1981 Marshal Tribute

According to Webster's dictionary the Marshal is a person who arranges and directs the ceremonial aspects of any gathering. The Marshal is a very familiar position in walks of life other than Eastern Star. Marshal as a title of superiority appears in various compounds such as Parade Marshal, US Marshal and Field Marshal.

In parades, such as the rose Parade in Pasadena, the Grand Marshal leads the way for the many spectacular bands and beautiful floats. To be chosen as Grand Marshal for such a festivity is a highly respected position.

(in ceremony, a person entered the room dressed as a drum major)

In several countries, the Soviet Union, the Republic of China, France and Britain, the Marshal is the highest ranking army officer. In modern day Britain the military title of Field Marshal has been employed. It is the duty of the Field Marshal to precede the army in order to select the campsite and assign the places within it.

(armed service person enters room)

The US Marshal appointed by the President with Senate consent is an officer of the federal court. He or she opens and closes the sessions of District courts and Courts of Appeals. Each federal court district has its own US Marshal, who may serve the processes of the courts assigned to him or her. In the southern and western portions of our country, the Marshal is a police officer with powers corresponding to the constable or sheriff.

(US Marshal enters room)

Of course the most familiar Marshal to us is the marshal of our subordinate chapters. We depend upon them for assistance in all ceremonies to lead us in balloting and to prompt during our ritualistic work. We appreciate the valuable assistance the Marshal renders to each and every member of our chapter. For this reason it is my pleasure to welcome and pay teribute to all subordinate chapter Marshals during this session.

The Marshal station touches everyone's life by direction. Every morning we get up we need direction for our lives. How valuable you are to the smooth running of our chapters. Your ever-ready prompt and able batons to superintendent are important guides to us all.