

N O R T H W E S T E R N U N I V E R S I T Y

ON CANDLE LIGHTING NIGHT, Northwestern men and women wherever they may be, gather together in groups small and large to pay honor to Alma Mater. Upon the table, there are three large purple candles, one at each end and one in the center. At the close of the dinner the person chosen to preside as officiant at the ceremonial, rises and asks those at the table to stand.

OFFICIANT—Sons and Daughters of Northwestern, in the name of our Alma Mater, I bid that we stand and join with other Northwestern men and women throughout the world to keep tonight a sacred tryst, that we pledge anew our loyalty to our college mother, that we sing with lusty voices the hymn of Old Northwestern.

(All sing) QUAEUMQUE SUNT VERA

OFFICIANT—Let us repeat together:

Northwestern, we in loyalty
And bound as one in unity,
Do offer up our prayers for Thee
That all of us where'er we be
May strive in all we say and do
For "Whatsoever things are true,"
And keep our ancient fealty
To Thee.

(Officiant asks all to be seated.)

OFFICIANT—From out the fast receding years, there shineth steadily a light which lighteth those who went before us. In its beams we see the old familiar faces and scenes of long ago. Let us listen to the voice of the Past.

(Lights having been dimmed, a designated person approaches with a taper and lights the first candle. He represents the voice of the past as the candle represents the light of the past.)

THE PAST—I light this candle of the Past, and in its beams we see the founding of Northwestern University — a small school built in a wilderness along the shores of Lake Michigan. One of the first institutions of higher learning, it was, to be established in the great Northwest. Its history reflects the spirit of its founders and the passing years have left intact the ideals of those early days.