preparation and work connected with our chapter meetings and the special occasions which we have observed this year.

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I do want to thank each of you my officers, past officers, and all members, for your help, for the preparation you made, and for your loyal support of the work as well as for the wonderful good times we have had together during the year soon ending. (or, now ended.)

I shall never forget this year nor you who have shared it with me. Shared not only the good times but the preparations made for the good times and the work connected with the routine of the year.

I hope the coming year may be as pleasant for our incoming Matron and her corps of officers, and for all members, as *this* has been for me, and I *hope* - for you.

So I say "Goodbye" and "thanks" to you all, for a wonderful time.

IV. THANKS FOR A PAST MATRON'S JEWEL.

I thank, -----, for your kind words while I thank the chapter for this Past Matron's jewel.

I am certainly glad that it is customary, in this chapter to present the retiring Matron a jewel appropriate to her permanent title - that of, Past Matron.

During the year that I was Worthy Matron, I had a gavel to use - just on meeting nights.

On this pin, I shall have a gavel - *all the time*. Don't you imagine the reason is this: During the year, a Worthy Matron is given a gavel to use on certain occasions, or at certain times, and she is, in a way, on probation - to see whether or not she will use it in a dictatorial or incorrect manner. After she has proved her worth and has shown that she is to be trusted with the gavel, or *emblem* of authority, she is given one to *keep* permanently, - and it is found on our Past Matron's jewel.

As I respected the use of the gavel in the East, so shall I appreciate the one on this jewel. Of course, I thoroughly appreciate *all* that is, every part - of the pin (or ring) and for it, I thank you more than I can express with words.

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