



Beauceant News

As part of celebrating the outstanding history of our order, the following article will hopefully bring to mind the stories of our success and pay tribute to our sixth supreme worthy president. It is once more written by Laura Lee Novack.



Mrs. Ralph W. Rhoads
Sixth Supreme Worthy President
1925-1926

“We are pledged to active service,
Not to live in selfish ease,
Lifting burdens we remember,
Not Himself did Jesus please.”

In Cleveland, Ohio, “the beautiful forest city by the lake,” on September the 9th and 10th in 1926, Mary B. Rhoads held high the thought of service to the great company of Beauceant representatives who gathered for the Sixth Supreme Assembly, the first Supreme Assembly east of the Mississippi River, by giving them Albert Pike’s thought of service:

“What we have done for ourselves dies with us,
What we have done for others,
and the world,
remains immortal.”

As well as the thought of service, she stressed the thought of friendship:

“Life is sweet just because of the friends
we have made and the things
which in we common share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
but because of the people who care.
It’s giving and doing for somebody else,
on that all life’s spender depends
And the joy of this world, when you’ve
summed it all up,
is found in the making of a friend.”

In her welcome to the presidents of chartered assemblies, the supreme worthy president, Mrs. Ralph W. Rhoads said:

“When the first rays of the early morning light kiss away the silvery mist that clothes the far-away mountains, the alpine shepherds, standing among their flocks, are accustomed to call to each other a greeting, and in the same words I would say,
“Praise be to God a happy day.”

Thru you, we catch a glimpse of the magnitude of our order; from you, we learn again the lessons of faith, loyalty, and love.”

A memorial to the founder of our order was placed by Denver 1 during this year. On the granite shaft is inscribed the following:

“Mrs. Richard W. Mosley
Founder of the Social Order of the Beauceant
February 20, 1890.
In loving remembrance by Denver Assembly 1”

The new assemblies were St. Paul, Minnesota; Santa Barbara, California; and Boston, Massachusetts, and helped in the gain in membership of 555 and the gain in assets of \$1,149.22.

In reflection upon her year as supreme worthy president, Mrs. Rhoads said, “I think by far the most vivid memory a supreme will ever have, when she reflects upon her year as supreme worthy president, will be the visitation to the chartered assemblies.”

One of the outstanding events of this sixth year was the constituting of Boston Assembly, where Templarism was brought to this country.

In summing up her year, Mrs. Rhoads gave: “Emerson said, ‘The only true gift is the gift of self.’”

“Lonely, stricken hearts we comfort,
And with help the needy bless.”

Sheridan Assembly 131, S.O.O.B, Sheridan, Wyoming mourns the passing of Past President Agnes E. Tulley on February 5, 2021. Mrs. Tulley was 102 years old, having been born on July 7, 1918.

Mrs. Tulley was a fifty-year member of the Sheridan Assembly, a life member of the same and in addition to serving the Assembly as president, was treasurer and the secretary for at least seventeen years.

She was preceded in death by Sir Knight Harlan N. Tulley, past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Wyoming.



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