

SUGGESTIONS FOR FRIENDS NIGHT

Sometimes an invitation is extended to a whole Chapter to be a "Friend" of another Chapter. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the guest Chapter are asked to sit in the East. During the Good of the Order they give a response, and also introduce the rest of their members who are present.

In some districts it is a custom to invite several Chapters at a time for a visitation. This is known as "Neighboring Towns Night" among Chapters located in small communities and as "Neighboring Chapters Night" among Chapters located in larger cities such as Seattle and Tacoma. The number of Chapters invited to be guests depends on the size of the host's Chapter room. If there is room to accommodate all the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in the East, they are seated there. Otherwise, the presiding Worthy Matron asks one (or possibly two) that she especially wishes to honor to sit with her., and the rest of the Matrons volunteer to remain in the East or return to their places in the Chapter room, all depending on the number of seats available. Each Worthy Matron introduces the members of her own Chapter. The Matron being especially honored gives the response and the farewell, or if there are two Matrons being honored, they share these duties.

No gifts are given on this occasion. Perhaps candy favors could be passed around to everyone. The Star Points could each give a friendship verse (chosen from the collection) as a tribute to the guests. Pin-ons could be made in the five colors of the Star. Everyone could join in singing "The More We Get Together" after all introductions have been made. Or, as each Worthy Matron concludes introducing her own members, the host Chapter could serenade them with the "How Do You Do-" song. (See bottom of page for word ideas).

At this type of meeting, the members of each Chapter may be vouched for collectively during the proving ceremony.

Sometimes a certain officer of a Chapter has a Friends Night - such as Conductress and Associate Conductress, or Associate Matron and Associate Patron. These guests are asked to stand during the Good of the Order and are introduced by their fellow officer of the Chapter. Gifts are presented during refreshment time. The officer having the Friends Night also arranges for the entertainment.

(Check with the Deputy Instructor as to whether these groups of guests, such as Conductresses, Associate's, etc. may be vouched for collectively at a Friends Night.)

How do you do (name) Chapter, how do you do?
 We're so happy to extend a welcome true;
 We are proud to call you Friend
 For you are the living end;
 How do you do (name) Chapter, how do you do?

How do you do, (etc.)
 We extend to you the hand of friendship true;
 You're our honored guests tonight
 In our book you are all right
 how do you do, (ect.)

How do you do (etc.)
 On this happy night our friendship we
 renew
 You are such a pretty sight
 Bright'ning up our room tonight
 How do you do (etc.)

How do you do (etc.)
 All you pretty gals and handsome men-
 folk, too

You-all better be alert
 For with one and all we'll flirt,
 How do you do (etc.)
