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I--Acceptance Speech

I want to thank you sincerely for the confidence and trust you have placed in me in electing me to serve as your Worthy Matron for the coming year. I am happy to accept the honor.

I shall endeavor to do the very best I can in the very best way I know, and I want to tell you that your suggestions or help will be lovingly (gratefully) accepted at any time.

Although I am not wholly cognizant of all the duties which may be required of me as Worthy Matron, I shall try to be a "rapid learner," and I know that your cooperation and loyalty will prove very helpful (at all times).

By working together and by guiding our actions with the admonition that "we love one another," I hope that my year in the East will prove worthy and beneficial to us all and to our chapter.

I have enjoyed this year with the present corps of officers, and it has been a pleasure to serve under the capable (friendly, etc.) direction of Sister ----- (I only hope that I shall be as successful; or I only hope that I can do as well, for it has been gratifying to observe with what ease, charm, and fairness she has performed her duties). Thank you.

(The last in parenthesis is optional--dependent upon your desire to elaborate and to compliment the outgoing Worthy Matron.)

II--Installation Night Speech--(includes thanks to installing officers and thanks for gift of flowers). (Keynote: "Esther 4-14")

Installing officers, -----, -----, -----, -----, Sisters, and Brothers, you have made this evening most enjoyable for me; no doubt, I shall remember it as one of the very nicest that I shall (ever) experience.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to all of you who have so lovingly given of your time and effort in order to make this evening so pleasant.

In this new year, now beginning, I realize more than ever the need for "Divine Courage" which is so helpful in enabling us all in doing our daily tasks and in overcoming our trials and tribulations.

"Who knoweth whither thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4-14) This appeal which was made to Esther by the Mordecai is one that needs to be made to us all. We are pleased here to do God's Will--even though sometimes we are not always conscious of just what it is.

Often some duty or service will present itself to us, and perhaps our first impulse is to avoid it and to refuse.

Before turning our back on any opportunity, We should ask whether it may not be for this that God has been shaping us and giving us what we have. Let us then, like Esther strengthened with "Divine Courage," rise to the need and give richly of our talents and ability. There is no place in which our experience, our knowledge, and above all, our love for one another, will not benefit.

The world, now, has need of love, courage, and wisdom.
I hope that during this year, we will keep this thought in mind, "Who knoweth whither thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

It is my hope that we may be guided with "Divine Courage" and the desire to perform whatever duty or service is necessary, and I pray, that encouraged with your cooperation and generous help, I may have the strength and ability to act fairly and lovingly while serving as your Worthy Matron.

So--thank you, dears,
For all you've done;
You were so sweet,
Yes, everyone.

And for these flowers (this gift,)
Of bright gay hue (Your kindness too,)
I give my thanks
To all of you.

God grant you health
And joy and peace--
With strength, all trials
To release.

And may His Wisdom,
Bright and clear,
Guide us throughout
This coming year.

The End.