

Past Matrons and Patrons Ceremony

WORTHY MATRON:

“There are times when we honor the ones who are great,
The ones who come from afar, -
And we always pay homage and strive to relate
Their work for our Beautiful Star.
We make presentations, we offer them gifts,
We bless them wherever they roam;
And with no intention, we then fail to mention
The Faithful Ones serving at home.”

“ We buy pretty flowers, we work endless hours
To honor a visiting guest.
But we know without saying, while great honors paying,
We still love our members the best.”

“So tonight we will honor the dear ones who gave
Their time and their strength in our work;
Who carried the burden year after year,
And never were known to shirk.”

“Our Past Matrons and Past Patrons stand
As builders who served in the past,
Who helped make our Chapter the home and the place
Where Love and True Friendship will last.”

“So, tonight, let us honor, in verse and in song,
Past Matrons and Past Patrons who have served us so long. -

(If given in the Chapter room, W.M. now asks that the Past Matron(s) and Past Patron(s) to assemble West of the altar, Or if there too many, have them assemble or be escorted in the North and the South, lining up in order according to the year they served.)

WORTHY MATRON:

“My Sisters and Brothers, will each of you give your name and tell the year you served this Chapter as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.”

(Honored Guests introduce themselves)

The ceremony may end here after the W.M. has the Honored Guests escorted to the East and presented. Gifts may be presented to them at this time.

NOTE: If this is used for a Valentine Program, decorations may be a large heart in the East to accent the theme. Valentine decorations may be used at the table if this is a dinner meeting. Paper silver crowns with a star may be placed on the head of each Past Matron and Past Patron at the proper time in the ceremony. Also, two small hearts, tied with ribbon, may be pinned on the shoulder of each, when the crowns are given. The hearts may carry the name and number of the Chapter and the date of the “crowning.”

After the “crowning” and an appropriate song, the honored guests should be brought to the East and the membership should come forward and congratulate them. When this is over, the honored guests can be seated in a reserved section, the chairs of which have been roped off or decorated with valentine colors.