

INITIATION CEREMONY FOR PAST WORTHY MATRON

Past Worthy Matrons' (or Past Worthy Matrons' and Patrons') clubs are a valued auxiliary to many chapters, cities or districts, and there often exists a desire for some formality inducting new members into the club upon the expiration of their term of office.

The following brief ceremony, from the Eastern Star Review, of Canada, may admirably serve this purpose.

President: "My sister, we welcome you to our little group of Past Worthy Matrons - you are one of us. Your hand has held the rudder that guided our beloved craft safely through the year of your Matronship. Your voice has counseled wisely and carefully. Your influence has been beneficial. And now my sister, your term of office expired, you are eligible to membership in our ranks.

"Your membership fee is a smile. Will you pay it?"

"The password is, 'Keep Smiling.' Can you remember it?"

"You will repeat after me the obligation:

"I,(name)....., Promise to keep in mind the fact that I am a past presiding officer of the Order of the Eastern Star and as such must retain my interest and guard my actions and my speech in Eastern Star matters so that my influence will continue to be beneficial to the organization I love; and that I will hold myself in readiness at any time to be of service to my chapter."

President: "We accept your promise and welcome you to our midst. We are sure that you will find us--

"The jolliest bunch of has-beens
You possibly could meet.
Complains and frowns are never found
Within our fair retreat.
For laughter always reigns supreme,
No time for feeling blue,
For the motto of our Matrons' Club
Is always 'Smiling Through'."

"You are now enrolled as a member, and henceforth will be known among us as (given name). You may now take your seat and consider yourself properly initiated into our circle."