

Warder Tribute by Dan Williamson, Grand Warder 2024-2025

“Trust in the Lord” Grand Chapter Session

May 21, 2025

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers-

I extend to each of you a sincere welcome and thanks for your attendance as we pay tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron’s honor station- the Warder.

It has been my privilege to represent the dove of our Star this year. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron Lori and Worthy Grand Patron Orville for your confidence in me and for giving me the honor of serving as Grand Warder in the “Trust in the Lord” Grand Family.

It is my pleasure to welcome Warders of subordinate chapters and Past Grand Warders.

My duty this year has been to work with the Grand Sentinel to ensure that our deliberations are secure. The security of our proceedings is important to all Masonic organizations. This station and duty are found in all our Orders. Our station may be called by a different name, but our duty is the same. My charge states that I am to strive for peace and harmony in the chapter.

It is appropriate that the badge of the Warder includes a dove. The dove is universally recognized as a symbol of peace and harmony. In Masonry and in the Bible, the dove symbolizes peace, purity, innocence and is a messenger of good news.

The epistle of John chapter 14, verse 27 states, “I am leaving you with a gift- peace of mind and heart! The peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid”. May the deliberations in our chapters always result in peace and harmony so we can further the work of our Order.