

Maple Leaf Chap. - Bellingham

1961

"String Addenda"

for
Irene's Installation

Irene Hayes - Incoming Matron

Please return
to Maple Leaf Chap. Lab.

Installing officer: Worthy Matron, I hate to interrupt this way, but we installing officers are simply dying of curiosity. We notice all the star points have strings on their fingers. Now, we used to tie strings on our fingers when we were children, to remind us of something...but we've never seen this done before at a chapter meeting. Would you please tell us--is this something new?

Marshal: Worthy Matron, I will explain that, if I may. You see, the star points have something very important to do tonight. And, since they are new at their stations and understandably nervous, and since they knew there would be so much excitement and commotion going on, they were afraid they might forget to speak up in time unless they had a reminder constantly before them. That is why they decided to tie a string on their fingers.

Installing Officer: Thank you. But now--since the subject has been brought up, why not let the star points do their bit right now and get it over with?

Marshal: We'd love to. May we, Worthy Matron? Thank you. (To star points) All right, girls.

(Star points form semi-circle at right of W. M., opposite Marshal. When in line, Marshal nods to first star point to begin. All hold up tied fingers.)

1. (To Irene) These strings are to remind us to give you I.O.U's;
*For we owe you so very much we have no time to lose.
2. I owe you Love
3. I owe you Faith
4. I owe you Honor, too;
5. I owe you Trust and Loyalty
And Work the whole year through.
1. There will be many times no doubt
When helping hands you'll need;
You'll want those hands dependable
And fully guaranteed.

5. So cash in on these I.O.U.'s
Whenever you're caught short;
Consider us your friends in need--
Your Court of Last Resort.

1. And now that we have had our say,
We might as well throw these away....

(All remove strings as though to toss them away)

Marshal: No, don't do that. Why not give them to Irene so she
will never forget....

All in unison, led by Marshal:

Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
We'll always string along with you.