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HALLOWEEN - THE GOLDEN MONTH
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To welcome guests during month of October. May be used for friends night.

Speech for Worthy Matron:

We are very happy to extend greetings to you tonight as you gather with us in one of the festive occasions of our Chapter. October is considered by many as one of the most beautiful months of the year. Jack Frost has been busy with paints and brushes to touch the leaves with yellow, red, and golden brown as if in anticipation of your coming. This is the month too when we reap the ingathering of the harvest and take an inventory of our gleanings for the year. Then comes that special day of the month, a time of mirth and merry making, when we celebrate Halloween, the eve of All Saints Day.

October is a time to stress the warmth of friendship, and on this occasion, and in this special month of the year, we open our doors to bid you welcome. May the beauty of the fall season and all that goes with it bring you much happiness and contentment. As nature brings to a climax the fulfillment of her beauty, may you enjoy with us the joy and the merry making that will come with the Halloween season.

Nights are always dark without,
When spooks and goblins fly about,
When hoot owls hoot from every tree,
And all about us we can see
Weird images that scare us so,
And follow us where're we go.

Go with us to the haunts of ghosts,
Where wide eyed monsters scare us most,
Where all the lights are blinking low,
And nothing shows us where to go;
And when with goblins we are through,
You'll know they came to welcome you.

As soon as guests are escorted to the East, six members enter wearing false faces and robed in sheets. These members form line back of Esther's station and give sign of salutation. The member on the north carries a lighted pumpkin on which is carved a face. The pumpkin may be lighted with flash light. When all are in position, the member on south passes east on south side of labyrinth followed by the next four in line. The member on north who carries the pumpkin passes to east and takes position in front of and to the right of the Worthy Matron.

NOTE: Lights should be lowered just before ghosts enter the Chapter room.

The five members form line of march around Adah's station where Adah hands the first gift to the leader in line of march. The gifts should be wrapped suitable for Halloween. If there is just one guest, one of the Star points may present gift and the other Star points may present something in keeping with Halloween such as black cat, bat, witch, etc. If there are more than five guests, gifts may be collected from other officers before beginning march around Star points.

After Adah's gift has been presented, line of march continues around Ruth's station where Ruth hands her gift to the second in line of march. Circling Esther's station, Esther hands her gift to the third member in line of march. Passing around Martha's station, Martha hands her gift to the fourth member in line of march, and passing past Electa's station, Electa hands her gift to fifth member in line of march.

When all gifts have been collected, line of march passes by the member holding pumpkin, and each drop in their gift while passing.

When all gifts have been placed in the pumpkin, the one who holds it passes it to the Worthy Matron who presents the gifts to the guest or guests as follows:

I'm very sure that you will be
A bit surprised when gifts you see,
For ghosts so seldom think about
The joy of friends when they are out.

But in our Star when ghosts we see,
We are quite sure that they will be
So kind to friends on any day,
When they with goblins pass our way.

We are not sure where these ghosts roam,
But don't be scared when going home,
For they are sure to drop from sight,
As soon as we turn on the light.

And we must make one thing quite clear,
Not only now, but all the year,
Although our ghosts may frighten you,
As friends you'll find us always true.

Members dressed as ghosts may stand in line until gifts are presented after which they retire from Chapter room.

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