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Society of Honorary Dog Catchers Speech

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Mr. Dogmaster:

I certainly appreciate the honor to be your guest to-night with so many distinguished office holders. It certainly is a privilege and an honor for me, as Mayor of the City of Lewiston, to extend the most cordial welcome to the honorable Mayor of the City of Auburn and every one of his dogcatchers. The fact that our ~~beloved~~ City has been selected ~~as a place for a~~ ~~unique gathering of~~ ~~several hundred~~ ~~appointees~~ for such a unique gathering denotes a very good taste on the part of your organization to which I have the honor to belong. However, we sincerely hope that in spite of the presence in our City to-night of so many faithful, loyal and vigilant dog-catchers, ^{for the City of Auburn, our dogs will have the pleasure to see} we shall ~~continue~~ ^{will be very glad to} again ~~see~~ ^{pay} to-morrow morning our numerous dogs ~~make~~ ^{to} their usual visit ~~in~~ ^{to} our parks, ~~and enjoy the company of~~ ^{to} their enjoy life as any young fellow would with a girl, and stop at every hydrant.

Mayor Hall deserves a lot of credit for he has built up an organization that ~~is known~~ ^{as long as he wants to bark,} has become known all over the country. As Mayor of Lewiston, may I offer him the title of honorary citizen of our own Barkerville. ~~Who knows there may be some dogs astray there and in that section and~~ I believe he becomes the first and only one to enjoy such a privilege.

Lewiston also is interested in dogcatchers and to prove it, it may be that when we build the ~~W~~ Memorial Civic Center, the committee will ~~find~~ ^{of the baseball field for dogouts, and a part} designate a part of the Arena as a dog-house, as a ~~token~~ token of friendship to Mayor Halle.

Perhaps you know that it is my duty to protect the interests of our citizens and for that reason I had to appoint two keepers of the pound so ~~that~~ they could take care of any dog found astray in our streets as a result of the campaign launched by Mayor Halle and his dogcatchers. We want peace ~~here~~ ^{shall have} here, and peace we ~~are going to have~~ with Mr. Emerson and Mr. Despina as keepers of the pound.

In closing may I suggest to Mayor Halle ^{to} ~~that he~~ issue a

joint proclamation with the Mayor of Lewiston ~~xxxxxx~~ so that in the future the citizens of both cities observe the annual dog days with appropriate ^{celebrations} ceremonies. Let us get to-gether for a great dog-catching business, and better hot-dogs.

bigger hydrants and ~~long~~ and

City of Lewiston, Maine
Mayor's Office



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