TO PRESENT THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the honored speaker of the evening--the one to whom we have all gathered together to pay homage.

She has been accused and almost accuses herself of being an idealist. In defense of that statement I also agree with the Scriptures which tells us: "Without vision the people perish." Without vision the Order of the Eastern Star would perish.

It is conceded that the greatest of all discoveries was fire. Through the inner vision of the dreamers fire has been made the greatest power; for all energy outside of our bodies and the wind and tide is derived from fire in some form. All machinery, every automobile, every light has fire transformed into power--controlled power.

Our beloved Worthy Grand Matron comes with her ideals at a time when the world has made its second greatest discovery--atomic energy. She comes at a time of crisis, but crisis means "having two sides." It has peril and opportunity. She will safely guide the Order of the Eastern Star if we but put our energy behind her dreams. Her endeavors will only be as strong as the power we assign to them. We must back those decisions to the limit of our ability. Anything less is not enough. Anything less will not make for success.

She cannot be an hundred thousand (name the specific number of members in the state) persons, but the hundred thousand members of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of _______ behind her ideals will make them irresistible. The sum total has unlimited power. Not all of us can be brilliant, not all of us can be powerful, but the pooled effort behind our Worthy Grand Matron can be very powerful.

And Worthy Grand Matron we are ready to stand by the standard you have raised for us, because it is good and wise. We would now listen with open hearts and minds, knowing that our ideals will not perish but flourish under your capable direction.

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I now present the Worthy Grand Matron.

The End

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