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It seems only one beautiful day since I took this station as .....  
Time flies so swiftly when the moments are filled with the faith, love and service that all of you have given me. Each one has tried to live up to the teachings of our beautiful Order, placing God and His precepts first in our hearts.

Mistakes are sometimes made, but love and true understanding erases them from our memory. We go forward, counting them only as experiences which bring to us the realization we must listen more closely for God's guidance instead of following our own willful way if we are to build character and

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further Christian principles in all of our lives. I feel we have accomplished great good in all we have set out to do.

### To My Elective Officers:

Each of you has performed your duties with much heartfelt interest. This alone insures a very happy and successful year.

### To My Appointive Officers:

At the very start I felt I was choosing splendid, capable helpers. Now I fully realize all of you have proven to be greater blessings than one could ever hope for.

### To My Committees:

Your work has been difficult at times. Your cheerful willingness and understanding

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soon smoothed out the problems of any arduous task. Each purpose was industriously pursued to a successful conclusion.

### To My Organist and Vocalists:

Your music has added to the beauty and impressiveness of our work, helping to bring out every golden precept of our Order.

### To My Members:

As I arose at the beginning of our meetings there were times when I faltered and wondered, "Am I worthy?" "Can I do my task as it needs to be done?" With a silent prayer to God, as I looked into your faces with their bright and encouraging smiles, my heart lifted with courage and reassurance. Whatever I have accomplished was

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because of this wonderful co-operative spirit of everyone in every way.

To ....., My Successor:

You can look forward to a happy year. You will at all times feel humble and greatly blessed in assuming this office of leadership. You, too, will realize as never before, the full meaning of "True Friendship".

To any and all who have in any way contributed to the happy, pleasant year I have enjoyed as your presiding officer, accept my sincere thanks.

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