ADDRESS OF APPRECIATION
By
WORTHY MATRON or WORTHY GRAND MATRON
on Election to Office

SISTERS AND BROTHERS, well do I realize now how true it is that there are times when words cannot voice our feelings. You have elected me to be your Matron and I sincerely thank you for this expression of your confidence.

In accepting this Matronship, I realize the responsibilities accompanying it, but with the help of Divine Guidance and the cooperation of the members of this Chapter, I assume this station with the hope that I may measure up, in a small way, to the expectations of you whom I serve.

I do not promise to do new and wonderful things, but I pledge you my best efforts in carrying on the traditions of our Order.

To get the best results in our work, several things are necessary. First, there must be peace and harmony among ourselves, good-will and charity toward one another, service and obedience to our laws, respect for our obligations and reverence for Truth. We all remember the time when we took our obligation at the Altar and we pledged all we have within us of Truth. Let us remember as we work together that we must never lose Faith, that we should cultivate Wisdom in all we do.

Our motto for this year is "Look for the Good."

"Don't look for the flaws as you go through life
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
And look for the virtue behind them.

For the cloudiest night has a hint of light
Somewhere in its shadows hiding.
It is better by far to hunt for a star
Than the spots on the sun abiding."

And now from the "Giver of all Gifts," we ask for courage, wisdom and strength to carry on this work, we ask for help to teach others that Love is greater than hate, and for understanding to make us realize that God has put something good and noble in every heart.

"God grant that we shall kinder be,
Speak less in blame and more in praise;
And by the splendor of our lives
Make this a year of happy days."

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APPROPRIATE VOCAL MUSIC
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Dear Lord! Kind Lord!
   Gracious Lord, We pray
Be with us through all the year
   Each hour of the day.
Fill our meek and lowly hearts
   With Thy great love;
Help us share with all we meet
   Blessings from above.

Guide us, Father, tenderly
   When each task we find;
Give us strength renewed by Thee;
   Keep us pure in mind.
Send us Thy rich grace
   So divine, we pray
As to Thee we yield our souls
   Lead us all the way.