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Worthy Grand Patron*

**RESPONSE BY CLARENCE C. BEASLEY
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Your Honor, Mayor Henry Martens (Brother Martens)

It becomes my great privilege and pleasure, in the name of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and in behalf of those here assembled, to express our deep appreciation of your cordial greeting and particularly for your presence here this morning. To have you step aside from the pressure of your official duties, and, not only as Mayor of Springfield, but also as a member of Springfield Chapter, bring your personal welcome, is indeed a decided satisfaction to us.

It is a great comfort to all attending this, the 59th Grand Session of the Order of the Eastern Star of Massachusetts, to feel that, in a real sense, we are guests in your fair city. To come within your gates at any time is a delight; to be thus taken across the threshold and into the inner circle and protection of your home is an added pleasure and gives us a feeling of security.

We do not overlook your graciousness and generosity in making available this beautiful and spacious auditorium with its fine appointments so well suited to the purposes and

requirements of the Grand Chapter Session. One can predict that, with the atmosphere of hospitality thus thrown around us, the program is destined to proceed all the more effectively.

As a member of Springfield Chapter, you are fully aware that the purposes of the Order are truly in harmony with and a part of the high ideals of citizenship for which you are striving in your city, and toward which we are pressing in the Commonwealth and throughout the Nation, and that this Order is constantly extending itself to help establish these lofty ideals for the best interest of mankind everywhere.

May you have the assurance that whatever transpires at this Grand Chapter Session will be entirely in keeping with your good plans for the genuine happiness of your citizens.

We respond in kind, and in response to your cordial greeting, we wish for you continued success and prosperity during your administration.

REMARKS OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON
CLARENCE C. BEASLEY
May 9, 1935

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, PRESENT AND PAST GRAND OFFI SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

My first thoughts are entirely those of appreciation. *My first words* must be these to thank you for electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron and to express my appreciation of this high honor. One is deeply conscious of the responsibility that goes with this office and it will be my faithful endeavor, not only to try to represent, but to be a representative of the Grand Chapter, that you may feel that your confidence in me has not been misplaced.

Then there must follow an expression of appreciation for the privilege of having my son present to witness this high event which has transpired in his Dad's life, and thus in the life of the family. His Dad, his Mother and he are genuinely grateful for the consideration granted him. To the escort made up of the brothers from all parts of the state, one expresses hearty thanks

for your manly as well as your moral support.

When one thinks of the pleasing recognitions, opportunities and experiences that have come since the first day of membership in the Order, a glowing feeling of appreciation wells up. Particularity has that been true during the last year as a member of the Grand Chapter Family. At this point, one pauses to thank his own Chapter for making all these glorious opportunities possible, and for the loyal support and never ending friendliness and confidence. One must refer, also, to the Matrons and Patrons of his own year — the thirty-twos — who have been the personification of loyalty.

To the retiring Grand Officers, who, with sympathy, patience, and understanding, have at all times extended a ready and helping hand, one voices a feeling of keen appreciation for the opportunity of being associated with you. Your faithfulness and devotion to the cause may well assure you of our abiding admiration.

Now, in the course of events we are facing a new year, filled, one is sure, with enlarging opportunities for service one with the other. What a fruitful year may this not be for all of us if we but keep our poise, our courage high and our vision clear!

It is to be expected that any institution, organization or movement which has a right to exist, makes a distinct contribution to the welfare of mankind. It is to be noted that *religion* has contributed faith; *government* has contributed order; *law* has contributed justice; *science*, tolerance; *medicine*, prevention and cure of diseases; and *business* has contributed enterprise. May we not confidently expect that this Order, “dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness,” shall increasingly make its distinct contribution along the lines