7.40

WELCOME INTO PAST MATRONS' CIRCLE

Sister, I feel privileged tonight to welcome you into the circle of Past Matrons of Chapter. This meeting marks the close of your year as Worthy Matron, a goal toward which you labored for years, --years which I believe brought you rich rewards because you put so much of yourself into them.

Please do not feel now that you have outgrown your usefulness. This Chapter will always have need of diligence, fidelity, and zeal like yours. Now you will no longer be called Worthy Matron, but instead, like us, Past Matron. So we would remind you that the present and future of this Chapter are still your responsibility and trust.

We bid you a warm welcome into our group and look forward to our social gatherings when you will be one of us.

(They may all join in singing 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds')