

Officer Installation “A Gaggle of Geese”

As each flaps her wings, it creates uplift for the bird following. The whole flock adds a 71% longer flying range than if each bird flew alone.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier when they travel on the trust of one another.

Will the incoming officers for the North Texas Municipal Clerks Association please come forward? President on my right and others on my left.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose takes over at the point position. It pays to take turns at the hard task and sharing leadership because people, like geese, are dependent on each other.

The geese in the formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. We need to be sure that our honking is encouraging, supportive, helpful – not demanding or discouraging.

When geese get sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with the ailing goose until it perishes or is able to fly. Then they launch out again, either with another formation or to catch up with their original flock.

President Rhodes and outgoing officers; please know that with your cooperation and counseling, success will come to the new officers. As President of TMCA and a member of this Association, I extend my appreciation to each of you for the leadership you have provided to your colleagues and members of the Association. You each now have the responsibility of passing on all that you have learned to your successors.

To the members:

Yours is a responsibility of helping, planning, service, and fellowship. Your president and officers come to you with high hopes, but they can do nothing without your loyal support and cooperation. You can accomplish much if you work together.

Do you pledge your loyal support to these officers whom you have chosen and will you cooperate in making this administration a success?