

SHORT VERSES OF WELCOME

AND GOOD WISHES

1.

To welcome you our honored guests,
Indeed, it is a pleasure,
For joy and happiness, you bring,
An inspiration without measure.
We welcome you for what you've done,
We welcome you for what you are,
We welcome you for the service given
To our glorious Eastern Star.

2.

Just a good old-fashioned greeting,
In these simple words today,
To wish you pleasure among us,
In the good old-fashioned way.

3.

It only takes a little love,
To make this life more sweet,
It only takes a little cheer,
To make the day complete.
It only takes a little smile,
To brighten up the way,
So here's a little bit of each
To welcome you today.

4.

God keep you now and evermore,
Your days with gladness crown,
And from His abundant store,
Send many blessings down.

5.

We are glad you are here,
May happiness fill your way,
We extend a joyous welcome.
And wish you a pleasant day.

6.

May life pour out its best,
And blessings over you flow,

To round out a full and happy year,
As on and up you go.

7.

We would like to make you happy,
We want to bring you cheer,
And keep you smiling merrily,
Each hour that you are here.

8.

Again, we bid you welcome,
A welcome that is simple and true,
From the members of this Chapter,
Of their loyalty to you.

9.

May these flowers and this greeting,
Be a symbol pure and true,
From the members of this Chapter,
Of their loyalty to you.

10.

Your year of work and its reward,
Is nearly at an end,
We wish you health and happiness,
And friends, and friends, and friends.

11.

You are as welcome as the sunshine,
That drives the clouds away,
You are welcome as the restful night,
That ends the restless day.
You are as welcome as the dew drops,
That kiss the flower to life.
You are as welcome as the friendly words.
That end the bitter strife.
Just call up all the welcomes,
That memory's thoughts commands,
And you will have the welcome.
That we to you extend.

12.

Welcome is a happy word,
It makes the heart with kindness sing,
And like the sweet song of the birds,
Thru long hours its echoes ring.

13.

Friendship brings to life a smile,
Makes all ups and downs worthwhile,
Friendship takes the clouds away,
Friendship is a gift that's true,
It gives to us such folks as you.

14.

We like the new friends, but love the old,
Those are like silver, these are gold.
Age will mellow and refine,
But friends that have stood the test,
Of years and trials are always best,
So come and greet us year by year,
A welcome always awaits you here.

15.

We would flood your path with sunshine,
We would fence you from all ill,
We would crown you with all blessings,
If we could but have your will.
Aye but human love may err.
You give joy wherever you dwell.
And a Power all wise is near.
So, we only pray God bless you,
And keep you thru the year.

16.

A glad hello and a hearty grip,
Are the first beginners of companionship.
We grow by the smile and the kindly hand,
To know each other and to understand.
So, with love I extend a greeting too,
Without you here, what should I do?
With kindly smiles your faces glow,
You are an inspiration; I want you to know.

17.

Life has many and varied ends,
But the best that it brings is the love of friends.
The past is gone and the memories dear,
Today is alright and we are glad you are here.

18.

Just as you are noble,
Whatever you do, you do well.
Whenever you speak, you speak kindly,
You give joy wherever you dwell.

19.

Here's to your health, your joy, your success!
For folks of your kind are too few.
There's something to hearten, to gladden, to
bless,
In a bunch of people like you.

20.

There's a glint in your eye, a clasp in your hand,
A tone in your voice ever new.
I think Paradise must be some sort of a land,
Made up of people like you.

21.

May the Giver of gifts give this to you,
A path that leads where the skies are blue,
A courage to dare and a will to do,
With a song in your heart and a purpose true.
May the Giver of gifts give this to you.

22.

Would that the world was filled with roses,
And every rose be filled with dew,
And every rose bud filled with love,
That our Chapter holds for you.

23.

The winds of God blow softly,
The winds of God blow true,
May they blow today from far away,
The peace of God's love to you.
May they blow to the North your troubles,
May they blow to the South your fears,
From the East and West bring all that is best,
With courage for coming years.

24.

We wish for you all the smiles of life without a
single frown,
We wish for you all the ups of life without a
single down,

We hope that all you're wishing for will hasten
to come true,
And be among the joys of life which we are
wishing you.

25.

We know that the rays of this beautiful Star,
Has brought you to us by its gleam from afar,
With a message of love, hope and good cheer,
And so dear friend we welcome you here.

Chapter Talk No. 5

[To say at the table]

A toastmaster once said to a guest speaker, "is
your speech like a cat's tail—fur to the end. Or
is it like a dog's tail—bound to occur." This
seems to be the case with me. But if the
toastmaster here had known the following
ditty, he wouldn't have called on me at all.

Be kind to all dumb animals,
Give little birds a crumb,
Be kind to human beings too,
Sometimes they're pretty dumb.

But be that as it may, I am still smart enough to
know when I am being royally entertained and
having a wonderful time. Tonight, is one of
those times. Our ritual tells us that part of our
duties as Stars is to promulgate loving kindness.
You have all been a living example of this.