

Oral Report of the Recording Secretary

Madame Chair,

Mary is "Stella Matutina", the Morning Star, heralding in the bright sun after a long dark night. The morning star is a sign of the coming day, the announcement of the rising sun; it is a promise of light after the darkness.

I chose this title of Mary because it spoke to me of faith and hope.

The "Morning Star" has always had a special application to Mary.

Blessed John Henry Newman once wrote about how well the name Morning Star suits Mary, the Mother of God because a star is high in heaven, shines on all and abides forever. He also commented that, it is *"Mary's prerogative to be the Morning Star, which heralds in the sun. She does not shine for herself, or from herself, but she is the reflection of her and our Redeemer, and she glorifies Him."*

And isn't that what we all strive to do? To GLORIFY the Lord through all we do for the League. Regardless of what our roles are, how big or how small our actions, we work to try to make things better. This is especially evident in all the many ways we've tried to alleviate the plight of the Homeless. All these good works were done not so we can shine for ourselves but rather so we can reflect his Glory.

The role of recording secretary offers the unique opportunity to capture all those good works through the recorded minutes that then become part of the League's history. Using these minutes as a source of referral is essential to reminding us where we have been and how we can improve.

Mary, the Morning Star, fills us with Faith and Hope for the future of the League as we continue to Glorify the Lord.

This concludes my report.

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