LET GEORGE DO IT

My name is George. I'm an all around handyman and I'd like you to feel free to use my services for any and all chores, errands, and duties, which you may be too busy to perform. Any time there's anything that needs doing and you'd rather not, you just let George do it.

I'll write your congressman for you, I'll write your newspaper editor, I'll serve on the school board in your place, I'll do anything you're too tired to do or too preoccupied to do. With me around you can be as lazy as you like, or you can just have fun. The more the merrier, I always say.

My services are available to you for all the tedious, time consuming things which you'd rather duck doing. You haven't the time to vote -- let George do it. You haven't time for jury duty -- I have.

You don't want to accept committee assignments and extra responsibilities anyway. You let old George do it. Maybe I'm not as famous as Khrushchev was, but if it hadn't been for me, you'd never have heard of him. And that goes for Mussolini and Stalin and Hitler, too. I made those guys. And the big time racketeers in the United States. You name 'em; without me those guys would be nothing.

Why do I want to run errands for you, when I'm the guy who runs all these "big wheels?" Don't you see? I get a kick out of elective presidents for school boards and counties. All these things you used to do before you took up chasing dollars and golf balls and things.

Don't feel like you're imposing. I'm glad to be of service. Helping you, I'm really helping myself. How do you think I was able to take over and run a third of the world already? Because nobody else wanted to bother. They said, "Let George do it," so I did it. Now I'm taking over in lots of cities and counties in the United States, and I figure it's just a matter of time until I'll take over this country, too. I want to thank you for making it possible. Remember now, if there is ever any way in which I can be of help, I'm at your service. You just have fun and don't worry about a thing. I'll do your worrying, too. I'll bill you later.

Sincerely,

George

Without doubt nearly every member of the Order of the Eastern Star has at one time or another said to himself, "What has Star done for me?" But, how often have we stopped and considered whether or not the Eastern Star has gained from our membership.

It would be well for each of us to remember that the Order's influence, as a great force in the world, will be just as great as the combined efforts of our individual members. Unless we begin now to think more of our responsibilities and less of the privileges which we enjoy, we can never hope to reach the peak of attainment in the preservation and promotion of the way of life which we represent.

Ask yourself, "What have I done during the past six months that has been of any benefit to the Order?" What would become of our Order if every member had done exactly as I have done? How many times have I been absent when I could
have been present without great effort? Have I visited the sick and spoken a
kind word to cheer them in their affliction? Would I be pleased to receive the
same consideration in case of sickness as I have given to others? If I have
been negligent, is it because I am at fault, or because the rest of the Sisters
and Brothers don't do their duty? Am I going to continue in the same old way,
or am I going to become active in my Eastern Star Chapter? Is it right for some-
one else to do all the work, and for me to expect an equal share of the benefits?
Should I not earn my own way?

Do You Just Belong?

Most likely you've been tested with passes,
    signs and grips,
and praises won as answers came from your
    practiced lips;
But I would test you further if you would
    be weak or strong
Are you an Eastern Star Sister, or do you
    just belong?

Has the order for you a purpose for which
    you would not swerve?
Your sisterhood to cherish, your fellow man
    to serve.
To care for the widows and orphans, plant
    in their hearts a song.
Are you an Eastern Star, Sister, or do you
    just belong?

Does your heart beat responsive to every
    call and need?
Do you cherish and defend the character of all
    members indeed?
Oh! shy not to your duty - get the spirit
    right along
BE a real Eastern Star, don't just belong.

Have you fidelity, constancy and loyalty
    to kin,
A truthful faith and love that does the love
    of others win?
These will lighten your burden and help you
    all along
If you're a Real Eastern Star and do not
    just belong.
Are long you'll face life's evening and view
with pride or shame
The record of your journey, the labyrinth
through which you came.
And he who keeps the records, "No soul he has
ever wronged."
He'll write a True Eastern Star or that she
just belonged.
Two fates will lie before you, 'twill not be
yours to choose.
The reward of a True Eastern Star or just a
joiners dues.
You'll spend the countless ages with those you
served or wronged
With God's real Eastern Stars or those who
just belonged.

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