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WORTHY GRAND PATRON, INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, SISTERS, BROTHERS, FRIENDS and FAMILY. In the language of today's youth – WOW!!! AWSOME!!! YES!!!

Each and every one of us has the ability to reach our, to grow, and to chane for the better, to set out goals and to bein traveling in the direction of our dreams. You, my Sisters and Brothers, by electing me to this honored position as your Worthy Matron, have helped me to being to travel in the direction of my dreams, which are to being love and happiness to the chapters and the members of our jurisdiction and to help those Sisters, Brothers, and chapters who so desperately need our assistance and guidance.

If there is any secret at all to being happier in life, it is this – to realize and accept what a marvelous person each of us is, to treat that person with love and care. To understand that if we truly desire our dreams to take us to places we have never been – all we have to do is to believe in ourselves – and begin. You believed in me, and so I have begun tonight, the last mile of my journey to my dreams, the new and exciting path which God

has set before me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for electing me your Worthy Grand Matron, and I will endeavor to be all that you want me to be and to give this undertaking my very best efforts. With your cooperation and the favor of God, my best will be inspired throughout the year.

In the past, I have heard officers in the chapters throughout the state, who have made comments about their Grand Office when she does not do everything in the manner that pleases them. I think that I am wise enough to know that this will probably happen to me as well. But, please, I ask your consideration to understand we are human also and are apt to make mistakes. After all, we are not trained ahead of time for some of the positions we hold in our Order. But we are willing to serve to the best of our ability. I will make every effort to prepare myself for the big task ahead of me, so that you will be proud to call me your Worthy Grand Matron. Remember – I am only one, but I am one, I cannot do everything, but I can do something – and by the Grace of God, I will do it.

A story is told of a traveler viewing a cathedral in the moonlight. Gazing at the magnificent statuary, with the moonlight causing everything to be clearly etched, the figures seemed to live. The cathedral had three doors, one on the right, one on the left and a door in the center. Above the door on the right was carved a wreath and in the moonlight the leaves seemed to quiver. Above the door on the left was a crown sparkled and glittering in the moonlight. Over the center door was carved a cross, beautiful in its simplicity. Above the wreath was carved the rods: “That which is made for beauty alone, soon fades.” Over the crown was carved: “That which is made for sacrifice alone, stands.” This is the message from my heart, dear friends, as I choose the road I will follow.

**Brother Percy F. Kuhm, Worthy Grand Patron:** Doesn't that sound good. You have worked hard to reach this level of service to our Order, and I know that we will continue to work together for the good of this Grand Chapter. I hope you enjoy this year as much as I know I am going to.

**Sister Louise and Brother Bob, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron:** Your flocks are securely folded in their home pastures and I know that the hard work that you have performed for the good of the jurisdiction this past year has made all your Star Samaritans very proud of you. I am so

pleased to have been a part of the Golden Samaritans this past year. Your service to our Order is just beginning and you will no doubt be called on many times in the future as well for advice and service.

**Sister Beverly C. Arslanian, Installing Grand Officer:** Bev, you have been an inspiration for me for many years. As a member of my own Palestine Chapter, you gave me the opportunity of further service to our Order when you appointed me a Deputy Grand Matron in the Nova Ray year. My love and admiration of you and Brother Jim Dolan is very deep and I know that it was your inspiration that lead me to consider further service to this Order. Thank you for installing the Star Gleaners tonight.

**Brother Irving T. Nicoll, Past Grand Patron, Installing Grand Patron:** Nick, you have become a special friend to both Percy and myself this past year. I am so pleased that you are one of our fraternal sons, as you serve in the East of Artemus Ward Chapter with your lovely daughter. Thank you for all the things you do for both Percy and myself and I know that you will be receiving many calls from both of us this year.

**Sister Dorothy E. Stackhouse, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Chaplain:** Well, Dot, you're the one that started me on this road in 1969 when you installed me as Worthy Matron of Palestine Chapter, and little did we know that the bug of service would bite me so hard that we are here today. Thank you for coming from your home in Florida to be Chaplain this evening. It would not have been complete without you.

**Sister M. Elizabeth Davis, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Marshal:** Betty, my heart is so full of love for you, that I hardly know how to express it. You have been my special friend, confidant and inspiration for many years, and I would have dropped by the wayside long ago, if not for your kind advice and loving heart. No one else could have walked me to this Grand East but you. God bless.

**Sister Rosella G. Caswell, Past Grand Matron:** Your friendship and advice over the years has done a great deal to inspire me to keep on in my efforts to reach this goal. Serving as your Grand Warder was one of the highlights of my Eastern Star life, and I cannot thank you enough for allowing me that

opportunity in 1974. Thank you for doing the Confirming Ceremony. I know that you will make the Commissioning Ceremony one we will remember for a long time and will give our Deputies the proper beginning to their year of service to the Order.

**Sisters Dorothy L. Boyce, Geraldine A. Nowe and Joanne E. Anderson, Past Grand Matrons:** I was fortunate to be a part of each of your years as Worthy Grand Matron in this jurisdiction and I appreciate your willingness to be a part of the installation this evening. I varied a little from the usual by having three marshals, but I could not leave any one of you out. You are all an inspiration to this Order.

**Sister Eunice K. Gonyer, Past Grand Matron:** Eunice, no one is so fortunate as I to have three Past Grand Matrons in her own chapter who are still such good friends and who have extended the hand of friendship and assistance to a line officer. You are also one of my special friends, and we have been through much together, as I served as your Marshal in your Grand Conductress year. It was tough, but we made it through. Thank you for the Star Point ceremony this evening. It was beautiful and I know it was a gift of love from you to me. Love you.

