

Worthy Matron - Installation Speech

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Group A No.1. Installation Speech for Incoming Matron.

Another successful year has come to a close in our Chapter, and the highway of life stretches out before us. There are occasions in life's journey when our existence is influenced and enriched, and such an experience is mine. I am not unmindful of the precious charge you have placed in my possession, for I realize that you have entrusted to my care for the coming year, the government, welfare, and prosperity of our beloved Order. This is a wonderful heritage, and I trust that I may be able to pass it on to my successor without blot or blemish. It is my desire to be very cautious in the execution of my important trust, considering always the welfare of our Order.

Active cooperation is the secret of success in any organization. As we go hand in hand through the year, let us remember that we have nothing of our very own. Every honor that is mine, I fully share with you. In assuming the office of Worthy Matron, I do not have a desire to excel those who have so capably filled the office before me, but my hope is only to meet the problems and conditions of my year as well as they have met theirs in the past. May we think and act wisely, and in the spirit of loving kindness, striving at all times to uphold the high standard that our Order has attained through the years.

The road which stretches out before us may sometimes look steep and difficult, but I am hoping that we may each do our best to help smooth the way. We look back and measure the goodness and lasting qualities of those who have served before us, and in so doing we can only turn our faces to the East to catch the vision of that Star we have followed through so many years. It still has the same beauty, it's position remains unchanged, and it's lessons are still true. With this picture before us, with our thoughts dedicated to right thinking, and our lives to right living, we cannot fail. May gladness be ours and may we share our happiness together.

I want to thank you for the honor conferred upon me, for the beautiful Installation service, and for the spirit of friendship which prevails. I can only pledge to you my very best, hoping that I shall be the kind of a Worthy Matron you wish me to be. As we plan for tomorrow, may the shuttle of time weave together the glowing colors of blue, yellow, white, green, and red into a serviceable fabric of charity, truth, and loving kindness that will last as long as the world endures.

God grant that I may ever be  
True to the trust you've placed in me,  
And may I have the grace to see  
My task for every day;  
May I have strength to carry through,  
May I have faith and courage too  
To do the work I'm called to do  
As I go on my way.

To serve in truth is now my prayer,  
And may I ever help to bear  
The weight of grief and load of care  
That may be placed in me;  
May we be guided through the year,  
May courage overcome all fear,  
And may we share each joy and tear,  
This is my humble plea.