

INSTALLATION NIGHT SPEECH FOR A NEWLY INSTALLED WORTHY MATRON

(Keynote for the Year is "Harmony")
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Salutation:--- --- --- (Installing Officers, members, guests, etc. to suit your occasion.)

I am glad because the first words I shall speak, from my newly acquired station in the East, are to be words of thanks and appreciation.

I must thank each and every one who has had any part in this lovely installation, because you have given me a wonderful evening which I can never forget.

The perfect work of the Installing Officers has added beautiful color to the picture which I shall always cherish in my memory of this installation night. The decorations, the lovely flowers, the dear faces of officers, members, and friends, who are present, compose the rest of the picture. I thank you most sincerely for giving it to me.

I feel proud, and also very humble as I stand before you. I am proud because I have been deemed worthy of being installed in this position of honor; I am humble because I realize how dependent I am upon you, my officers and the members of this chapter, for the accomplishment of all that we may do in the year now beginning for the good of the order and for our fellow men.

As I stand before you with a thankful heart and with words of appreciation on my lips, I have decided to take for my watchword for the year--'Harmony'. I have chosen this word because I realize the importance of harmony in all worthwhile undertakings and accomplishment. Music would not be music without "Harmony"; it would be noise, or discord.

If the voices of a quartet did not harmonize, its singing would bring us displeasure instead of pleasure.

Only because of the operation of the law of harmony, which causes persons and things to work together in concord without friction or discord can anything worthwhile be accomplished rightly and joyously.

I realize that haste, cold indifference, and lack of punctuality are enemies of harmony.

I, therefore, shall endeavor to eliminate haste in my year by always being "on time"---

(or, by being in the right place at the time scheduled.)

I shall endeavor to eliminate (or avoid) the inharmony caused by procrastination--which causes confusion and a mad rush to get things done before a certain time when they should have been taken care of before "the last possible moment of accomplishment".

"Harmony" in a chapter is just as essential as it is in music, so won't you join with me in trying to make "harmony" the outstanding characteristic of all things pertaining to the year we are now beginning? Then when we join in singing of the "Star in the East", the effect will be pleasing, and it will attract the stranger and bring comfort to the sorrowing, while it stills the cry of the orphan and widow as they stop to listen.

I thank you again for all you have done for me and for this chapter tonight. I shall always remember it.

THE END

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