

AIM FOR A STAR

Aim for a Star! Never be Satisfied
With a Life that is less than the BEST.
Failure lies only in not having tried --
In keeping the soul suppressed.

Aim for a Star! Look up and away,
And follow its beckoning beam.
Make each tomorrow a better today --
And don't be afraid to dream.

Aim for a Star! And keep your sights high!
With a heart full of faith within,
Your feet on the ground, and your eyes
On the sky, someday you are bound to win!

Helen Mowrie Marshall

THE "E" IN MY POCKET

I carry this "E" in my pocket
a simple reminder to me,
of the fact that I am an Eastern Star
no matter where I may be.

This little "E" is not magic.
Nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me
from every physical harm.

When I put my hand in my pocket
to bring out a coin or a key,
the "E" is there to remind me
what kind of Eastern Star to be.

It's not for identification
for all the world to see.
It is simply and understanding
between my Chapter and me.

So, I carry this "E" in my pocket
reminding no one but me
that I am an Eastern Star
and an Eastern Star I will always be.

Just a Sideline by Wayne Eicher

"The lady will never be a star-point
nor sit in the Worthy Matron's chair;
But whenever Chapter has a meeting;
She is almost always there;
She has at least a thousand excuses,
for staying out of the public eye;
But when help's needed on a project,
She almost always says "I'll try".
She can be found along the sidelines,
a picture of quiet calm repose;
But whenever volunteers are direly needed,
she is almost always one of those;
Every Chapter needs those able leaders,
Who can conduct and arrange and plan;
Needed also are those who almost always say
"I'll help in whatever way I can".

Right to Recognition by Wayne Eicher

On the Nights of Recognition
in this Order of the Star;
There are none can be omitted,
no matter who they are;
Some Stars are very sociable,
they're always on the go;
It appears there's no one that
these members do not know;
Others work in quieter ways
their duties to perform,
But they are also dedicated
with hearts just as warm;
Some stay in the background
because they are quite shy,

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And some of us always bumble,
no matter how hard we try;
Who's qualified for Recognition?
If you're a member, you are,
You're an extraordinary person
or you wouldn't be a Star.

Group XC No. 114. To Honor Sideliners.

Of all the members who attend our Chapter sessions, it would seem that the faithful sideliners deserve their share of credit and well earned praise. If it were not for them our meetings would be without much interest or an incentive for perfect rendition of our beautiful work. So tonight we extend to you, our faithful sideliners, our thanks, and our praise and honor for the important part you play in our Chapter proceedings.

When we take our Obligation at the Altar, we pledge our secrecy, our support, and our very best efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of our Order. If we live up to this Obligation, we must realize that to sit on the sidelines is a fulfillment of our promises that we made at the Altar, and is of greatest importance. So every meeting night we expect you to be present and to share with us in the pleasures of the evening. If you are not here, you would not only be greatly missed, but we would feel that our efforts would be in vain.

Its nice to see you sitting on the sidelines every night,
If we don't see your faces, things just never look quite right;
We know you always give us the help we really need,
And your presence we consider, a just and noble deed;
So always keep on coming and we'll know that you are true,
And when we see you in your place, we'll keep on loving you.