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SPEECH FOR INCOMING MATRON

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Sisters and brothers, you don't know how very happy I am tonight. I realize that you have conferred a great honor upon me. I also realize that with this honor comes responsibility. This responsibility each Matron willingly assumes as a part of her office. But no one can work alone. It takes the help and cooperation of all to make a Chapter worthwhile.

Officers of 19__, you are going to be the very best officers that this Chapter ever had, I am sure. You are all capable, sincere and willing. These are the attributes we need to have a successful year and you know that I'm counting on each of you to be present at every meeting and to assist me in making ritualistic work as beautiful and impressive as it should be.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons, we just can't get along without you either. We need your advice, your experience and your talents. And when we get into difficulties we need you to pull us out, or at least to tell us how to get ourselves out. Your presence in our Chapter room night after night indicates your continued interest in the welfare of our Order. I am asking you for your earnest support during the coming year.

And what would we do without the side liners? If we don't have an audience our purpose will falter. You encourage and sustain us as well as working on tedious and trying committees. But won't you keep on coming and when you are in office and we are on the side lines we will truly try to show you in more than words how much you really mean to us.

The triangle is one of the symbols of our Order. The triangle I have in mind tonight has for its sides the officers, the past matrons and past patrons, and the side liners. As a triangle is not complete without the three sides, so our Chapter life is not complete without these three groups. So won't you all come and assist in making our Star the very best Star possible?

For it isn't guns nor armaments, nor the friends that we can pay,
But the close cooperation that helps to win the day;
It isn't the individual, nor the army as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork of every living soul.

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