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We came tonight in our deliberations to pay tribute to the Warden of our beloved Chapter 71 and other Chapter Warders who augment the office of warden, perhaps the least recognized or glamorized of any office within our chapter walls. But what an important part in the Order of Eastern Star our warden plays.

Our warden guides our chapter accordant to instructions during our meetings. We see that we are ready and enter the chapter room without the permission of the presiding officer, at no time does she leave his station without a substitute reader or brother in alert. Every turn of the ballot, the ballot box is brought to her at each initiation she lowers and raises the chapter room lights - an act adding much to the solemnity and beauty of the occasion.

Yes the warden or doorkeeper is indeed an important part of our chapter.

Let us briefly recall references to doorkeepers from our Holy Scriptures when Mother read: 
Worthy Warden - take a sister to relieve the Warden.

W.M. Sister Warden, will you approach the East

I had assembled coversages of ribbon and
made a cardboard key covered with gold
foil — I pinned one to the present Warden.

W.M. Sisters, Companions, this will
now present each of the past warders a
small remembrance of this year as Warden.

(Warden pins on coversages)

Chapter Called up

W.M.

Dear Past Warders, this small token, will
its golden key of friendship be a small
expression of the tribute we extend to you
for loving service as Warden in your
respective Chapters. Will you each give the
name of your Chapter and the name of
the Worthy Warden with whom you served
(Copies each has responded)

Sister and Brethren, you well join
with me in giving our past Warders
a hearty welcome.

W.M. Sisters, Companions: you will
reach our Wardresses after which
Our Sister Esther, hereby a Past Warden
will give her tribute in a vocal set
"The Golden Key"
Revelation 5:10

And another angel flew and said, I heard a voice from heaven, saying, I will come in to him, and will take out of his throne and to sit on it.

Psalm 119:160

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.