Recognition

I see myself in you, I know you see me too. –
Song Lyric from The Neighborhood

Tonight is called a Reception, but it is really about Recognition: Recognition of positive accomplishments. A person who has gone above the norm, beyond the exceptional is being honoured tonight.

Two individuals tonight have achieved merit and deserve recognition for their work. Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Toner and Very Worshipful Brother Jeff Iron have stood out for their excellent work in Masonry.

I'm going to turn this around a little bit here. Who are we really celebrating tonight? We're honouring two individuals, but we are celebrating all those who brought them into that position. You've all heard the expression "I am tall because I stand on the shoulders of giants." You are those giants. You are those that have enabled your comrades to go higher.

We all look up to the Stars in our life, but we seldom recognize the rolls we play in their lives. I would like you to look around you at your Brethren, remind yourselves of how they did something you admired – in Lodge, in the Banquet, in everyday life. They are a reflection of the best that you believe in yourself. They are examples of how you want to be and how you are.

Tonight is the Right Worshipful and Very Worshipful's night of recognition, and it is our night to shine - through them.

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