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Worthy Grand Matron

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
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WORTHY GRAND PATRON, INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Tonight, as I knelt before you and gazed upon the pages of the Open Holy Bible, my heart was filled with this hope and prayer.

*Heavenly Father, fill me with wisdom,
Help me to walk in Thy ways, not mine.
Give me a deep understanding of the needs of others,
Let joy be a part of all my actions
That this year ahead may ring out with accomplishment.*

In a spirit of gratitude for the high honor conferred upon me, I dedicate my best efforts and utmost energies to the good of our Beloved Order. I call upon you, my Sisters and my Brothers to join with me in an enthusiastic and wholehearted approach to this new year and its demands of understanding and service. Together, and only together, can we prosper and grow. Each, in our own way, must take the one small extra step in service to strengthen and invigorate this Order.

Sister Blanche H. Shaw, P.G.M., our General Grand Chapter Committee Member, you have been leader, example, inspiration and most of all friend, to me. Your exceptional joy in the work of our Order has been alight to our membership for many years and a brilliance to me. Thank you, Blanche, for this beautiful evening and your untiring efforts to make it so. I count your friendship one of the rich rewards of my experience.

Brother Charles William Skinner, P.G.P., your genuine interest and dedication to the work of our Order has made me proud to be counted a member of your Grand Family. It has been a joy to have you share this evening with us.

Sister Mary M. McGoldrick, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, thank you very much for officiating at the altar this evening. I am well aware of many of the hopes and prayers in your heart as we go forward into this new year and thus felt it most fitting that you should give the prayer for the new Officers this evening.

Sister Beulah G. Guerrette, P.G.M., since first we met we have always walked in step. In ideas and in fellowship. I wanted and needed your strength and tranquility this evening as I entered our Grand East and they were there by my side. Thank you Beulah for the blessing of our friendship.

Sisters Alta Perkins, P.G.M. and Florwnce Waldron, P.G.M. Thank you for your part in the ceremonies this evening. Your graciousness was reflected in the beauty of the floor work tonight.

Sister Gertrude Frost and Brother Anthony DiPietro, P.P., your music tonight gave depth and meaning to the ceremonies. Thank you both for sharing your wonderful talent with us.

Brother Charles Harrington, P.P., as always the formations were beautiful. The endless hours you spend in planning, and the energy expended are deeply appreciated. Thank you so much.

To the members of Palestine Chapter No. 114, my own home Chapter, for all your goodness to me, my deep gratitude. It was my pride and pleasure to be able to use our Chapter Bible, by which I was initiated into this Order, on the Altar

tonight. I sincerely pray that your confidence in me will never be misplaced and that I will bring only joy to our Chapter in the year to come.

I am now most proud to introduce my family who are so loving and understanding. My mother, Mrs. Mildred F. Derby, my husband's mother, Sister Mabel E. Davis, a member of Adelphi Chapter No. 2, and one whom I am sure needs no introduction. My husband, Brother Stafford E. Davis, P.P., of Palestine Chapter No. 114. You three are my comfort, my strength and my love for I know you are always there whatever my need. Thank you for this and for sharing this evening with me.

This year our Motto is "*Walk With God*" and those who are walking along the journey with me in the East of our Chapters are my wonderful Opalites. For your efforts over the past three years, my sincere gratitude. I know the Jurisdiction will be richer for your service.

Sister Doris Rinderer, P.G.M. and Brother Richard Moore, P.G.P., we have had several happy years working together. Your efforts toward the good of our Order have been ceaseless and diligent. I shall strive to accomplish that which has been in your hearts and your minds.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Sid. We are embarking together upon a momentous task. I know that your hopes and prayers for our jurisdiction are the same as mine. This past year you have been ever present and willing to help whenever. I have needed you and this knowledge makes the task ahead seem small. Thank you Sid, and your lovely wife Ceny, for your loyalty and kindness.

Sister Marion Landers, A.G.M., and Brother Harry Clarke. I look forward to a happy year of working together with you. May you enjoy this year in the West of our Grand Chapter.

To other elected and appointed Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Marshals, and Committee Members. You have been given the honor of service in our Grand Chapter. There is need of sincere earnest workers who are willing to give their utmost in the cause of good. I wish you

the joy of fellowship and may you relish the honor that has come to you tonight. However, I shall look for diligence and dedication that will bring a shining reward to our Jurisdiction this year.

Sisters and Brothers there is a challenge before us. During this Session we have listened to many reports and we are well aware of the struggle in which we are engaged against the materialistic values of the world. I am prepared to meet this challenge with any and all abilities I may possess. Are you prepared to meet it with me? Let us not waste time in idle words and false rumors this year, let us instead acknowledge Him in all ways. Look around you for the opportunity to serve, accept added responsibility within your Chapters, do the extra kindness for your sister and brother and when we meet again another year let us be ready and above all, able, to add all of these efforts to the sum of one total accomplishment. — **Growth in this Order.**

In humble spirit and with grateful heart I shall strive to serve you well this year.