**To my Grand Fellow Cohorts, those who took part in the Floral Ceremony:** These are my counterparts from the other New England states and Quebec. We have developed a very special friendship over the past three years, and I know these friendships will last a lifetime. I thank each of you for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to be here this evening. I could think of no others that I wanted to be part of this evening more than you six. These words of Samuel Johnson best express my feelings at this moment. "We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel, drop by drop, there is a last drop which makes it run over, so in a series of kindnesses there is at least one which makes the heart run over." Tonight my heart runneth over. For if I am united with my friends in heart, what matters if our places be far apart.

**David M. Sanborn, Past Grand Patron:** Thank you for being the Installing Organist this evening. You as always have made our ceremonies more impressive with your beautiful music. Our friendship goes back many, many years, and I am so glad that you could be part of this evening.

**Brother Tony DiPietro, Past Patron, our soloist this evening:** Tony, you and I have been friends in Star for a number of years, and I could not have been installed tonight if you were not soloist. Your beautiful voice has inspired all of us for many years and this evening was no exception. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Brother Andy Johnson, Past Patron:** Thank you for your efforts to create our beautiful floor work as I desired this evening. And thank you for being a special friend.

**Sister Ann Way, Grand Marshal:** Thank you for having a connection to the flag company which made our beautiful backdrop. I was determined to have something different this year, and with my love of banners, a banner seemed the right way to go. It is beautiful and I hope you all appreciate this beautiful banner as much as I do. Besides, as I keep saying, when we are through next year, I can use it for a bedspread.

**Sister Pamela A. Blood, Associate Grand Matron, and Brother David T. Roy, our Associate Grand Patron:** As you begin this year of planning, watching, learning and helping, I can only wish for you both, good health, happy travels and many memories. Pam, I know that you and I will be working closely this year, as we have much in common and our paths have often run parallel, both in our professional lives and in our service to our Order. God bless you both! And remember the West is so important in bringing joy into our lives – because if there were no sunset there would be no sunrise.

**To the other Elected Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons and Marshals:** As you travel throughout this jurisdiction this year always remember the motto of the Gleaners: “Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty.” May you all have happy trails through the year.

**To the Appointed Grand Officers:** Each of you were chosen for very special reasons, but most importantly for your long and continuing service to our Order. I know you will make me very proud of you as you travel this year. Enjoy and be happy.

**To my Gleaners, Worthy Matrons and Patrons of 1993–1994:** This is another tough one for me. You have each become a very special part of my life, and I know you will give your very best to your chapters this year as we work for Progress through Service with Integrity and Happiness this year. Thank you for

all that you do for me, from the thoughtful phone calls to the lovely Mothers' Day cards so many of you sent me, thank you for all you do for me. You are what makes it all worthwhile.

**To the Officers and Members of my own Palestine**

**Chapter:** I am so pleased that so many of you wanted to be here this evening. You are my home – the place where all this started 32 years ago. Without you I would be nothing. Thank you for your support in all my endeavors through the years and for continuing to encourage me to seek thighter office. I also sincerely appreciate your willingness to allow me to use the Chapter's Bible on our altar tonight. I was initiated on that Bible, installed Worthy Matron on it and tonight would not have been complete if it had not been on the altar.

**To my family: my three daughters, Susie, Betsey, and Nancy, and our son-in-law Paul, and the lights of my life, my four granddaughters Chelsea, Sarah, Katie and Emily:** Thank you each for being here with me this evening. You will never know how much this means to me to have you all here. I do not feel that any great and important event in one's life is complete unless it is shared with those you love the most. In one short year I will be back to being just "Grammy" again. So please be patient.

**To my husband Dick:** There will never be words adequate enough to say Thank You to you for allowing me to follow my dream. I love you in ways that I could never fully express; you are my proofreader, my confidant, my lover, and my best friend. What more could anyone want. I can only wish for you as you begin your retirement from M.I.T. after 39 years, that you will have good health and lots of fun. In one year I will be able to join you in some of that fun. In the meantime, remember what I said to you at the All State, if you don't travel, you might not eat. I look forward to having you at my side after this year.

**Sisters and Brothers:** This year is another beginning for our Order in this jurisdiction. We, the Gleaners and Star Gleaners, pledge to you that we will work with all our hearts to bring Progress to this jurisdiction through Service with Integrity that at the end of our year we will have a bountiful harvest of Happiness.

The name "Gleaners" was chosen for this association because Ruth represents, symbolically, the growing and maturing season of life itself. Ruth represents that period in

human life, when the peak of one's capacity is achieved and the individual has the mental, emotional, and physical stability to make the greatest strides in the shaping of the earthly life. The story of Ruth challenges us to serve our fellow man and to extend the hand of friendship to all who may need.

And so we are going to work on many projects this year for our benevolences, those we have traditionally supported and others new to our organization. We will be collecting new teddy bears and stuffed animals to be distributed to the Children's Cancer Unit of the Boston Floating Hospital and The Home for Little Wanderers, during the holiday season. We will also have a special project for Aids and Alzheimers Disease Reseach and Treatment. We hope you wil support our projects, as we continue our trasion as a benevolent Order.

They say you cannot smile without cheering yourself up a bit. Likewise, you cannot commit a random kindness without feeling as if your troubles have been lightened, if ony because the world has become a slightly better place. Kindness can build on itself, as much as violence can. So, in this Gleaner year, let us all practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty. And we will all have lived the watchwords of the Gleaners, Progress through Service with Integrity and Happiness.

Thank you for your kind attention and God Bless.