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## April Promotional 2024

To My Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliaries,

April is here that means Auxiliary elections are here. In the Bylaws and Ritual Auxiliary book, on page 42 of the Ritual section, you can find what position need to be elected for this coming year. Also in this section on page 52, starting with the second paragraph is the short version of the duties of each elected or appointed officer. For the longer version of the positions see section 8 of the Bylaws.

I start my promotional calling your attention to these pages mainly for the new members we have in the auxiliary, but also for those established members of the auxiliary. By established members, I mean members who have been with the auxiliary four plus years goes to monthly meetings, district meetings, or state meetings more than once. Maybe a member who is or was an officer at some time is an established members.

During this election month its' time to get new blood into the elected chairs not as president or vice but as guards, chaplains and conductors. Start off in the lower but important positions and work your way up. If you have been in the same elected chair for five years or more it's time to put your foot down and say "I'm Done" because one more year becomes two or three more years later. I am sorry to say the position like this becomes stagnant or stale and what was once an enthusiastic productive Auxiliary become an auxiliary with animosity, lacks communicate with one another and boring for the most part. I have seen this too many times.

We as members should not be afraid to be an officer, but embrace the chance and the challenge to make a change in the auxiliary for the better. Many members say Auxiliaries don't like change and stick in the old ways of doing things. I say technology is the future we should be doing more to change and engaged the new members. Pledge to support the new members taking office and teach them the

ropes. Remember we are all human and we all make mistakes and nobody is perfect.

I feel to have a great year I challenge each new president of the Auxiliary and its member: to delegate a member per month to have a program with its members and/or with the community for their delegated month. Not necessarily on the holiday (but can) or host it (but can) on that month or holiday. Need time for members to spend special time with family too. I hope this makes sense to the new President.

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