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**A TRIAD.**  
For the Incoming Matron's Use.

by  
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**INSTALLATION NIGHT SPEECHES.**

a. Thanks for Flowers.

Salutation .....: I thank you, .....,  
for these beautiful flowers. I think they are one of the loveliest gifts  
which can either be given or received. These are lovely and I appre-  
ciate them very much.

b. Thanks to Installing Officers.

(1) I wish to choose the very nicest words in my vocabulary for  
expressing my appreciation and thanks to Sister ..... and Sis-  
ter ....., the installing officers, who have served so graciously  
and so well to-night.

By exemplifying the ritualistic work so efficiently, they have not  
only given us great pleasure but have also started us enthusiastically  
and confidently into a new year of duties and privileges

Sister ....., I realize that it isn't a *little* thing that you  
have done for me and for the chapter by serving as Installing Officer  
to-night, and I thank you most sincerely for the chapter as well as for  
myself.

(2) Sister ....., you and Sister ..... have worked to-  
gether so well that it is impossible to commend favorably the work of  
one without including praise for the other. Your work has been like a  
song in which words and music harmonize and each adds beauty to the oth-  
er. I do thank you for serving as Installing Marshal to-night.

c. Appreciation for Installation.

I wish to thank each one who has in any way had a part in making  
this installation night so wonderful for me. I shall never forget it.

I presume that I am not unlike almost every other newly installed  
Worthy Matron in that I have high hopes for a worthwhile, happy, suc-  
cessful year in the east. However, I realize fully how subordinate *my*  
hopes and plans are to *your* loyalty, help, and cooperation.

As I now appreciate deeply the confidence you have placed in me  
by installing me into this position of honor and responsibility, so shall  
I as deeply appreciate your help and cooperation through the year now  
beginning.

After expressing my most sincere thanks to all to whom I may be  
indebted for this wonderful evening, my *first* act as Worthy Matron of --  
..... Chapter shall be to extend a very cordial welcome to the  
meetings of our chapter. We meet on ... .. and ... .. of the month.

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Whether you attend as guests, officers, or members, I sincerely hope that you may always feel welcome and that you will come because you enjoy doing so. I thank you for coming to-night.

I wonder if any of our guests, Past Officers, or members, care to say a few words at this time? (If no one responds, you may call upon those from whom you wish to hear.) (If flowers are presented to the installing officers, the following may be used.)

Salutation, ... .., On behalf of ....., I present to you these flowers (or corsages). May they give as much pleasure as your presence and help have given us, to-night.

2. **W**ELCOME TO VISITORS.

a. District Deputy or Instructress.

I now extend a friendly hand,  
To you, dear de-pu-ty, so grand;  
(or dear of-fi-cer, or lec-tur-er, so grand;)  
Because you will instruct us right,  
Your presence gives us joy to-night,  
You *are* just now, shall be always  
As welcome as a fair spring day.

b. Welcome to Present Matrons.

To the East, I welcome you  
Sister Matron(s), tried and true;  
In the same ca-pac-i-ty  
We are trying hard to be  
Worthy workers for the Right  
In our Order grand and bright.  
May success attend your way.  
This I wish for you, today.

c. Welcome to Past Matrons.

Although you're called PAST Matron(s)  
Your service in the past  
Has made us love you dearly;  
For aye our love shall last  
And so we bid you welcome,  
Past Matron(s) of our Star;  
We know no one can *ever* be  
More welcome than *you are*.

3. **SPEECH** TO BE USED WHEN VISITING ANOTHER CHAPTER.

Salutation: --- --- ---, I thank you, Sister -----, for the words of welcome which you have spoken, and for this opportunity to express, in return, my pleasure for a very happy evening.

We are both serving our chapters in the East. With the help of our officers and the members (of our chapters), we are striving to do our best to fulfil our obligations and to discharge our duties, so that our Order may fail in nothing for which it was instituted.

I feel, judging from this meeting, that you are experiencing the joy which comes with the accomplishment of things worthwhile. I am sure that you and your officers, supported by the members of your chapter, are having a very happy and successful year together. I rejoice with you.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being here to-night. The work has been exemplified so well (perfectly or beautifully), and you have made me (or us) feel so welcome that it has been most delightful.

We shall be very happy to have you visit ----- chapter at any time. We meet (tell where and when). I thank you.