

A small collection of Visitor's Toasts

From various sources

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It is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to propose a toast to our visiting brethren. A visit is a most gratifying experience among freemasons. Since our order was founded, we have enjoyed receiving visitors from all quarters of the world. Many of our own Lodge members have had the opportunity and privilege of visiting lodges in our own country and internationally. May you continue to visit our lodge, as the hand of fellowship is always extended to you all.

Brethren of .... Lodge, will you please be upstanding and drink with me a toast to our visiting brethren

To our visitors.

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What can I say about visiting that has not been so eloquently said by my predecessors in this pleasant duty? We are all visitors on this sublunary abode but this evening we have had the pleasure of welcoming you to our own small part of it. And I now have the humble distinction of calling my brethren to further extend that welcome. Brethren, please be upstanding for a toast.

To the visitors.

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It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to propose, what I consider the most important toast of the evening, (unless there's a candidate!) a toast to our visitors. A visit among Freemasons is always a gratifying experience. Visiting is a form of communication. We impart and receive knowledge, ideas and, most important: expressions of friendship and brotherhood. But are we communicators? Do we pass on that which we have received from one to another? If that which is received from a brother ends with us it might as well not been said. The brethren of this lodge hope that their message of friendship and brotherhood is worthy of being passed on.

Brethren of .... Lodge, Please assist me in communicating our friendship and brotherhood and be upstanding for a toast.

To the visitors.

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It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to propose what I consider the most important toast of the evening (unless there's a candidate!) --a toast to our visitors. On occasions like tonight, when we are honoured by having ----- with us, it is also gratifying to see that so many distinguished visitors have accompanied him. I use the term distinguished advisably, since it is my belief that a visitor is someone special and should be treated as such.

Each one of the visitors here tonight comes for a reason best known to himself. All are good reasons but underlying all is a desire to join with fellow Masons for an evening of friendship and brotherly love; something that can never be measured in terms of worldly values. I trust that we brothers of ----- Lodge have greeted you, and treated you each and all as someone special. May you continue to be a visitor as the hand of fellowship is always extended.

Brethren of ----- Lodge, will you please be upstanding and drink with me a toast to our visiting brethren

To our visitors.

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Our evenings at ----- Lodge are always a special occasion, but never so special as when we have visitors! Visiting is one of our oldest traditions and can be traced back to the days of our 'operative' ancestors, when travelling craftsmen and fellows went in search of a day's work, and would have been given shelter, food, drink and good company in the 'allodgement' or 'Lodge' adjoining the work site. We hope you have enjoyed our 'work' this evening and the food, drink and good company, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the near future. Brethren of ----- Lodge, will you please be upstanding and drink with me a toast to our visiting brethren  
To our visitors.

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A Toast to all our differences
A Toast to common ground
A Toast to what we're seeking
A Toast to what we've found
To what brings us together
To what sets us apart
A Toast to many different souls
United with one heart.

To the visitors ...

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We hope you've enjoyed your evening,  
Thanks for taking a look.  
Our Ritual is rare,  
I think you'll say fair,  
From the heart if not from the book.

We thank you for coming to see us,  
By Car, Bus, on Foot or by Train.  
To friends old and new,  
We bid you 'Adieu'  
But we can't wait to see you again.

We raise a glass to you sons of the widow,  
Whenever, wherever you roam.  
It just leaves to say  
You've brightened our day,  
And we wish you a safe journey home.

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Visitor's Responses

This evening I find myself a welcome visitor in your lodge. We are all visitors on this sublunary abode and as the humble representative of those who are now visiting your small part of it, I thank you for your welcome and for the pleasure of your company.

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Bro.----- On behalf of my Brother Visitors, I thank you for proposing our Toast, and to the Brethren of ----- Lodge for the way in which you received it. We have truly enjoyed being able to share in this evening's events, and we thank you for inviting us. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you all, to attend my own Lodge <name> which next meets on <date> and I can assure you will receive at least as warm a welcome as you have shown us tonight.

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Having arrived as a stranger
I was greeted as a friend
Welcomed as a comrade
Received as a dignitary
Trusted as a confidante
And embraced as a brother

On behalf of all the visitors present
I thank you my friends and brothers for your hospitality,
And I hope we can continue our masonic journey together;
Bound by trust, supported by comradeship,
And inspired by confidence.

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