

1976 Marshal Tribute

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As marshals, we have many opportunities to give to others by living our obligation and we can unite through service and friendship.

The word marshal means to arrange in order, to conduct with ceremony, or to lead formally. To superintend is to oversee and direct work, or workers. In our Order, the beauty and impressiveness of our ceremonies depend upon the capability of the Marshal. A complete knowledge and thorough understanding of the ritual and floor work are essential to the performance of the duties of the Marshal.

Our badge has the crossed baton, an emblem of direction. The word direction refers to telling what to do, how to do, guidance or management. The role of prompter demands attention and perception.

Our officers trust us to be there with the words when memory fails but equally sensitive to a deliberate pause. We must superintend, marshal and direct with courtesy and promptness, always thoughtful of others, ready, willing and on time.

We do realize the many duties of our station one of leadership, direction, honor and responsibility.

There is an inspiring message in an old Chinese Proverb:

If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character.

If there is beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.

If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.

When there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.