

Margaret L. Sandholzer Past Matron, Palestine Chapter No. 114 Worthy Grand Matron

## REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON MARGARET L. SANDHOLZER May 13-14, 1931

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN, PRESENT AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS, OUR DISTINGUISHED SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

It is with a feeling of gratitude and pride and sadness that I stand here before your tonight as your Worthy Grand Matron; gratitude that because of your votes I am privileged to hold this position; pride because to one who has been for as many years as I have been interested in the Order of the Eastern Star there is no title comparable with that of Worthy Grand Matron which could be received; sadness because she whom we had hoped to see installed into this office tonight has been taken from us. The loss to this Grand Chapter in the passing of Sister Florence M. Henderson is a severe one. It is to me too because during the two years we have been associated I have come to know her worth and to love her truly, and tonight I will pay my tribute to our Associate Grand Matron of last year, and to the members of Colonial Chapter goes my sincere sympathy and my sincere thanks for the way in which they have taken me to themselves and their gracious kindness to me. I want to

thank my Installing Officers for this very beautiful Installation Ceremony, Sister King, Sister Avery and Sister Brown, friends for many years, and Brother Jerguson who by agreeing to serve as the Installing Patron has made my joy quite complete. I want to thank Sister Weidner for playing the organ tonight. And I want also to thank the Past Grand Officers of this Grand Body for the splendid way in which they came to my support. They came in person, by mail and by telephone with the most helpful suggenstions which I was very happy to take advantage of and I assure you that it is something which I will never forget. I want to thank the members of my own Chapter. They know how precious they are to me; what they mean to me; and I do not need to say many words to them. I want to congratulate the members of Hope Chapter. I know they are very proud of their Worthy Grand Patron; and now it gives me pleasure to present Brother Fred E. Briggs, Worthy Grand Patron.